

# Heads - Up!

*The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham June 2024*



## Open Farm Sunday

**Sunday 9th June, 11am - 3pm**

Activities include:

**Guided farm tours start at 2pm**

**Animal pens**

**Tractors and machinery**

**Nature trail and quiz**

Talks and demos about different areas of agriculture from people knowledgeable in their craft including:

**Permaculture**

**Soil health and it's importance**

**Horticulture**

**Beekeeping**

Farm shop will be open selling hot food, drinks and ice cream. Bar also.

**Home Farm, Grove Drive, Grove,  
DN220RJ**



**Headon Village Hall  
Welcomes  
Wallace & Dough Pizza Van**

**Friday 7th June  
5.30pm—8.00pm**

The Village Hall Bar will be open from 5.00pm

Come along and join us for a drink while you are waiting for your pizza to be prepared and cooked in the pizza van's wood fired oven.

## Memories of Revd. J W A Cowgill

Or do you have any memories of life in our villages in by-gone days? If so, please share them in Heads-Up. Janet Landon starts us off with memories of Revd. Cowgill.

John Wilfrid Alban Cowgill was the rector of our parish from 1953 to 1974. He, his wife, Jean and son, Michael, lived in the Rectory in Headon.

Revd. Cowgill knew everyone in Headon and Upton. Some of you will remember the seaside trips he organized each summer, when two buses were needed to take passengers from each village for a day out in Cleethorpes. Was it always Cleethorpes? I'm not sure. He and his wife also hosted an annual summer garden fete in the Rectory garden, with fancy dress and other competitions and stalls selling various items, to raise funds for the church. Every Christmas there was a children's party at the Rectory, when each child would receive a small gift, and there were children's games nights at the Rectory every Friday evening, after which Revd. Cowgill would take every child home in his car.

I have recently been in touch with some of Revd. Cowgill's relatives. It seems that he was known as Alban to his family, and they shared some stories with me. Alban was one of 13 siblings, 10 boys and 3 girls. All the Cowgill boys were named John – allegedly, so that when they were out playing, their mother could just shout “John” to gain the attention of all the boys!

Alban was always known as a man of great kindness. This was illustrated in a story told at his funeral many years later. When he was a very small boy his church held a toy service, whereby children would bring a toy that would then be given to ‘less fortunate children’. It was explained to them that it shouldn't be rubbish but possibly a toy that was in good condition that they didn't need anymore. Alban decided to give his most precious possession, a white teddy that he loved passionately, and he wouldn't heed protests from his family that it was too good to give away. He was vicar of Askham with East Drayton and Stokeham from 1949, and this was later reorganised to include Headon, so then he needed a car! He recalled how he had to cycle on all his visits between parishes, until the Bishop bought him an Austin Seven for £50!

It seems to me that with his departure from Headon, a way of life disappeared, too. With a few temporary exceptions, the church and villages gradually drifted further apart from each other and the level of involvement with parishioners shown in Revd. Cowgill's time is unheard of nowadays, to the detriment of our community.

## Headon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents

### One Life (PG)

The true story of Sir Nicholas 'Nicky' Winton, a young London broker who, in the months leading up to World War II, rescued over 600 predominantly Jewish children from Nazi-occupied Czechoslovakia. Racked by guilt at those he was unable to save, it's only 50 years later when he appears on a TV show that he can finally come to terms with his past. Starring Antony Hopkins, Johnny Flynn and Helena Bonham-Carter

**Saturday 8th June**

Headon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

Contact Pat - [paddythorpe@btinternet.com](mailto:paddythorpe@btinternet.com) or on 248368

# Fish & Chips

**Friday 19th July**  
**From 5.00 - 7.30pm**

**Fish & Chips**  
**Time & Plaice, Mobile Van**  
**at Headon Village Hall**



The bar will again be open from 5pm to allow people to bring their fish & chips into the hall and enjoy them with a drink.

