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Headon-cum-Upton Newsletter

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Editorial

Welcome to this somewhat belated edition of the Newsletter. Inside you will find most of the regular features, including an interesting article by Glen Thomas on bird watching. We also have a contribution from the Youth Forum.

There has been a good response to the Village Appraisal and we hope to have the results before the next edition of the Newsletter.

The contractor is making good progress with the extension of the Village Hall and hopes to be finished ahead of schedule. The work appears to be of a high standard and the Committee is pleased by the tidiness and security of the site. The Hall will be closed for between 6 and 8 weeks after the closing down party on Friday 22 September.

With thanks as usual to Rampton Hospital for printing this newsletter, and to the delivery team.

We are sure that everyone joins us in wishing Ann Pyper a speedy recovery after her recent illness – Get well soon, Ann.

Village Hall

The building work at the Village Hall is coming on well, in fact the work is presently a little ahead of schedule. The outside work is almost completed, and from September 24th the Hall will be closed to enable the contractors to complete the work. The completion date should be November 17th, all being well. We hope to have an informal event to celebrate the re-opening, possibly with a Grand Opening Ceremony a bit later on. Watch this space!

The New Perspectives Theatre Company will be presenting "A Yuletide Stomp" on November 30th. This will be a cabaret style event, and promises to be great fun. Please make a note of that date!

Meanwhile, the Village Hall Committee is asking for volunteers to help empty the Hall on Saturday September 23rd. We are meeting at the Hall at 2p.m. on that day, please do come along if you can, your help would really be appreciated – free beer (afterwards!).

The Committee is also appealing for storage space, particularly for chairs, tables etc. This would only be for those few weeks, so if you can help please let us know. Contact John on 248564 or David on 248282.

Church News

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council

I would like to invite everyone to this year's Harvest Festival at Church at 10.30 on Sunday 24 September. This will be a Family Service, and will this year include the baptism of baby Sidney Peter Bennett of Barley House, Upton.

Harvest Produce will be gratefully received at church at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday 23 or earlier to the Churchwardens, Marjorie Brailsford at Nether Headon and Gerry Oxenbury at Upton. As usual, all produce will be donated to the Retford Cheshire Home after the Harvest Festival.

Rev James Little

Village Appraisal

Many thanks to all of you for completing the questionnaires. These are now with the Rural Community Council for analysis. If you have not yet handed in your questionnaire, you still have a few days in which to do this, and it is important that everyone's views are made known.

The questionnaire was based on a model created by the Rural Community Council. Representatives from all organisations in our villages considered this model from the point of view of the organisation they represented, and so worked to create a questionnaire which they felt was suited to Headon, Upton and Stokeham. They sincerely hope that the information which you have provided will help them to meet your needs and expectations in the future.

Notes from meeting on 4 September

1 Members of the public

On behalf of the Council, the Vice-Chair welcomed three residents of Grove to the meeting. The Council hopes that members of the public will continue to take advantage of the opportunity to join in the Open Session which now precedes each meeting.

2 Village Appraisal

The Headon-cum-Upton and Stokeham Appraisal Questionnaires have been delivered. To date some 51 of 74 delivered in Headon-cum-Upton and 13 out of 18 delivered in Stokeham have been returned. Those who have not completed their questionnaire because of holidays etc still have time to do so. The questionnaires are now being analysed by the Rural Community Council and the results should be available within about a month. The Grove Appraisal is at the final draft stage. The questionnaires for the businesses on the industrial estates at Headon and Stokeham and for the Headon-cum-Upton Youth Forum will be ready shortly.

3 Speed limits/road safety

Nottinghamshire County Council has finally agreed to extend the 30 mph limit in Stokeham, but says it does not have the money to do so until next financial year. The Council is to make representations to try to get this decision implemented much sooner. The Council is also to arrange to meet the County Council to discuss dangerous road junctions in Headon. Street Nameplates The street nameplates for Headon-cum-Upton and Stokeham have been ordered and will be delivered in due course.

