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# HEADS-UP!

The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton  
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**Christmas 2002**

***We are grateful to Ken and Marian Phillips for printing the copies of this Newsletter.***

We are entering a busy time for the Village Hall, with seasonal parties and so on. We hope to see you all at some of these events! Don't forget Frankenstein on December 5<sup>th</sup> – this Thursday - it should be fun.

This will be the last issue of the newsletter before Christmas and we would like to take this opportunity of wishing all our readers and their families a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

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### **A different Sunday morning!**

Something funny happened last Sunday morning. I was quietly reading the paper and listening to the Archers, as you do, when two rather strange-looking men came to my door. They were wearing bright yellow clothes, covered in black arrows, and were chained together. Reassuring myself with the thought that no genuine escapees would dress so conspicuously, I opened the door to them. The first thing they asked was "Where are we?" and even when I told them, they still hadn't a clue! They explained that they were "on the run from Wakefield Jail" on behalf of the Macmillan Cancer Relief charity. Fifty two people were taking part, and had been brought from Wakefield in a blacked out coach, and were dumped at Headon Clump. Imagine being abandoned there on a cold, foggy morning with no idea where they were! They had 7 hours to get back to Wakefield, with no money. So, I took them to Markham Moor, wished them luck, and left them to take their chances on the A1.

### **Headon hits the headlines again!**

What is it this time? Another visit by a member of the Royal family? Another win by Beatrice McGlen in the national Croquet Championship? No, apparently there is in our village one of the few, if not the only, example in the entire country of a species of apple tree that conservation experts were beginning to fear had been completely wiped out. This species is called the Sykehouse Russet and featured in a recent edition of Farmer's Weekly.

## Parish Council News

### Notes from the meeting held on 2 December

*(It should be stressed that these notes are based on my recollection of what was agreed at the meeting and not on the approved minutes)*

#### Road Safety

The local Police have now acquired a radar speed gun and are intending to carry out roadside checks of vehicle speeds. The Policeman was advised that the worst spot is on Thorpe Street/Yew Tree Road between 7 and 8 in a morning and again between about 3.30 and 4.30 in the afternoon. The County Council was also supposed to be doing a survey of vehicle speeds over a longer period and the Clerk will chase them up to find out what has happened to this.

#### Grass cutting contract

The Council decided to invite tenders for grass cutting for the 2003 season. Potential contractors will be provided with a map showing precisely which areas are to be cut to avoid some of the problems of last summer when some parts of the village, particularly Yew Tree Road between Halfway House and the T-junction in Upton, were not cut. The Council accepts that the cost of this contract is likely to increase substantially.

#### Car park

The Council is still awaiting a draft lease from Bassetlaw District Council.

#### Freedom of Information Act

In common with all Parish Councils, the Council is required to register a scheme under the above Act to be effective from February 2003. The intention is to make Parish Councils more open in their dealings with the people they represent, although, as with other similar initiatives, it is possible that the scheme will be bureaucracy-driven.

The Council decided to adopt the Model Scheme. Once this has been accepted there are certain requirements on Parish Councils regarding publication of information, which will be covered in a future edition of the newsletter.

#### Highways

Two problems will be reported to the Highways Department:

- Blocked drains on Thorpe Street causing the road to become a river a times of heavy rain
- The crumbling carriageway near the entrance to Manor Farm

#### Planning

The planning application to extend the Sewage Treatment Works on Yew Tree Road has been approved with conditions about tree planting to screen the plant from the road. The Village Enhancement Group has taken on responsibility for trying to ensure that this screening is done in the most effective way.

#### Rampton Hospital Community Forum

Allan Dolby attended this meeting on 29 November. The two main points were that the Hospital management is keen to work with local villages to try to minimise problems arising from their staff driving to and from work and are thinking of trying to introduce a Park & Ride scheme. Also the intention is to produce a rolling programme of tree planting etc. to try to screen buildings, particularly the new buildings, from Stokeham Road.

#### Rampton Parish Council – defibrillator

Rampton Parish Council has been approached by village residents with a suggestion that the village acquires a defibrillator, a piece of equipment which, in the right hands, can be used to re-start the heart.

The intention would be to try to get a group of volunteers who would work in pairs on a rota to be able to respond to emergencies.