## General Election Postal Vote

If you plan to be away from home on the day of forthcoming General Election (Thursday 4th July) you can register for a postal or proxy vote at: [www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election](http://www.gov.uk/vote-uk-election). The deadline to do this is 5pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

## Puzzle Corner?

Archie lied on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Wednesdays, but told the truth every other day of the week.  
George lied on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays, but told the truth every other day of the week.

Archie: I lied yesterday.

George: I lied yesterday, too.

What day of the week was yesterday?

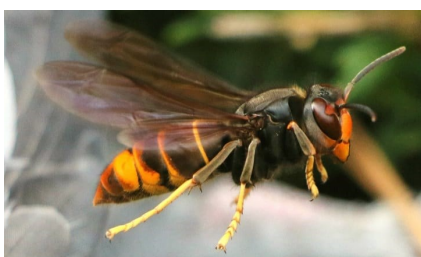
## Watch out for Asian Hornets

The British Beekeeping Association are urging members of the general public to keep a watch out for the invasive Asian hornet, which presents a serious threat to our native honeybees. Asian hornets are now well established on the continent and reports of Asian hornets in the UK are on the rise. Since 2016 there have been 108 sightings in the UK of which 56 were reported in 2023.

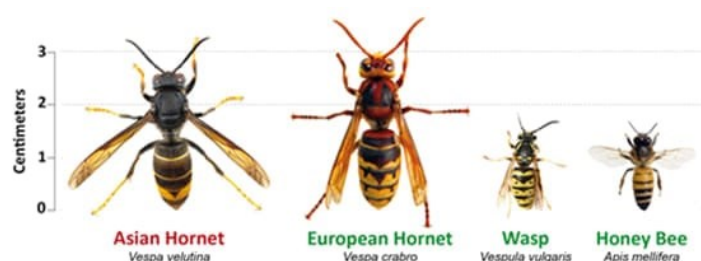
Just one Asian hornet can hunt down and eat 30 - 50 honey bees a day and their habit of hawking (hovering) outside the hive stops the bees from collecting nectar and pollen to feed themselves and they will eventually starve.

Asian hornets (*Vespa velutina*) are slightly smaller than native European hornets, have yellow legs, an orange face and brown body with one yellow stripe. it is important to take care not to approach or disturb a nest. Asian hornets are not generally aggressive towards people but an exception to this is when they perceive a threat to their nest.

People who suspect they have seen an Asian hornet should report it immediately using the phone app 'Asian Hornet Watch'



*Asian Hornet*



## Church News & Services

Following the retirement of Rev Canon Bronwen Gamble in January 2022, the process of appointing a new Rector is still continuing. During this period the Church will continue as near normal as possible.

The Church contact is Reader Gill Rann on 07518 543868 or [riversretfordgill@gmail.com](mailto:riversretfordgill@gmail.com). Gill will be able to help with enquiries on matters such as baptisms, weddings, funerals, or home visits by putting you in touch with the appropriate person.

### The Parish of The Rivers, Retford

serving the villages, hamlets and communities of :

Askham, Cottam, Darlton, Dunham on Trent, East Drayton, East Markham, Fledborough, Grove, Headon, Nether Headon, Laneham, Church Laneham, Ragnall, Rampton, Rockley, Stokeham, Treswell, Whimpton Moor, Woodbeck, Woodcoates, Upton.

	St Nicholas Askham	St Peter East Drayton/ Dunham on Trent	St John the Baptist East Markham	St Helen Grove	St Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	All Saints Rampton	St Peter Stokeham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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**2nd June 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, East Markham**

<b>9th Jun</b>		10.30am Holy Communion					10.30am Morning Worship		
<b>16th Jun</b>	10.30am Morning Worship					10.30am Holy Communion			
<b>23rd Jun</b>			10.30am Holy Communion	6.00pm Songs of Praise					

**30th June 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion, St Helen, Grove**

**7th July 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, East Markham**

## Headon Village Hall Social Club

The bar is open every Friday night between 8pm - 11pm. Why not come along and have a relaxing drink at the end of the week.



### Re-cycled Cycles

All in very good condition and various sizes available  
Contact John Parker 07939 412542 (East Drayton)