4 Planning application – Carmalor Homes, Grove

The Council objected to this application. It felt that no development should be permitted until the mains drainage scheme had been completed and a suitable method of dealing with surface water implemented. However, even if these two measures were in place, the pond would still overflow at times of heavy rain. Furthermore, the Council was concerned about the safety of children near water and that the access to the site is on a blind bend. The Council also considered its response should the scheme receive planning permission. Firstly, it would be extremely reluctant to assume responsibility for the pond; secondly, if the scheme were to go ahead, the Council would ask that the whole site be surrounded by traditional hedges.

5 Street Lights

The County Council has found the money to install additional street lights outside the Church Hall in Grove and near to the bus shelter in Upton. Hopefully this work will be completed in this financial year.

6 Power Cuts

Last November representatives of PowerGen came to a meeting of the Council to explain the action they were intending to take to reduce the incidence of power cuts. In view of the number of recent power cuts, it appears as if nothing has been done and the Council intends to press PowerGen to get on with the work.

7 Grants to Churches

The Council approved grants towards the cost of maintaining the churchyards at Headon and Stokeham. (Note: a request for a grant has now been received from Grove PCC and will be considered at the next meeting).

8 The Old Smithy

With Ferndene now up for sale, the Council is to make enquiries of the County and District Councils to see if it would be possible to have a preservation order made on this building.

9 Audit of Accounts for 1998/99 and 1999/2000

The Clerk reported that the audit was scheduled to be completed by 6 September. (Note subsequent to the meeting: the audit was satisfactorily completed on that date).

10 Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Council will be held in Grove Church Hall at 7.30 pm on Monday 23 October. Members of the public are cordially invited to attend.

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Clerk of the Council
Tel: 248282

Bird Wise

By Glen Thomas

Hello

Welcome back to bird wise. I have just returned from a rather hectic week's bird ringing course held at West Burton Power Station. The course an annual event is organised and run by bird ringers who live in North Nottinghamshire. It is one of several formal ringing courses organised and run on behalf of the British Trust for Ornithology. These events have a number of functions from allowing individuals who are training to be bird ringers to get experience in handling species which they may not catch in their own area. To some individuals who are in the process of seeking what we call a ringing permit upgrade. This means that they undergo a review of their capabilities whilst on the course all of which is observed by an independent panel of qualified trainers. If successful they are then allowed to upgrade their permit. Some twelve individuals attended the course this year, some from as far afield as Scotland. We also had some fifteen trainers and assistants on the course. (I will explain the permit structure in more detail in some future report).

Catching birds for the purpose of ringing them is very tightly controlled and a government licences is required to handle any bird for the purpose of ringing them. These are managed by the British Trust for Ornithology on behalf of English Nature. A period of extensive training is required before anyone is allowed to eventually go out with the intention of catching birds. As I have already said the course which normally runs in early August gives a general indicator as to how successful many bird species have performed in their breeding attempts during the current year. This year nearly one thousand birds were ringed at the site during what was a rather, unsettled week weather wise.

Unusual birds caught included a Green Woodpecker, four Great Spotted Woodpeckers, a Tawny Owl and a Wood Warbler. Almost forty different species were caught during the week. However, despite the variety of species and the numbers of birds handled breeding success for many species, appears to have been very poor. There were clearly on or two exceptions but many of the summer migrants appear to have given up early and some are clearly already starting out on their migration. Resident species such as Blue Tits, Great Tits, Robins and Wrens also appear to have had limited success. Although contrastingly Song Thrush and Blackbirds seem to have done exceptionally well with the prolonged damp conditions obviously providing plenty of worms for them.

Even as I write this Swallows are already starting to congregate on the overhead wires. Are they early this year? Or is it my imagination. Nevertheless now is the time to keep your eyes open. Migration time means that literally anything can turn up anywhere at any time. So do not be surprised if you see something unusual in your garden or flying overhead. After all I have had Osprey, Marsh Harrier, Buzzard and Peregrine Falcon all flying over Headon at some time or other in recent years.

