

September 2001

A Night to Remember!!

Last Saturday saw the first of what seems certain to become an Annual Summer Ball. Seventy-seven people enjoyed a wonderful evening, the highlight of which was a first class meal prepared by Marian Phillips and her friend Ruth.

The idea of holding a Ball was Marian's and she and Ken and Janet Landon, Rosie Mudford and Pat Mosley undertook the preparations.

Much of the success of the evening was due to the generosity shown both before and during the event. The surroundings were much enhanced by the beautiful marquee, generously loaned by Mudfords, which provided a reception area. The organisers were especially grateful to the twelve teenagers who volunteered to wait on tables, giving up their Saturday night and the chance to watch the England v Germany football match. They did a fantastic job. Thanks are also due to Dave and Ralph Burton for manning the bar. Music for the evening was provided by the jazz band, "Herd's New Orleans Mix".

An auction was held after dinner, and this created a great deal of interest. Items were generously donated by Ken and Marian Philips, Ian Champion, Martin Mosley, Mudfords, Helen Silcock, the Label Stable and Mulberries Health Spa, while Andrew Silcock was good enough to volunteer to be the auctioneer. The West Retford Hotel, Ye Olde Bell Hotel and Angela and Alun McKiernon kindly donated raffle prizes.

The Ball was held to raise funds for the Village Hall, which has cause to be grateful not only to the organisers, but also to all who are mentioned above and to all of those who dipped deep into their pockets on the night. Amazingly, the total profits from the evening amount to nearly £3,000! Of this, the auction alone raised £1905, while the raffle brought in another £108. Many, many thanks to all who helped achieve this tremendous result.

Village Map

The Village Map, commissioned by the Well Dressing Society as part of their Millennium gift to the villages, has finally arrived. It has been drawn and painted by Penny Veys of Upton near Southwell. We are sure that you will agree that it is very beautiful and will be an asset to our villages. There are three copies, one for Headon, one for Upton and one for inside the Village Hall. Display cabinets have been ordered for the two which will be outside in each village. Suitable sites have yet to be agreed upon. In Headon the map will go either in the car park or outside the Village Hall, but Upton is a bit more difficult, so far the only suggestion is to put it in the bus shelter.

Smaller, framed, hand coloured copies of the map are available from Penny Veys at a cost of £50. These can be ordered directly from Penny, (tel. 01636 814890), or Janet (248282) will take orders. The map will be on view in the Village Hall tonight (Friday)

Parish Council News

Notes from the meeting held on 3 September

Grass Cutting

The Village Appraisal indicated widespread dissatisfaction with the standard of maintenance of the grass verges by Nottinghamshire County Council. The Grove Village Appraisal produced similar results. The fact that the Council has made repeated attempts to get the County Council to carry out this work with more care without any success has persuaded the Council to seek tenders for the cutting of the grass in all the villages for next year.

Computer Equipment

The Council has paid for two computer trolleys and the installation of a phone line in the Village Hall.

Police Liaison

The new Divisional Commander has decided that he does not want his officers to attend Parish Council meetings as a matter of routine. The Council feels that anything which reduces regular contact between the Police and the community is a retrograde step, particularly bearing in mind that the Local Beat Manager, PC Steve George, is keen to attend at least some Parish Council meetings. I was asked to write to Chief Superintendent Capps to ask him what measures he intends to put in place to ensure continued liaison between the Police and Parish Councils.

Car parking in Headon

The Council has asked Bassetlaw District Council to extend the car park opposite the Church or to let the Parish Council acquire and extend it. Despite several letters, and the intervention of District Councillor Jeff Rickells, the District Council has still not made a decision. Car parking problems in the village are becoming acute and the Council will press the District Council to resolve this matter as soon as possible and in good time for the visit of the Princess Royal in January.

Grove Road Level Crossing

In response to a request from the Council, Railtrack has advised that it is not company policy to provide emergency telephones at manned level crossings, but that it will display an emergency telephone number. (01904 525896). Apparently the justification for saying that the crossing is manned is that it is monitored by closed circuit television from Ranskill. I was asked to write to Railtrack to express the Council's concern that, although it is possible to monitor the crossing from a remote location, there is nobody on site to deal with emergencies. In particular, I was asked to enquire about the company's policy for dealing with failures to the closed circuit television equipment itself.

Postbox in Headon

The building housing the postbox will be demolished in the near future and rebuilt. The same box will be re-

sited in this wall; in the meantime a temporary box will be erected on the grass verge next to Riseholme.

Road Safety

The Council had asked that the villages be included in a Nottinghamshire County Council programme for road safety improvements. Headon-cum-Upton is not one of the five Bassetlaw villages included in this year's programme. In view of the results from the Village Appraisal, the Council will ask for the village to be included in the programme for 2002/03.

Street Names

Bassetlaw District Council is still writing to village residents using the old street names. I have written to the Chief Executive to point out that the District Council can hardly expect other organisations to use the correct postal addresses when it doesn't do so itself. Despite repeated requests, the Ladywell Lane sign has still not been replaced

Visit of HRH the Princess Royal

The format for this visit will not be decided until a meeting has been held with the Lord Lieutenant's representative in October. It is likely that the Parish Council will be invited to be represented by its Chairman. Although the Princess is coming to open the Village Hall, the visit involves the whole village and the Council decided to try to ensure that everywhere appears neat and tidy.

