

HEADS-UP!

The newsletter for Headon-cum-Upton
(website: headon-cum-upton.org.uk)

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There have been a number of new families move into the village in recent months – we welcome you and hope that you enjoy living here and hope, too, that we will see you at some of the varied activities taking place in the village. The next event is the performance by Joe Scurfield this coming Friday at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Many thanks to all of you who have paid your 200 Club membership for the year – that has certainly made collecting much easier. Encouragingly, several newcomers to the village have also joined the 200 Club and we are grateful for their support.

Three representatives of East Midlands Electricity came to the last Parish Council meeting and a report of the discussions is on page 2. There has been a reorganisation of the police in our area with a new Inspector, Gary France, at Retford and a new Community Beat Officer for the village (see below). The Council was pleased to welcome Graeme Waters to the meeting and to hear that it is Inspector France's intention to make sure that his officers are much more visible.

Village Hall AGM

The Committee was re-elected en bloc. Officers appointed:

Chairman:	John Mosley	Vice-Chairman:	Dave Burton
Secretary:	Janet Landon	Treasurer:	David Landon

The Chairman summarised all the events which had taken place in the hall over the past year. This totalled 54, (not including meetings and Friday night Social Club), a clear indication of the value of the hall to the community, and of the large number of people who use it. The highlight of the year was, of course, the visit of HRH the Princess Royal to open the hall, but other noteworthy events included the Grand Summer Ball and the five theatre performances. Also during the year we have been given computers and created a computer room, which now also accommodates our new Video conferencing equipment. The Chairman thanked the retiring committee for their work in making all this possible. He especially thanked those people who are not on the committee, but have freely given of their time and labour in different ways, and the members of the community who support our work and use the hall. The Treasurer presented the accounts for the Village Hall and the Social Club which are summarised on page 3, and thanked Bev Cawthorne for auditing the accounts.

In two recent inspections, one by electrical engineers for the renewal of the Entertainment Licence and one to test fire precautions, the inspectors commented that they had rarely seen such a well-maintained and well-organised Village Hall. The Chairman thanked Alun McKiernon and Russ Cauwood for achieving such a high standard.

Nottinghamshire Police

I am PC 595 Graeme Waters. I work from the Police Contact Point, telephone number 01909 500999 extension 7370 or 7371. My line manager is Sergeant Gill Proctor also based at North Leverton Police Contact Point. Please telephone the office to contact me for any non-urgent enquiries. Always ring 999 if you see a crime being committed or if a person's life is in danger. Always report crimes in your area, no matter how small. They may have been committed along with others of a similar nature. Please report these crimes to the crime desk at Worksop Police Station or via the Northern Area Control Room. I hope to keep you informed about local crime issues and problems in your area through the newsletter.

Many thanks
PC 595 Waters

District Council Election

Jeff Rickells was re-elected unopposed and will continue to represent the Ward which he has done for well over 30 years. We congratulate him on his re-election and send good wishes to Mavis who is not at all well.

Notes from the meeting on 22 April

Electricity Supply

Three representatives of East Midlands Electricity came to the meeting. They apologised for the interruptions to the supply and gave details of the causes of the most recent faults. Measures taken to improve the supply include the installation of three circuit breakers and the ability to switch the source of supply between Woodbeck and Bevercotes. (The short power cut on the evening of 19 April was a result of a car crash at Bevercotes – the supply was switched to Woodbeck within a few minutes). No further investment on power lines is planned. A video 'Just a few seconds' is available with advice on how to cope with transient interruptions to supply. One particular source of annoyance to residents is the service provided by the telephoning answering service which usually gives inaccurate information about the likely time of re-connection. The service is being constantly improved and the Council was asked to publicise the following telephone numbers:

Colin Randle, System Performance Manager
01332 393897

Lorraine Reddington Customer Operations
01332 393868

Nottinghamshire Police – reorganisation

Inspector Gary France has been appointed as Local Area Commander to succeed Eddie Ffoulkes-Jones; Gill Proctor is the new Sergeant at North Leverton Police Contact Point and PC Graeme Waters is the Community Beat Officer for all the villages in the Rampton and Trent wards (from South Leverton to Normanton-on-Trent.)

Car Park

Bassetlaw District Council has refused to move from its asking price of £600 plus legal fees plus the cost of a planning application if the Council decided to increase the size of the car park. The Council decided to seek a face-to-face meeting to try to reduce the price, with the help of District Councillor Jeff Rckells. It was suggested that an offer of £600 to include legal fees and the cost of a planning application be made.

Annual Parish Meeting

John Mann MP has been asked to come to the Annual Parish Meeting and offered a choice of dates in May. He has not yet replied.

