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The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton
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June 2002

Our best wishes go to Nicola Browne, who is now making a good recovery after her accident, and able to walk around on crutches. We are happy to hear that, all being well, she will go home on Saturday. Good luck, Nicola, and get well soon!

Another piece of good news is that Mark Oxenbury is also making a good recovery after his accident, and is now out of plaster. Good luck to you, too, Mark.

What happened to spring? It is cold and wet but the grass and weeds are growing a treat!

Never mind, the forecast for the weekend is better and hopefully Monday will be warm and sunny for the Jubilee party – 4 o’clock at Headon Manor Farm, followed by teas, games and dancing from 6 o’clock in the Village Hall. The bar will be open from 6 o’clock. There should be something for everyone and we hope to see you all there.

Annual Parish Meeting – Tonight!

We are trying to get this newsletter out in time to remind you about tonight’s Annual Parish Meeting! Time will tell if we succeeded. Anyway, we hope that lots of you will come armed with pertinent questions, and join in the debate at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. From what we know, our MP is on our side about speeding traffic, but he still needs to know the strength of opinion. We may not have any luck on this traffic issue, but we will certainly do our best! Light refreshments available after the meeting.

Bassetlaw District Council Executive Committee

is meeting in the Village Hall on Wednesday 5 June at 7.00 pm. Before the meeting, the Council will be prepared to answer questions on any subject whatsoever (although I don’t think they have any more information than the rest of us about the major issue facing the country – the state of Beckham’s foot!).

This is an opportunity to raise the issue of the car park in Headon. According to the results of the Village Appraisal, many of you would like to see it extended, but the District Council refuses to do this. So, our Parish Council enquired about buying it. BDC have replied that they will sell it to us for £600, plus legal fees, plus the cost of submitting a planning application if it is decided to extend the car park.

It is a public facility, its use will not change if the village owns it, except that we will then maintain it and hopefully extend it. So how can it be right for them to charge us for the privilege of taking on this responsibility which at present they are only partially fulfilling? Does anyone think it can be right for the District Council to try to avoid future costs of maintenance and still try to make a profit on the sale?? If anyone feels strongly that this is wrong, please come along to this meeting and give your support.

Well Dressing Weekend – 29th/30th June

This is the last issue before the Well Dressing. Please see pages 3 and 4 for details.

Parish Council News

Notes from the annual meeting held on 27 May

Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

The Council re-elected Eric Briggs and Janet Landon as Chairman and Vice-Chairman respectively for the coming year.

Code of Conduct

Following the Nolan Committee Report on Standards in Public Life, all Parish Councils are now required to adopt a Code of Conduct and members are required to sign an agreement to abide by it. The Council has now complied with all the requirements of the Code.

Car Park

This matter will be raised at the meeting of the District Council's Executive Committee to be held in Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall on 5 June. If anyone feels strongly that it is wrong for the District Council to charge the Parish Council £600 plus legal fees (plus the cost of submitting a planning application if it is decided to extend the car park) please come along and add your support.

Grass cutting

The fact that the County Council is still cutting the grass, as well as North Notts Landscapes, is a result of a misunderstanding which will be rectified. Councillors felt that, after some teething problems, the first cut by North Notts Landscapes had been satisfactory. The Council would appreciate some feedback from village residents before deciding whether to continue with grass cutting in 2003.

Grants for Churchyard Maintenance

The Council agreed to make grants of £200 to each of the three Churches. In view of the fact that the grant increased from £140 in 2000/01 to £160 last year and now £200, the PCC will be asked to ensure that the small area of grass between the churchyard and the road is cut regularly.

Best Kept Village Competition

The village has again entered the Best Kept Village Competition. Although it is difficult for working villages such as ours to win, the village certainly looked neater as a result of last year's entry in the competition.

Cycle Route Signs

Last month the County Council had advised the Parish Council that it was their policy not to permit the erection of unnecessary signs on highways. This month a proliferation of signs advertising a cycle network has appeared! A case of one rule for the villages and another for the County Council.

Property marking kit

The second property kit, which was supposed to be kept in East Drayton, can't be found. The Council decided that a register should be kept of people borrowing the other kit from Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall.

Planning Application

Extension to Sewage Treatment Works

The Council welcomed the proposal to expand the plant provided that the applicant is required to carry out a survey regarding the existence of a badger sett. The Council would like to see a condition attached to the planning permission requiring some screening of the plant from Yew Tree Road.

Dog Fouling

It has been brought to the Council's attention that dog fouling is an increasing problem, particularly in Nether Headon and near the village sign. Apart from being unsightly, this is a hazard to health, particularly to those, contractors or volunteers, who maintain the grass verges. The Council would like to ask dog owners to clean up after their pets. However, if the problem persists the Council will have no alternative but to ask that all grass verges in the village are designated areas under the Dog Fouling Act 1996. This legislation makes failure to clean up after dogs a criminal offence with a fine of up to £1,000.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 2 July at Grove Church Hall at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

David Landon
Clerk of the Council
Tel: 249271

News from Village Organisations

Well Dressing Society

Well Dressing will soon be upon us! This year we are portraying Westminster Abbey, in honour of the Jubilee. Work will start around the 20th June, panic will start around the 26th!

