

HEADS-UP!

The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton

March 2002

Spring at last! As I sit here awaiting inspiration (!), I can see birds gathering twigs and other bits for their nests, a small rabbit hopping around at the far end of the garden and the white blossom on the plum tree is glorious against a clear blue sky. Around the corner the daffodils have created a magnificent golden carpet, having valiantly resisted the recent fierce winds. It is a time of reawakening and renewal after the dark, cold days of winter, and I think we all feel the better for it. It is also the time when we begin to think about spring-cleaning. Bassetlaw is arranging its annual Spring Clean, from April 1st to 14th. We will take part in this, and will meet on the bridge near the old chapel, on Yew Tree Road, at 2.00 pm on Saturday, April 6th, and again at 2.00p.m. on Sunday April 7th. Groups will then be given gloves and plastic bags and hopefully, there will be enough people for us all to take different sections and cover the whole of the two villages. Please come on one of these days if you can. If you can't make it at that time but would like to help at some other time you can get gloves and rubbish bags from Janet Landon.

John Walker

Although John was born in Laneham, he had lived in Upton for most of his life. For the best part of half a century he was a pillar of the community serving the PCC, the Village Hall Committee and the Parish Council and I had the privilege of serving with him on the Village Hall Committee for two years. I remember him saying that he had had a charmed life, and not just because he had been happily married to Eve and they had two fine daughters. Apparently, during the war when all his contemporaries were going to France, North Africa and the Far East, John obtained a posting to Canada! Sadly over the last couple of years his health deteriorated although, until fairly recently, he was able to attend Church and village functions. We send our sympathy to Eve, Pat and Jill

David Landon

Letter

Eve, Pat and Jill would like to thank everyone for their kind cards, letters and words of sympathy and so many friends for participating in the service of thanksgiving for John's life.

Special thanks also to all who helped us to prepare for the funeral, to the Village Hall Committee for use of the facilities and to all who assisted us in so many ways with parking arrangements.

Your warm support has been a great comfort to us in our sad loss.

Headon cum Upton Web site

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.

Property For Sale

There is also a property for sale section, 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 for information on either of these services.

Parish Council News

Notes from the meeting held on 4 March

John Walker

The Council noted with sadness, the death of John Walker, a founder member of the Parish Council and past Chairman, and paid tribute to his work for the community over nearly half a century.

Power Supplies

The Council discussed the lengthy power cut on 26 February, and a shorter one the following evening. Alan Dolby had made enquiries of East Midlands Electricity and found out that the Liaison Officer for this area is Shirley Whitworth who will contact me. There is also a Performance Team (Ruth Morley) who can be contacted on 01332 393517. The Council decided to write to the MP, the Chief Executive of East Midlands Electricity and to the Regulator. Alan has also obtained an 8-minute video, with advice on how to prevent damage to eg computers during a power cut. Gerry Oxenbury has this video if others wish to borrow it and further copies are available from EMEB free of charge.

Saturday morning collections of domestic refuse

Bassetlaw District Council is reconsidering its decision to make changes to this scheme; in the meantime it has advised of collection dates up to mid-May. The Council welcomed the decision to continue the service temporarily and expressed the hope that it would become permanent. According to the Retford Times, Bassetlaw District Council's Executive Committee decided on 5 March to reverse its decision to discontinue this scheme.

Cutting of Grass Verges

The Council is awaiting a quote from another firm of contractors. Once this has been received the contract will let and work will begin in the fairly near future.

Car parking in Headon

The Council had written to the District Council asking them to justify a charge of £600 to buy a piece of land which could only be used for car parking and which only a Parish Council, or similar body, would wish to buy. Although the Council had asked for a reply to this letter before this meeting, no reply had been received.

Government Green Paper on Planning

The Council noted that proposals in the Green Paper will stack the odds even more heavily in favour of developers and will reduce the number of statutory consultees, including Parish Councils. CPRE had asked those opposing these proposals to write to the Secretary of State the DTLR. The Council decided that, although District Councils take little notice of Parish Councils' comments on planning applications, this is better than not to be consulted at all. A letter of objection will be sent to the Government.

Street Names and Signs

Following difficulties in an ambulance driver being able to find Greenspotts Lane, the Council will ask Bassetlaw District Council to move the nameplate to a position adjacent to the 'Church Street' sign outside Hillcrest. In addition, they will again be asked to replace the 'Ladywell Lane' sign.

Salt Boxes in Upton and Grove

Although at the time of the meeting the County Council has not responded to the Council's request for a salt box on Askham Road, Upton, I have now received a letter saying that they will provide one next winter.

Flooding

A useful meeting was held with Nigel Greenhalgh and representatives of the County Council regarding flooding in Nether Headon. Various small improvements had been suggested. Unfortunately, Nigel had been taken ill and members of the Council expressed their best wishes to him for a speedy recovery.

Footpaths

The County Council had thanked Councillor Anna Evans for walking all the footpaths in Grove and identifying places where remedial action is necessary. Janet Landon will do the same job in Headon and Upton. The Council noted, with approval, the footpath map leaflet for Headon and Upton.

Designated Primary School

The County Council had replied to the Council's letter regarding a designated primary school for children from Headon-cum-Upton. Unfortunately this reply concentrated on the impending reorganisation of secondary education! I have written back stressing that, interesting though this is, the Council is primarily interested in designating a primary school.

