

# Heads - Up!

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

*March 2025*

## **An update from Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council**

### **North Humber to High Marnham Power Line**

As you may be aware National Grid is consulting on its latest proposal for the route of this power line. Unlike the two previous consultations in 2023 and 2024 this is a statutory consultation which is the final stage before the submission of an application for a Development Control Order (effectively planning permission for projects deemed to have significance for national infrastructure).

The proposed route runs just to the west of Rampton Hospital, crosses the Headon-Stokeham road near Magpie Farm and the Upton to East Drayton road just to the east of Fields Farm. A detailed map of the route can be found here: <https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/916c8552864646aa97e28317c515679f/page/Map-Home/>

National Grid declined the Parish Council's invitation to come to a public meeting to discuss its latest proposals because it already has public information events planned. Unfortunately the two nearest events are imminent. They are at:

Dunham on Trent Village Hall on Saturday 1 March 2025 from 11am till 4pm

North and South Wheatley Village Hall on Tuesday 4 March 2025 from 1pm till 7pm

If you are interested in further information and to make your comments you can do this here: <https://www.nationalgrid.com/the-great-grid-upgrade/north-humber-high-marnham/have-your-say>

The deadline for submission of comments is Tuesday 15 April.

### **Headon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents**

#### **Paddington In Peru (PG)**

Paddington returns to visit his beloved Aunt Lucy, who now resides at the Home for Retired Bears. With the Brown Family in tow, a thrilling adventure ensues when a mystery plunges them into an unexpected journey through the Amazon rainforest and up to the mountain peaks of Peru.

Starring Ben Wishaw, Hugh Bonneville, Emily Mortimer, Antonia Banderas, Olivia Coleman

**Saturday 1st March**

Headon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

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

## Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, DN22 0RD, commencing at 7pm. Parish Councillors welcome you to attend to ask questions and raise issues. We'd love to see you.

If you're not able to attend a meeting but would like to discuss an issue, full contact details for your Parish Councillors are located on the village notice boards, or the Parish Clerk is contactable at [headonpc@gmail.com](mailto:headonpc@gmail.com)

### St George's Day Evening Meal



**Saturday 26th April, 7.00pm**

**Tickets £20 per person**

Prawn Cocktail - Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding -  
Sherry Trifle  
Vegetarian option available

Book early to avoid disappointment

Contact: Paul Palmer 07794839742  
[ppalmer880@gmail.com](mailto:ppalmer880@gmail.com) / [headonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:headonvillagehall@gmail.com)

### Fish & Chips

**Friday 14th March**  
**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.

### Headon Village Hall Forthcoming Events

Some dates for your diary. Further information on ticket prices etc. to follow in later editions.

**21st June.** Tom Jones tribute act performed by Martin Jarvis.

**25th October.** Fake Thackray. Return of Jake Thackray tribute performed by John Watterson

**14th February 2026.** ABBA tribute band ABBA Sensation will be joining us again.

### Headon cum Upton VILLAGE HALL AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the Village Hall will be held on **Tuesday, April 15th, at 7.30p.m.** in the Village Hall. All village residents are cordially invited to attend.

# Dorrie's Story

Janet Landon has kindly provided this further story to add to her recent village history compilation.

Thank you to everyone who has bought a copy of my book, Headon: High Hill. I have been delighted with the interest that it has aroused and have been asked to send copies far and wide. It has been so interesting to connect with people whose families lived here long ago and to read their stories. Too late for the book, sadly!



I would like to share this lovely story with you. It concerns the old school in Headon Park, which really is a magical place. It has always reminded me of a fairy tale cottage though without the wolf or the bears! Knowing that the lady of the manor used to give a Red Riding Hood cloak to each little girl who went to this school only enhances this image.

Here's Dorrie's story which comes from a lady who lives in Leeds:  
"My grandmother's maiden name was Dorothy Booth (childhood pet names Dorrie or Dolly). She lived into her late 90s, and often told me stories about her childhood in Headon.

Her family lived in the Old Schoolhouse in Headon Park during the First World War period, where her father was a Forester. It must have been a marvellous place to grow up. My grandmother certainly had many wonderful memories of playing there, and of its wildlife and her beloved horse called Khaki!

Her mum Sarah is buried at Headon Church, and her big brother John (Private J. Booth) is also commemorated on the Roll of Honour plaque inside the Church. John fought in WW1 for the duration and survived, received a medal at Mons and went on to be mentioned for his bravery in delivering dispatches under heavy shell fire at the Somme.



Private John Booth



Dorothy Maude Booth

Dorrie went on to become a nursery nurse at Babworth Rectory until her marriage.

*"Back then there used to be lots of bluebells and primroses growing there, and when I was little I'd gather a big, big bunch of primroses and beautiful blue and white violets. Mother would put them in a shoebox, with all moss and leaves round them, for Father to put onto the train for London. He'd let my sister there know what train they'd be on and she would be waiting for it to come in, to pick up this box full of fresh flowers from home."*  
*Dorothy Maude Booth 1905-2002 (excerpt from a family recording of her reminiscences in 1999)*

My grandmother was the youngest of 9 children, so her sister in London was by that time already grown up and married to a banker, but she did still miss her family, Headon and country life. Dorrie would go to stay with her there sometimes, and though she found London fascinating, apparently Dorrie didn't think it was a patch on Headon and couldn't wait to be home!"

## Puzzle Corner

There are 10 sets of 10 coins. You know how much the coins should weigh. You know all the coins in one set of ten are exactly a hundredth of an ounce underweight, making the entire set of ten coins a tenth of an ounce underweight. You also know that all the other coins weight the correct amount. You are allowed to use an extremely accurate digital weighing machine only once.

How do you determine which set of 10 coins is faulty?

## Church News & Services

Following the retirement of Rev Canon Bronwen Gamble in January 2022, there is still no news on the process of appointing a new Rector. The Church will continue as near normal as possible during this time.

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 March** 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion and Covenant, **St John the Baptist, East Markham**

**5th March** 6.00pm, Ash Wednesday Service, **St Helen, Grove**

**9th March** 10.30 am, Holy Communion, **St Peter, East Drayton**

<b>16th Mar</b>	10.30am Holy Communion					10.30am Morning Worship		10.00am Morning Worship	
<b>23th Mar</b>			8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship					10.30am Holy Communion

**30th March** 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion, **All Saints, Rampton**

**6th April**, 10.30 am, Holy Communion, **St Peter, Laneham**

## 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)



**Answers** One coin from the first set is placed on the scale along with two from the second set etc... If the weight is off by one hundredth of an ounce then it is the first set that is faulty, if the weight is off by two hundredth of an ounce then it is the second set which is faulty, etc...