CPRE – Best Kept Village Competition

The Council noted that Headon-cum-Upton had not been included amongst the finalists in its section. Although it may have been unreasonable to expect to be included, some of us hoped to win the prize for the best new entrant – after all, some years there is only one new entrant!

Audit Fee

The Council has just received an invoice for the audit of the 1999/2000 accounts, work that was carried out one year ago. In view of the fact that the Audit Commission has still not replied to letters from the Council two years ago querying the level of charges, the Council decided not to pay this invoice until a reply is received.

Filing Cabinet

The Council decided to sell the 4-drawer filing cabinet. Please see the advertisement on the back page.

Next meeting

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

David Landon, Clerk of the Council

News from Village Organisations

Village Hall

Renovations

At their last meeting the Village Hall committee listed and prioritised the work that needs to be done on the hall. The main tasks are extending and resurfacing the car park and the outbuilding. We have enough funds for the car park and work is likely to begin towards the end of October. The committee is very grateful to John Pyper for all the work he has done to the outbuilding.

Classes

Bridge classes have continued throughout August, and continue to meet on Wednesdays at 7.30pm. Kick Boxing has also continued through the month, but has changed from Saturdays to Sundays at 6pm. Line Dancing will start again on Monday, September 17th at 7.30, and Computer classes on Monday September 17th at 1.15pm. North Notts College is to start Cake Decorating classes on Thursday September 13th at 7pm. Please come along to any class (except computers) which interests you, on the first date, and support your Village Hall.

Helen Silcock is prepared to run a daytime Painting and Drawing class, if enough people are interested. The classes she taught last season were excellent, but two people dropped out because of ill health. This means that there are no longer enough students to make the classes viable. Please let Janet know if you are interested in coming. If you are interested, but can only come in the evenings, it may be possible to find another teacher, so let us know anyway!

Internet Café!

The Village Hall is now equipped with three computers and peripherals and with a telephone line. The committee is grateful to Ian Cawthorne for his continued help in setting up an IT Centre and to the Parish Council which has paid for the installation of the telephone line and two trolleys to house the computers. Discussions are continuing with Nottinghamshire Rural Community Council and with the Mine of Information at Tuxford regarding extension of the computer facilities and funding for them. The outcome of these discussions will be known in October and until then a decision on a trolley for the third computer has been deferred. The Rural Community Council is hosting an informal information evening on Tuesday 18 September to demonstrate some of the benefits to the community of being connected to the world wide web. Do come along and see what is on offer – there is no charge and light refreshments will be provided.

Forthcoming events

The next event in the Village Hall is the Harvest Supper on Friday 5 October at 7.30 pm for 8.00 pm. The format is still to be decided but is likely to be similar to 2 years ago which was home-made soup, home cooked beef and gammon with jacket potatoes and a variety of salads and an assortment of desserts. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults, half price for 12s and under.

Well Dressing Society

More about the Map

Nottinghamshire County Council is printing leaflets to accompany the maps, which will show footpaths and sites of local interest.

We are grateful to Awards for All who have paid for the maps and cabinets, and to Nottinghamshire County Council for the leaflets. Thanks to them,

the Society's contribution to the cost should be relatively small.

Quiz

Another of our popular quizzes is planned for November 9th., so please make a note in your diary!

Social Club

‘Happy Hour’! Draught beer at £1 per pint. We have changed the happy hour from the first Friday of each month to the last Friday to coincide with the monthly 200 Club Draw, starting from 28 September. Some membership subscriptions still remain outstanding.

Forthcoming Events and Other Notices

Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

Presents a

Harvest Supper

Friday 5 October

7.30 pm for 8.00 pm

Licensed Bar

Tickets: Adults £5

Under 12's half price

Contact Janet (248282)

**Please book early to avoid
disappointment and help with catering**

Advance Notice Well Dressing Society Quiz

Friday 9 November at 7.30 pm

Tickets: £5, including supper

Village Hall Community Web Project

Find out how this project could benefit you
and the village
at an informal information evening
on September 18th at 7.30pm.

Light refreshments will be available, and
the bar will be open.

Admission free.

Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

New Class

North Notts College

Cake Decorating

Starts Thursday 13 September
at 7.00 pm at the Village Hall

Headon-cum-Upton Social Club

'Happy Hour' Draught beer £1 per pint

Tonight Friday (7 September) and
then on the last Friday of each
month to coincide with the 200
Club draw starting from 28
September.

8.30 pm till 11.00 pm

200 Club August Draw

1 st	£25	David Landon
2 nd	£15	Doreen Buttrick
3 rd	£5	Sheila Langlands

Get well

Best wishes to John Mosley for a
speedy recovery, following his hip
operation last week and to Amos
Roy following his broken leg and
ankle.

Wanted

Cleaner for the Village Hall

Approximately ½ day per week.

Terms to be discussed

Filing cabinet

4-drawer metal filing cabinet for
sale (ex Parish Council).

Offers, in writing, to David Landon

Bulk Refuse Collection

The next collection of bulky
domestic refuse will be on
Saturday 22 September