Paul and Janet Langhorn have kindly agreed to let us use their garage to work in (next to the Village Hall), so if you have a little – or better still, a lot – of free time during the week starting June 24th, please come along and lend a hand. You don't need to be artistic!

Often we need help in finding and fetching the flowers or leaves we need for a particular part of the picture.

We also need volunteers for helping with teas or stalls, on Saturday the 29th, (Festival Day), and for help in manning the well all that week. Please help if you can!

Village Enhancement Group

Headon and Upton will once again be entering the Best Kept Village competition. The village is looking good at the moment so, who knows, with a bit of effort on everyone's part we might just win. Judging will be taking place in June/early July.

Severn Trent has put in a planning application to create an extension at the back of the water treatment plant on Yew Tree Road near the beck. This ought not to affect its appearance from the road and should improve the quality of the discharge into the beck. We do consider, however, that a condition of approval ought to be that they should screen the plant from the road with trees or shrubs and will make this comment to the Council.

Cyber Café and Video Conferencing

The computers, printer and scanner are now available for use by any resident of the parish, on Friday evenings from 8.30, and at other times by arrangement. Contact Martin on 248767 or Janet on 248282.

Video conferencing/ Telly Talk is available on Wednesday mornings from 9.30a.m. to 12.00 noon, when members of the public can speak directly to a representative of Nottinghamshire County Council or Bassetlaw District Council. They will be able to help with enquiries relating to their respective councils and much, much more:

- Business and Employment
- Concessions for Senior Citizens
- Council House Advice and Repairs
- Council Tax
- Education
- Environmental Services
- Highways
- Housing Benefits
- Leisure and Amenities
- Occupational Therapy
- Pest Control
- Social Services
- Trading Standards

If you wish to make use of this service you will need to make an appointment in advance. Please contact Martin or Janet, as above.

Village Hall – Joe Scurfield

What a talented musician and humourist! An audience of 50 people enjoyed this evening of entertainment. Joe is very versatile; before the show, as people were arriving, he played a medley of tunes on the piano (which, incidentally, sounded quite good despite not having been played for ages!). During the show he played the fiddle, the mandolin, harmonica and the guitar while he told stories of his journeys to distant lands, illustrated by music he had learned in each place. At one stage he played the fiddle whilst riding a unicycle! Those who didn't come missed a treat – comments afterwards ranged from "this was one of the best shows we've had" to "it was the best show we've ever had".

There will be no more shows during the summer. Three bookings have already been made for the autumn/winter. These are:

October 10th – "Tartuffe", by Moliere (NTC Touring Theatre Company) – the hilarious forerunner to the Carry On films.

December 5th – Frankenstein (Looking Glass Theatre).

February 7th – Kathryn Tickell and Karen Tweed – traditional music from England, Ireland, and Sweden.

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices



Golden Jubilee Party
Monday June 3rd
50's theme...50's style dress optional!
(but why not, for a laugh?)
All events are for adults & children!

4pm – Best Jubilee Hat competition and
Races & Games at Manor Farm, Headon
6pm – tea at the Village Hall
7pm – music and games in the Village Hall.
Bar open from 6.00 pm

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
Tuesday 2 July
at 7.30 pm at Grove Church Hall

Members of the public welcome

Headon cum Upton picture gallery

CDs, for playing on a computer, are now available. These show a pictorial history of the Village Hall, including the Grand Opening, and views of Headon and Upton, from the ground and from the air.

These are available at a cost of £5 each, proceeds to go to the Village Hall.

Contact Martin on 248767

Baby sitting

Responsible 14 year old girl available for baby sitting.

Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187

Jubilee Well Dressing



June 29th – July 7th

**Flower Festival in St Peter's Church,
June 29 & 30**

June 29 from 2pm. – Festival Day

June 30 at 3pm – Blessing of the Ladywell, followed by teas in the Village Hall

July 1st from 7.30pm – Barbecue & skittles at the Village Hall

Small Businesses

Do you own or run a small business? If so, why not advertise it from the village website page, "Small business index". Through links to other websites like the local community council and other local and national websites we are hoping to have a wide audience that will see your business details. Around 4 lines of information along with either a picture or a location map for just £10 will give you coverage for the year.

Contact Martin on 248767

Property For Sale

There is also a property for sale section on the website, so if you want to reach a wider section of the community, for just £5 you can also advertise your property.

All proceeds will go to web site costs and village funds.

Contact Martin on 248767

Saturday collections of bulky domestic refuse

Next collection: Saturday 15 June

For further details of any notice phone 248282