Saturday collections of bulky domestic refuse

The District Council has confirmed its decision to reinstate this service and issued dates of collections for the remainder of the year. These are:

4 May	15 June	27 July
7 September	19 October	30 November

To try to avoid misuse of the service the District Council advises that only the following items can be collected – furniture, old clothing/textiles (bagged) and garden refuse (bagged). There is a long list of other items which will not be collected, including building rubble, bathroom fittings, boilers, radiators, gas fires, fireplaces, garden machinery, bicycles and white goods (fridges, freezers, cookers, microwaves etc). Residents can dispose of white goods by telephoning 01909 534501 (fridges and freezers are free of charge).

Salt box in Upton

The Council noted, with approval, the County Council's decision to provide a salt box near the junction of Askham Road and Main Street.

Sign to Village Hall

Nottinghamshire County Council has refused to allow the inclusion of a sign pointing to the Village Hall on the existing signpost at the junction of Thorpe Street and Church Street. They have also indicated that they would refuse permission for a new sign to be erected on the roadside verge because 'the Village Hall should be promoted as a local facility for local residents and that it is County Council policy not to grant approval for non-essential signs on the highway'. The Council considered that the promotion of a Village Hall was a matter for the Village Hall Committee and that, if all non-essential signs were removed from the highway, there would be no direction signs at all. The Council decided to refer the matter to County Councillor Hempsall.

Date of next meeting

The next meeting will be held on 27 May at the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

David Landon
Clerk of the Council
Tel: 248282

Well Dressing Society Quiz 19 April

This was another great night, with lots of fun and good questions, even if we didn't know the answers... do you know what farmyard animal is called a "shoat"? Even the farmers couldn't answer that one! Nine teams took part, and the winners were Cath Goundry and Frank Turton's team, who won £30 and the Quiz cup.

The Well Dressing itself will take place at the end of June with a number of events planned for the weekend of 29/30 June. More details in the next issue.

Work on the Well Dressing will start in mid June, as usual we will welcome any offers of help!

Village Enhancement Group

At their AGM, the old Millennium Committee changed its name to Village Enhancement Group and will now concentrate primarily on environmental concerns in our villages.

Trees have now been planted on the East Drayton Road. A vote of thanks was made to Robert Champion for doing this, and for all the environmental work he does.

Projects for the future will include more tree planting, the placing of a bench at the junction of Clover Close Lane and Brigg Lane and an attempt to disguise the ugly sewage treatment plant on Yew Tree Road.

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 on 248767 or Janet on 248282.

Social Club Accounts

The AGM was held on 30 April. The summarised accounts are as follows:

	£
Sales	<u>5116</u>
Net profit	2044
Donated to Well Dressing Society	<u>-380</u>
Balance – to Village Hall	<u>1664</u>

In his report the Treasurer said that the income over the bar represented the sale of 2,000 pints of beer, 800 glasses of wine, 400 measures of spirits and 800 soft drinks. This gives a total of 4,000 individual drinks served, and glasses washed, over 60 barrels of beer, 200 bottles of wine and 30 trays of soft drinks bought, transported, stocked and empties disposed of. He thanked the six people who willingly give up their time to serve behind the bar etc.

Annual subscriptions, which are now due, remain at £5, with a reduction to £1 for under 18s and those over state pension age. New members will be made very welcome.

Village Hall Accounts

The Treasurer reported an eventful and successful year, summarised below:

	£
Total operating income	8255
Total operating expenditure	<u>3163</u>
Surplus of Income over Expenditure	5092
Grants and donations	<u>11061</u>
Total income	16153
Car park, landscaping and equipment	<u>14543</u>
Net surplus for year	<u>1611</u>

Apart from the Summer Ball, the maximum price of admission to any event is £5 and many are considerably cheaper. An operating income of over £8,000 therefore represents a lot of people using the Hall. The surplus of expenditure over income, together with several grants and a large donation from the Well Dressing Society, allowed the Committee to complete the extension, renovate the outbuilding and landscape the area around it, extend and resurface the car park, and spend over £1,200 on further equipment, mainly for the kitchen and the bar.

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

Village Hall 10 May at 7.30 pm



Joe Scurfield
of The Old Rope String Band
I fiddled my way in
Admission £5, OAPs & students £3
(Ticket price includes supper)
Phone 248282 for tickets
Bar open from 7.00 pm

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

The next meeting will be on
Monday 27 May
at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall

Members of the public welcome

Baby sitting

Responsible 14 year old girl available
for baby sitting.

Contact Sophie McGlen on 248187

Hat exchange

An idea!

I needed a hat for this weekend. I already have several quite good hats, but none were suitable for this occasion, and I didn't really want to buy another. So, I got to thinking, and wondered if it would be a good idea to set up a sort of "Hat Directory"? Ladies who would be willing to lend their hats could give their names and a brief description and between us we could save a lot of money!

I would compile this directory, if anyone else thinks it a good idea.
Janet

200 Club

April Draw

Winners

1 st	£25	Dawn Champion
2 nd	£15	Wendy Foster
3 rd	£5	Toni Champion

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

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

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

For further details of any notice phone 248282