Till the next time. Good birding.

Glen Thomas.

Youth Forum – Strawberry Social Review

On 16 July, the Youth Forum held its 2nd annual 'strawberry and champagne social'. The whole event was a great success!!! The social was attended by around 60 people from many different age groups who came prepared to spend money on side stalls and competitions. (some even bought out the entire tombola stall).

The event raised £267 in total which, when added to the money raised at the Halloween Disco and last years' social gives a grand total of £610.

The Youth Forum is overwhelmed with the results of the events and is grateful to all the people who attended the events and is even more grateful to all people who donated money and prizes!! (you know who you are and thank you).

The Youth Forum is now organising a Village Appraisal for the youth of the village to see what the children and the Forum want to spend the money on.

Peter Phillips

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Exam Successes!

Congratulations to Claire Mosley on her A level results. Claire has been accepted by the University of Newcastle, to study Marine Biology. Good luck, Claire!

Congratulations, also to Peter Phillips and Neil Mosley on their good GCSE results—keep up the good work!

Headon-cum-Upton Village Hall

Closing Down Party

(organised by the Social Club)

Your last chance to experience the Village Hall
as it has been for over a century!

Friday 22 September from 7.30 pm

200 Club Draw

Light refreshments

Admission free

Children welcome

All drinks at half price!!!

**Free Range Eggs
Guaranteed organic**

Available now:

10p each

£1.20 per dozen

£3 for 30

From Lilac Farm Cottage, Upton. Tel: 248360

200 Club Draws

July

Ruth Cawood	1 st	£25	August
Mary Burton	2 nd	£15	Gordon Lusty
Toni Champion	3 rd	£5	Ian Cawthorne
			Chris McGlen

August

Village Hall Committee

Car Treasure Hunt

Sunday 1 October

From 2.30 pm

Details later

Church services

24 September	10.30 am	Harvest Festival
1 October	8.00 am	Said Communion
8 October	10.30 am	Mattins
15 October	9.00 am	Parish Eucharist

Message from Ann Pyper

I would like to thank everyone who has sent a card or good wishes whilst I have been in hospital and until I am home and able to see people personally would like to say how much these little messages mean when you are feeling very low. I am now on the road to recovery – I won't be running round the clump for a while but each day I progress.

Thank you all. See you soon.

Love Ann

Bassetlaw Hospice Collection

Ann Pyper and Kathleen Champion would like to thank everyone who once again gave so generously to the Bassetlaw Hospice collection which raised a grand total of £75.50 from the residents of Headon-cum-Upton. This will greatly help towards the running of our local Hospice situated in Retford, which was purpose built by the people of Bassetlaw by means of such fund-raising events and provides a magnificent service for the whole of Bassetlaw.

Thank you all once again.

NOTTINGHAMSHIRE ROYAL SOCIETY FOR THE BLIND

The Nottinghamshire Royal Society for the Blind (NRSB) is now extending the services and support it provides to blind and vision impaired people in the Bassetlaw area of Nottinghamshire. To achieve this we have a permanently established presence at premises located with the Methodist Church on Grove Street in Retford.

We now intend to identify and improve the quality of life for a much greater number of blind and vision impaired people within the Bassetlaw district. In particular, we wish to increase our Home Visiting Service for those who live alone, to improve access to resource aids and equipment for all vision impaired people, increase access to benefits and welfare rights advice and provide locations for supervised social and activity based groups.

Currently there are groups for blind and vision impaired people that meet at the following locations:

Goodwin Hall, Retford - every Tuesday from 2 to 4 p.m.

Randall Way Community Centre, Retford - every second Wednesday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

If you would like any further information please contact:

Mr John Jones, Nottinghamshire Royal Society for the Blind

c/o The Methodist Church, Grove Street

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