

HEADS-UP!

The Newsletter for Headon and Upton

October /November2012



Friday November 16th

at 7.30p.m.

in the Village Hall

Hedgehog talk

by Janet Peto of Hedgehog Welfare

Janet will give a talk about her work in rescuing hedgehogs and advise on how we can help these garden visitors, which were once so common. Their numbers are decreasing rapidly, and this year they are under particular threat from a parasite which thrives in wet conditions.

and

Phoenix Stationery with Steph Proudley



Steph will once again be here with her delightful cards and stationery. The hassle-free way to purchase your Christmas stationery from a fantastic assortment of greeting cards (Christmas, birthday etc), gift wrap, ribbon and more.

Refreshments will be available

Chris Newman & Maire Ni Chathasaigh

 The celebrated virtuoso guitar & Irish harp partnership of Chris  & Maire Ni Chathasaigh (pronounced Moira Nee Ha ha sig) has performed in most of the major folk & Celtic festivals in Europe, the USA & Australasia.

Now they come to Headon Village hall for the first time with their addictive & stylish cocktail of powerhouse Irish dance music, gorgeous airs, evocative old songs & striking new compositions-with shots of hot jazz & bluegrass thrown in. We feel privileged to have them here & hope you will join us for an exciting evening on Friday 23rd November at 7.30 p.m. Tickets are £10 and can be obtained from Dave Burton on 01777 248085

Christmas raffle

We will be having a Christmas raffle again, but Janet is asking for more help in selling tickets. Any offers of prizes or help in selling tickets will be gratefully received—ring Janet on 248282. The first prize is a festive hamper which is being prepared by Angela McKiernon. Gifts of (small) items for the hamper will be appreciated - please ring Angela on 248762 and she will arrange to collect.

Christmas & New Year Wheelie Bin Collections

Collections on Monday 24th December will be as normal. There will be no collections on Monday 31st December and Monday 7th January and the collections due on these days will be made on Wednesday 2nd January and Tuesday 8th January respectively. Residents are asked to put out the appropriate wheelie bin by 6am on the morning of collection.

Parish Council News

Notes from the Parish Council meetings on 1st October and 5th November 2012

Co-option of a new member for Grove

Chris Holliland of Grove has been co-opted to fill the remaining vacancy and so, for the first time in quite a while, we now have a full complement of members!

Broadband Speed Improvements

Defra has approved £50k funding, subject to investigating a technical solution and surveying residents to confirm the level of demand for high speed broadband. Canvassing will take place shortly and your support is essential if we are to succeed in bringing high speed broadband to the villages. If anyone is interested in helping with the project, the canvassing, or can offer expertise, please do not hesitate to come forward.

Procedure for Including Items on the Agenda

Members of the public can raise any relevant issues during the 10 minute public forum prior to the start of the meeting proper. If you want an item included on the agenda you should contact a parish council member or the chairman, giving as much background information as possible. The agenda is published a week prior to the meeting and so an early request for an agenda item is essential. Because members of the public are not allowed (by law) to speak once the meeting has started, a preliminary chat with a councillor is essential.

Speeding Traffic

Following concerns raised by village residents about the speed of traffic on Yew Tree Road and Thorpe Street the Council has asked to be included in Community Speedwatch operations which are felt to have been effective in other villages in slowing traffic down. A number of village residents have volunteered to be trained in operating the speed gun.

Wind Turbines

The Council will ask Bassetlaw District Council about the effectiveness of the monitoring of noise levels at land off Lady Well Lane given that the turbines were switched off at certain times.

Car Park – Church Street, Headon

Bassetlaw District Council say it is not able to carry out improvement work and the Council will be looking at obtaining funding to make the improvements ourselves (increasing the parking area to accommodate more vehicles) but permission first has to be sought from the District Council.

Highways

A build up of leaves and debris on the parish roads and pavements, a street light not working at Grove, and overgrown hedges will be reported to the County Council Highways Department.

Grove War Memorial

Bassetlaw District Council, prompted by the War Memorials Trust, contacted the Council about the access to the Memorial. The Council looked into improving the access some years ago but the costs were prohibitive. However, with the centenary of the outbreak of WWI approaching, grants may be available and a site meeting will be arranged to discuss this further.

Hallcroft Tip

The design of the recycling centre at Retford was questioned as the ramps to the skips appear too steep for the elderly and infirm to use. The concerns have been raised with the County Council.

Proposed Concurrent Grant Reductions

Parish Councils across the District are organising a petition to try to force a debate at full council about plans to scrap the grant paid to Parish Councils to try to offset the cost of Parish Councils providing services that in Retford and Worksop are paid for out of the general council tax. Although our grant is small (£288 a year) the Council supports this initiative and members will be asking village residents to sign the petition.

Notice Boards

The village notice boards at Headon and Upton are to undergo refurbishment over the coming weeks. This will involve replacement glass at Upton and a new notice board at Headon.

Audit of Accounts

The Council's accounts have now been approved by the external auditor. The public may view the audit document by prior appointment with the Clerk.

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Police Report

PC Bailey advised the October Council meeting that three crimes had been reported: a burglary at Grove, an attempted break in at Headon Camp and the theft of a tractor battery from Greenspotts Lane. He reported that metal thefts are decreasing and that turning off street lights during the night has not led to increases in crime. He was unable to attend the November meeting but advised that no crimes had been reported in the past month.

PC 1695 Bill Bailey can be contacted on 07910 336 844

Email – Bill.Bailey@Nottinghamshire.pnn.police.uk

Crimestoppers – 0800 555 111 – all calls are confidential and the caller may remain anonymous if desired. The non-emergency contact is 101 and this can be used anywhere in the country to contact local police for the area you are calling from. The cost of the call, regardless of length of call and whether landline or mobile is 15p.

Village Hall

Unfortunately the Harvest Supper had to be cancelled due to lack of support. Given that the Easter Feast was also cancelled for the same reason we are thinking that perhaps these events have had their day and that we should try to think of other community events to take their place. Any feedback from the village, or alternative ideas on this would be much appreciated!

The Over 60s Christmas dinner will be held on Sunday, December 2nd. As before, there will be a charge of £10 per head for people aged between 60 and 80 years. Over 80s will not pay anything.

The village Christmas party will be on Friday December 14th, from 8p.m. Everyone welcome—just bring a contribution to the food!

Theatre Club

SHOW	VENUE	DATE	TIME	PRICE
My Fair Lady	Sheffield Crucible	Sat. Jan. 19th	2.30 pm	£ 31.00

For more information contact Margaret Farr 248053 or Paul Langhorne 248385

Church service times

	Headon	Askham	East Markham
11 th November	10.00 am	REMEMBRANCE SERVICE (at East Markham)	
18 th November	10.30 am <i>Morning Prayer</i>	8.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>	10.30 am <i>Mothers' Union Toy Service</i>
25 th November	9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>	9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>	10.30 am <i>Holy Communion & Baptism</i>
2 nd December	10.30 am	GROUP ADVENT SUNDAY (at Grove)	

Rev. Julia Jesson: 01777 870965