Annual Parish Meeting

The Council decided to combine the proposed meeting with the MP to discuss road safety with the Annual Parish Meeting and to hold this at a date, hopefully in April, convenient to the MP. More details in the next edition.

Next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 22 April at Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

David Landon, Clerk of the Council
Tel: 248282

Village Hall News

Summer Comes and Life Changes

The response to this event was excellent, with 68 tickets sold the hall was packed. It was a one-man show, written and performed by Andy Barrett, in collaboration with the New Perspectives Theatre Company.

In his exploration of village life, the character "Jason" touches on many aspects of life in the country, sometimes with humour and sometimes with tragedy.

After the show, this comment was heard, "Aren't we lucky to have the opportunity to see professional theatre without having to leave the village?" We are indeed lucky, lucky that the Village Hall is able and willing to promote these productions, but also lucky that Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council subsidise them through the Village Ventures scheme, making theatre affordable to us.

Our next production will be "The Ladies of Cranford", by Hunt Roberts Theatre (HRT). This is based upon Mrs Gaskell's book "Cranford", and promises to be another highly entertaining evening.

Cleaner

The Village Hall is in need of a cleaner, to work 2 ½ hours per week, at £4.10 per hour. Anyone interested, please contact any Committee member.

Dishes

There are still some unclaimed dishes in the Village Hall, left since the Opening. Please collect them on a Friday evening after 8.30 or phone Janet to arrange to collect them.

Jubilee

The Village Hall will hold a Jubilee party – details are still to be arranged.

Cyber Cafe

The computers, printer and scanner are now available for use by any resident of the parish, on Friday evenings from 7.30, and at other times by arrangement. Contact Martin on 248767 or Janet on 248282

Video

We have now obtained the unedited film footage which Calendar TV took at the opening of the Village Hall. The video, which lasts about 20 minutes, will be shown (probably more than once!) on Friday 22 March at the 200 Club Grand Draw in the Village Hall starting at 8.30 pm.

News from other Village Organisations

200 Club

The Grand Draw will be held on 22 March at 9.30 pm. The first prize is £200, with other prizes of £50 and £10. It has proved difficult to collect subscriptions monthly and, as from April, members will be asked to pay for the year.

Social Club

Annual subscriptions are due on 1 April. The Committee has not yet decided the rate but it is likely to be unchanged ie £5 with a reduction to £1 for senior citizens and juniors.

The Environment

Do you want to help preserve and enhance the environment of our villages?

If the answer is yes, then please come to a meeting in the Village Hall at 7.30 on March 22nd.

You can make a difference!

Rural Business Roadshow

East Midlands Development Agency (emda) in collaboration with Agri-Web, RICS, DEFRA, the Countryside Agency and the Heart of England Tourist Board have come together to look at ways in which farming and rural communities can diversify into areas such as tourism, maximising opportunities that exist in their locality by knowing where to find the right information. Many people have expressed an interest in learning about how they can take steps to diversify their businesses and take advantage of developing trends in the region, in areas such as creative industries and both business and leisure tourism. There have also been queries about how to find market information and what opportunities exist for diversification. As a result emda will be holding pilot roadshow events to showcase some

successful projects in the region, to offer examples of good and bad practice and to provide information about markets and funding that will put people on the right path. There will be representatives of all the above organisations at the event and there will be the opportunity to informally chat to those who are either already involved or those who are beginning to think about expanding their businesses.

One of the roadshows will be held at Headon Village Hall between 11am -2pm on March 21st and will include a locally sourced lunch.

We are asking people to express an interest, preferably by email to stefanobarbarini@emd.org.uk or by phone 01159888584 to give us an idea of numbers. However, this is an open event and people are welcome to turn up on the day.

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

Village Hall 10 April at 7.30 pm

HRT presents

The Ladies of Cranford

Based on the novel by Mrs Gaskell

Admission £5, OAPs & students £3

(Ticket price includes supper)

Phone 248282 for tickets

Bar open from 7.00 pm

200 Club Grand Draw 22 March

at 9.30pm

1st prize £200 2nd prize £50 5 prizes of £10

Refreshments

Video showing of the complete footage of
YTV Calendar's film of the Grand Opening

Bar open from 8.30 pm

Advance Notice

Well Dressing Society Quiz 19 April

Tickets at £5 include

Pie and peas supper

Bar open from 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm start

Nottinghamshire Domesday Book.

If you would like the village to own a copy of this, would you be prepared to pledge £25 towards buying it? The book costs £500 – expensive, but a remarkable portrayal of each village in 1086.

Phone 248282 if you wish to contribute.

Collection of Bulky Domestic Refuse

Next collection - Saturday 23 March

200 Club February Draw

1 st	£25	Sophic Mosley
2 nd	£15	Gay Bennett
3 rd	£5	Ruth Cauwood

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 24876 7

AGM

The following organisations would welcome your presence and support at their AGMs in the Village Hall.

Well Dressing Society: March 19th at 8.00 pm

Millennium Committee: April 16th at 7.30 pm

Social Club Committee: April 30th at 7.30 pm

Village Hall Committee: April 30th at 8.00 pm

For sale

Computer desk. Almost new £35

Phone 248282

**Best wishes to Nigel Greenhalgh
For a speedy recovery**

Baby sitting

Responsible 14 year old girl available for baby sitting.

Contact Sophie McGlen 01777248187

For further details of any notice, phone 248282