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Parish Council Elections

The Parish Council is due for election this year. If you want to stand for election, you will need a nomination form (available from the District Council's office in Worksop), and a proposer and seconder both of whose names must be on the electoral roll for Headon-cum-Upton. Nomination forms can be submitted anytime between 17 March and noon on Tuesday 1 April. If the election is contested the poll will take place from 8.00 am to 9.00 pm on Thursday 1 May at the same time as the poll for the election of a councillor to represent Rampton Ward on Bassetlaw District Council. There will be no cost to the village of holding an election.

Defibrillator – Community Responder Scheme

At its last meeting, Rampton Parish Council decided that it had enough volunteers (9 from Rampton, 6 from Laneham and 4 from Headon-cum-Upton) to organise training sessions. These are currently awaiting a response from the Ambulance Service. Rampton Parish Council agreed that more volunteers would be welcome.

Thank you to the four volunteers, three from Headon and one from Upton, but we need more! Phone Janet or David if you are interested in joining this worthwhile scheme. (248282).

Theatre Club

Margaret Farr reports that the Theatre Club seems to have really taken off, and she is very pleased with the response to date. Art and Madam Butterfly are now fully booked. The remaining programme for the coming months is:

Venue	Show	Date	Booking
W.Y. Playhouse, Leeds	Midnight's children	Wed 14 May	26 Mar – 8 Apr
W.Y. Playhouse, Leeds	Reunion	Wed 4 Jun	9 Apr – 23 Apr
Theatre Royal, Nottingham	Fiddler on the Roof	Thur 10 July	15 May – 29 May

Booking forms and membership forms are available from Margaret (248053)
Forms and payment must be in by closing dates to secure seats

Parish Council News

Notes from the meeting held on 3 March

(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)

District Council Contribution to Parish Councils

At its previous meeting the Council considered the implications of possible cuts of 50% or 20% in the money it receives from Bassetlaw District Council. At the same time it was widely reported that the District Council was intending to eliminate its Arts and Tourism budgets. Following widespread complaints it appears, although there has been no official confirmation of this, that the Arts and Tourism budgets have been reinstated and that the reduction in the District Council's contribution to Parish Councils will only be 20%.

Grass Verges

Members were unanimous that the grass verges have never been in a worse condition. There are many reasons for this – people have blamed agricultural vehicles, buses etc – but, essentially, they boil down to the fact that vehicles are travelling too fast. Parish Councils have certain powers in relation to roadside verges without consulting the County Council and the Council decided to discuss the matter further at its next meeting.

Freedom of Information Act

Parish Councils are required to adopt a scheme under the above Act. The Council has done this and had the scheme approved by the Information Commissioner and the scheme will run from 28th February 2003 until 28th February 2007. What this means in summary is that members of the public are entitled to ask for printed copies of certain Council documents (eg the minutes of meetings) relating to the last two years. This does not affect electors' existing rights to, for example, inspect the minutes of Council meetings (since the year dot) or question the auditor in accordance with the timetable which is published at the time of each annual audit. More details of what information is covered by the scheme will be published later.

Bassetlaw Local Plan

The Local Plan is the District Council's definitive statement of policy. It defines areas which are considered suitable for development and those which aren't. Specifically it sets out village envelopes, within which there is a presumption that planning permission for new buildings will be granted, provided they are deemed to be 'in character with existing buildings', and outside which development will not normally be allowed. (Upton has a village envelope, Headon doesn't).

The plan is in the process of being revised. The Parish Council, and interested residents, have the opportunity to comment on the proposals. (The consultation period on this plan is lengthy – at least two years).

As the first reference point for all planning applications is whether they comply with the Local Plan, I thought it would be helpful to set out the procedures relating to planning applications. The law defining when planning permission is required is complex but includes:

- Any new building;
- Any extension of an existing building which fronts onto the highway;
- Any extension to, or replacement of existing buildings, not fronting the highway which in terms of its size or its effect on the local environment is 'significant';
- In Conservation Areas only, the demolition of buildings and the felling of trees;

The District Council is required to advertise that a planning application has been made, always by posting a notice as near as possible to the proposed development and usually by notifying neighbours directly. The Parish Council is always consulted on planning applications.

Any member of the public has the right to comment on planning applications. The District Council is required to consider all objections to a planning application; common sense would indicate that they give more credence to an objection from someone with personal knowledge of the property.

David Landon

Events

The next big event to be held will be the 200 Club Grand Draw, at the Social Club on March 28th. See you there!

