

HEADS-UP!



The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton
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May 2003

HEADON WELL DRESSING

June 28th – July 7th

We have lots of things planned for this year's well dressing, and are looking forward to a really interesting event.

The **Well Dressing** will commemorate John Wesley's tercentenary and will be on view all week.

Festivities will start on **Friday June 27th** with **Music in Quiet Places** in church, when Mutsumi Hatano will sing early English song to the accompaniment of the lute, played by Takashi Tsunoda. Mutsumi studied at the Trinity College of Music in London, after graduating in Japan.

A distinguished English literature scholar, having heard their music, commented "How can it be that the delicacy and utmost languor of love songs of England 400 years ago can be so perfectly expressed by a Japanese voice?" We hope that many of you will join us on this evening to hear for yourselves.

Saturday, June 28th, will be Festival day, and should be a lot of fun. Of course there will be the Well Dressing itself, and at the Village Hall there will be strawberry teas, craft stalls, a model railway, a bouncy castle, a toddlers' play area, a street organ and the Rattlejag dancers.

Flower Festival and Art Exhibition. The church will be decorated from Friday evening on the theme of Wesley's hymns. The Art Exhibition will be of paintings by local artists.

Barbecue and Skittles on Monday June 30th. This will be at the Village Hall, from 7pm. And we sincerely hope that the weather is better than last year! The winner's prize will be the traditional copper kettle.

Theatre Club

Booking for Fiddler on the Roof starts soon. This will be the last theatre visit this season, the new programme will be published as soon as it is available. Meanwhile, if you are interested in going to either a Last Night at the Proms, in the grounds of Lincoln castle, with the British Philharmonic Orchestra on August 24, or a Shakespeare Festival at Nottingham castle, on July 31st please let Margaret Farr or Paul Langhorn know as soon as possible.

Venue	Show	Date	Booking
W.Y. Playhouse, Leeds	Reunion	Wed 4 Jun	Closed
Theatre Royal, Nottingham	Fiddler on the Roof	Thu 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.

Letter – 80 Years Young

Friends and church members celebrated this happy event with Mrs Marjorie Brailsford at St Peter's Church on April 10th, the day after Marj's birthday. At the Stations of the Cross Service the Rev. James Little presented her with a card and a gold watch in recognition of many years of devoted service. Marj has worked tirelessly for years without number for the Church, the Village Hall and indeed the whole community. It was good that so many of us were able to celebrate with her on this happy day."

Ann Oxenbury

Parish Council News

Notes from the meeting held on 14 April

(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)

Vacancy for Councillors

There are two vacancies on the Council to represent Grove, although it is not essential to live in Grove to fill either of these vacancies. One qualification to be a Parish Councillor is to live within three miles of the parish which means that electors of Headon-cum-Upton could fill these vacancies. If there are more applicants than vacancies then the Council has the power to decide who to co-opt. Although the Council does not have an explicit policy, it would be natural to expect that if there are two people from Grove who are interested then the Council would co-opt them.

Grass Cutting

It was generally agreed that Leverton Landscapes had made a good job of the first cutting of the grass verges. They will be asked to extend the area they cut on Askham Road, Upton to beyond the second bend.

Annual Parish Meeting

Friday 30 May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. A speaker from Severn Trent has been invited to talk about proposals for the sewerage treatment plant on Yew Tree Road and other issues of interest to residents.

Grass Verges

The Clerk had written to the County Council seeking guidance on what measures the Parish Council may be able to adopt to protect the verges. However, it had been drawn to the Council's attention that the worst damage to the verges, on Yew Tree Road, is only on one side of the road and that a kerb would deter drivers from mounting the verges, particularly at speed. The Council had also been asked if it would be possible to have a footpath between Headon and Upton; many people walk on this road and it would certainly be more pleasant. Realising that this would kill two birds with one stone, the Clerk was asked to write to the County Council requesting a footpath.

Next Meeting

The annual meeting of the Council will be held on Monday 19 May at 7.30 pm.

Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

David Landon

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council Freedom of Information Act

The Parish Council has adopted a scheme, the Model Scheme for Parish Councils (Core Classes only), as required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000. This has been approved by the Information Commissioner and the scheme will run from 28 February 2003 until 28 February 2007. What this means is that, with regard to the following information, village residents will be entitled, on request, to a printed copy of any or all of the following documents:

- Minutes of council, committee and sub-committee meetings – limited to the last two years
- Procedural Standing orders
- Council's report to Annual Parish Meeting
- Members' Declaration of Acceptance of Office
- Register of Members' Interests
- Register of Members' Interests Book
- Terms and conditions of employment
- Job descriptions
- Responses to planning applications
- Annual Return form – limited to last financial year
- Annual Statutory report by auditor (internal and external) – limited to last financial year
- Receipt/Payment books, Receipt books of all kinds, Bank Statements from all accounts – limited to the last financial year
- Precept request – limited to the last financial year
- VAT records – limited to the last financial year
- Financial Standing Orders and Regulations
- Risk Assessments

This does not affect electors' existing rights to, for example, inspect the minutes of Council meetings or question the auditor in accordance with the timetable which is published at the time of each annual audit. Any requests for information under this Act should be addressed to the Clerk of the Council.

G Ward, Clerk of the Council
Tel: 706654

Defibrillator – Community Responder Scheme

Training is proceeding slowly and so far 8 people from Rampton, Laneham, South Leverton, Stokeham and Headon-cum-Upton have been trained. There is another course this coming weekend and, because some people are unavailable, there may well be an additional course in the future.