Obviously the more volunteers there are the less demands on any individual and/or the better the service that can be provided. Rampton Parish Council decided that it would hold a public meeting at 7.30 pm on Monday 6 January with representatives of the Ambulance Service and the St John's Ambulance Brigade and invite representatives of neighbouring villages to see if there is any interest in widening the scheme beyond Rampton and Woodbeck. If you would be interested in finding out more, why not come along?

#### Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Monday 27 January at the Village Hall at **7.00** pm. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

David Landon

### **Village Hall**

We are gradually accumulating CDs for our music centre, but if you can bring any for the following events it would be appreciated. Ideas for home-made entertainment would also be appreciated!

#### **Christmas party**

There will be no charge for this. To add extra interest and fun, we thought that it would be a good idea to give presents. If everyone brings a gift-wrapped present – maximum value £5 – we could put them all together for a “lucky dip” at some point during the evening. It could be something funny, something to eat, something useful, for a child or for an adult, it doesn’t matter, because they could always be swapped or given to someone else.

The **Christmas raffle** will be drawn during the party.

#### **New Year's Eve**

Again, there will be no charge. Last year’s party was a really last minute affair, but was still very successful. We will follow the same format as last year, and ask you to bring the food. Sandwiches, bread rolls, pate, cheese and crackers, salads, mince pies, sausage rolls, trifle and cake all featured on the menu last year.

#### **Burns Night**

Don’t forget Burns Night January 26, when Marian and Ruth will cook “haggis, neeps and tatties” in true Scottish style!

#### **Kathryn Tickell and Karen Tweed**

We have already sold 80 tickets for this performance on February 7<sup>th</sup>. If you want tickets, please let us know right away. We don’t like to turn people away, but on this occasion we may have to, because realistically we only have about 20 tickets left. Hurry hurry!

#### **Well Dressing**

The Quiz was probably the most successful yet, in all respects. It was well attended with 65 participants, the questions were excellent, the food was great and we made over £450!

The next event is the Over 60’s Christmas dinner. Please contact Ann (248388) if you should have received an invitation and haven’t.

#### **Social Club**

The club is going very well, and is increasingly well attended. We are always looking for more bar volunteers, so if you could spare one Friday evening every 8 weeks or so, please let Janet know (248282).

#### **Theatre Club**

The club is now up and running. If you wish to go and see Peter Pan, please let Margaret know within the next few days (248053).

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#### **Missing cat**

##### **Reward for information.**

A male ginger cat, about 5 years old, with a white chest and no teeth. He has been missing for about 2 weeks and his owners are very worried. Please phone 248667 if you know anything about him.

#### **Car Crime**

Apparently there was a spate of thefts from parked cars and of stolen cars in South Leverton in October. The message from P. C. Grahame Waters is to make sure that you do not leave anything of value in your car and make sure it is locked and, if appropriate, immobilised.

## Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

### The Looking Glass Theatre Company

presents



### Frankenstein

A comic adaptation of the book by Mary Shelley  
in the Village Hall

**Thursday 5 December at 7.30 pm**

(Bar open from 7 pm)

Tickets: £5 (£3 concessions)

To book - Tel 248282

**Looking for an unusual Christmas present  
with a local flavour?**

**What about a CD with pictures of Headon  
and Upton, past and present?**

**Only £5**

**Phone 248767**

**(proceeds go to the Village Hall)**

### Dates of Saturday collections of bulky Domestic Refuse in 2003

25 <sup>th</sup> January	8 <sup>th</sup> March
19 <sup>th</sup> April	31 <sup>st</sup> May
12 <sup>th</sup> July	23 <sup>rd</sup> August
4 <sup>th</sup> October	15 <sup>th</sup> November

### Christmas party



**Everyone welcome!**  
**Saturday December 20**  
**From 7.30**  
**Please bring a wrapped**  
**present, maximum value**  
**£5**

### New Year's Eve

No need to pay inflated prices or worry  
about driving! Come to the Village Hall for  
a free party, just bring some food!



from 9.00pm

### Weightloss

Nicola Mosley lost 12lb and 3 1/2 inches off her  
waist in her first week on the programme.

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### Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

#### **Next meeting**

Monday 27 January  
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall  
Members of the public are cordially invited

### 200 Club winners

#### November draw:

£25	Tim Silcock
£15	Betty Wastnage
£5	Margaret Farr

### Baby sitting

Responsible 15-year old girl  
available for baby-sitting.

*Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187*

For further details of any notice please ring 248282