On April 3rd the next Village Ventures production will come to the Village Hall. This will be Talking Heads, written by Alan Bennett and performed by HRT. You may well have seen Talking Heads on TV, in which case you will know that the stories are not only very funny, but also full of pathos. We last saw the HRT ladies when they performed The Ladies of Cranford a year ago. They tell me that they are looking forward to coming back to Headon. Don't miss this, it will be good!

Advance notice: May 1st the Bakelite Boys will stun us with their musical versatility as they sing and play a song from every year of the last century in "Pop goes the Century". Please note that this may start later than normal if the Village Hall is required for an election.

Still Missing!

Did you borrow a brown, pyrex, quiche dish, possibly to take home some left over food after the New Year's Eve party? If so, would you please return it to the Village Hall as its owner would like it back! Also a large aluminium jug belonging to the Village Hall is missing. Please check if you have it.

Veggies

200 Club Grand Draw – March 28

The annual Grand Draw will be held on Friday, March 28th. at approximately 9.30p.m. Refreshments will be provided. This will be at Social Club, and the bar will be open, but remember, if you don't drink alcohol, then soft drinks and coffee will be available!

Please try to come, whether or not you are a member of the 200 Club! If you are a member, YOU could be the next winner of either £200, £50 or £10. This would be a good time to subscribe for the coming year, or to buy extra numbers, especially if you are not yet a member. Membership costs £1 per month, per number, and if possible we ask you to pay for the full year in advance – simply to save having to collect each month.

The money raised is used for environmental projects in the villages, such as tree and bulb planting. If you have ideas on ways in which we

AGM

The AGM will be held on Tuesday April 29th, at 7.30 p.m. The Village Hall committee has worked very hard over the past few years to upgrade the hall and make it a welcoming centre for socialising, community events and classes. It is very important for community life that the Village Hall continues to play this role, but the load needs to be spread a little. We would really welcome more people onto the committee, especially younger people with new ideas and more energy! Please give serious thought to whether you could spare a little time to help. If you think you could, whether or not you wish to join the committee, please come to the AGM, so that at least we know we have your support!

Social Club

We are very grateful to those people who pledge their time on Friday evenings to run the bar. Thanks to Dave Burton, Ian Cawthorn, Nigel Greenhalgh, Tim Marples, Alun McKiernon, John Mosley, Pat Mosley, and Alan Roy. Nigel, Tim and Alan Roy are the newest volunteers, and thanks to all these people, it is now only necessary to take a turn once every eight weeks. Even so, more volunteers would be welcomed!

Don't forget, if you fancy a drink and a chat with neighbours, you will be welcome at the Social Club, each Friday from 8.30pm.

could improve our environment, we would welcome them and act upon them if possible.

We would especially welcome ideas on sites suitable for the planting of trees.

At their most recent meeting, members expressed concern at the dreadful state of the roadside verges along Thorpe Street and Yew Tree Road. General opinion was that they are worse than they have ever been.

Well Dressing

Unfortunately, due to prior commitments of a number of the people involved and the timing of Easter we have had to postpone the Quiz until May 9th. At least it gives time to organise teams (and babysitters), so please put it in your diaries!

The Well Dressing AGM will be on March 18th. at 7.30 p.m. Everyone who is interested is welcome to come, indeed we would be grateful for your support of whatever kind.

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

Hunt Roberts Theatre (HRT)

Presents

Talking Heads

By

Alan Bennett

Bed among the Lentils & A Lady of Letters

Thursday April 3rd at 7.30 pm

Tickets £6, concessions £4,
including light supper

Well Dressing Society Quiz POSTPONED

From Friday 14 March to
Friday May 9 at 7.30 pm
(Bar open from 7.00 pm)

£5, including pie & peas supper
Teams of 6 maximum

Pilates

A gentle form of exercise.
Thursdays, in the Village Hall
from 6-7p.m.
Just turn up if you're interested.

**The next all day Art class with Helen
will be on Thursday March 20th.**

Baby sitting

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

Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187

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

Next meeting

Monday 14 April

at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall

Members of the public are cordially invited

200 Club winners

February draw:

£25 – Stewart Wain

£15 – Betty Stock

£5 - Rosalind Marsh

200 Club Grand Draw

Friday 28th March

at the Village Hall

at 9.30 pm

(Bar opens at 8.30 pm)

Prizes:

£200, £50 plus 5 prizes of £10

Light supper (no charge)

Weightloss

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

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