Village Hall News

Pop Goes The Century

100 songs from 100 years in 100 minutes – I never thought they'd do it, but they did!

When the Bakelite Boys came to the Village Hall, on May 1st, we weren't sure what to expect. As the evening got underway, we realised that we were in for a treat! Their musical versatility was amazing, and so was their comedy – we laughed till we cried at some of their antics.

This was a brilliant show, and I have to say that I enjoyed it more than any other show we have had in the Village Hall. If they return one day, make sure you don't miss them!

AGM

The Committee was re-elected and, in addition, Tim Marples has now joined the Committee. The accounts for the year ended 31 March were approved, subject to audit, and show:

Operating income	£9,194
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Operating expenditure	£2,990
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Operating profit	£6,204
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This profit enabled us to buy new equipment, particularly a sound system and a computer

Social Club Membership Fees

At the AGM the Committee decided to reduce the subscriptions to £1 per year. These are now due.

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. On a similar theme, there are several dishes in the Village Hall kitchen waiting to be claimed by their owners!

Classes

North Notts College will be running classes on "**Holiday Spanish**", free of charge, in the Village Hall. These will be on Thursdays, 7.00 pm to 9.00 pm from June 5 until July 17 (but excluding July 3).

We plan to start training sessions in the use of a **digital camera**. If you would be interested in joining this, please let Janet know as soon as possible. Dates will be fixed in the very near future.

Veggies

The Village Enhancement Group, or Veggies, held their AGM on April 22nd. They identified a number of projects for the coming year, among them the tidying of the well site, with the advice of Notts Wildlife Trust, and the installation of owl boxes around the parish. If you are interested in helping with these projects, which will probably start in the autumn, please contact Janet Landon for more information. Another project is to create a collection of old photos of the village for future reference and/or display in the Village Hall. We will start by collecting old aerial photographs. Some we may have to buy, but we are hoping that many will be loaned to us, so that we can copy them. If you own such a photograph, and would be willing for us to copy it, then please let Beatrice McGlen know.

Well Dressing Quiz

Another great quiz! With almost 70 people in the hall, the place was buzzing and the mood was very convivial! It was unanimously agreed that it was a most enjoyable evening. Many thanks to Chris and Beatrice for setting the questions, and to Cath and Frank for compiling the flyer. Also, particular thanks go to Ann & John for their work in the kitchen, and to Amos and Tim for their work in the bar and for clearing the hall afterwards.

Internet Broadband Access

There is virtually no chance of Headon and Upton ever getting broadband internet access because we are too far from the exchange. Therefore the idea is being considered of setting up a community venture which would get anyone in Headon and Upton access to satellite broadband via a wireless network. This would be run on a not-for-profit basis.

Basically this would involve anyone who subscribes to the service having a small antenna fitted to their house which then connects to a special network card installed in their PC. If there is sufficient interest, we would try to get funding for set up costs, which would be the biggest expense. Subscribers may need to pay an initial charge of approximately £70 for their antenna and card, and would then pay a monthly fee of about £20, giving constant internet access.

This would vastly improve internet access, but would only be viable if enough people are interested. If you would be interested in this scheme, please contact Ian Cawthorne (248782) or Janet (248282).

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

**You are invited to the
Annual Parish Meeting
on
Friday 30 May at 7.30 pm**

**A speaker from Severn Trent will tell us
more about the sewerage plant on Yew
Tree Road, and discuss other water
treatment issues.
*Refreshments available***

Wanted!
For the Well Dressing
Cakes..... Bric a Brac.....Offers of help
Please let Janet or Pat know if you can
give any of the above (248282 or
248767)

**Saturday collections of
bulky domestic refuse
Next collection: Saturday 31 May**

Baby sitting
Responsible 15-year old girl
available for baby-sitting.
Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187

**The next all day Art class with Helen
will be on Thursday 22 May**

**Headon-cum-Upton, Grove
and Stokeham Parish Council
Next meeting
Monday 19 May
at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall
Members of the public are cordially invited**

**200 Club winners
April draw:**

1st	£25	Ian Champion
2nd	£15	Toni Champion-Lane
3rd	£5	Gaye Bennett

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

Weightloss
Nicola Mosley lost 12lb and 3 ½ inches
off her waist in her first week on the
programme.
**LOSE WEIGHT
&
FEEL GREAT!**
With our naturally derived products
30 day money back guarantee
call Nicola on 01489 880894
or visit her on
www.vitalife.org
(independent Herbalife distributor)



TUXFORD MINE OF INFORMATION

Over the next few weeks we will be starting the following classes:-

Dunham on Trent ☞ Introduction to the Internet and E-mail ☞ Computers for Beginners or 2nd Stage Beginners

Elkesley ☞ Using Microsoft Word and Publisher

East Markham ☞ Computers for Beginners or 2nd Stage Beginners

Tuxford ☞ Introduction to the Internet and E-mail ☞ Introduction to Microsoft Excel Spreadsheets

☞ Introduction to Digital Imaging (as the previous taster session proved popular this is a repeat, but longer course will be starting in September 2003)

New Courses in the planning stages are

- **Introduction to Microsoft Access** (database)
- **Introduction to Microsoft PowerPoint**

All the above courses are for 5 or 6 weeks but have different start dates. If you are interested in any of them please ring Tuxford Mine of Information on 870040 for more details or to be added to the waiting lists. Places are limited so please ring early.

For further details of any notice please ring 248282