

# Heads - Up!

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

*September 2025*

## Headdon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents

### Bridget Jones: Mad About the Boy (15)

Bridget Jones, now a widowed single mother, navigates the challenges of parenthood, work, and modern dating with the support of her friends, family, and former partner. As she re-enters the dating world, she finds herself pursued by a younger man while also forming an unexpected connection with her son's science teacher. Starring Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth, Chiwetel Ejiofor, Hugh Grant, Leo Woodall

**Saturday 6th September**

Headdon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

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



## St Helen's Church, Grove Candlelit Harvest Supper

**Saturday 11th October 6.30pm for 7.00pm start**

Join us with your family and friends to celebrate this year's Harvest festivities in the beautiful church of St Helen's in the quaint village of Grove

**THIS IS A FREE EVENT** There will be a raffle however in aid of church funds

Choose from a freshly cooked menu;

BEEF STEW & DUMPLINGS  
CHILLI CON CARNE & RICE (V)  
BEEF LASAGNE & SALAD  
JACKET POTATO (cheese or chilli) & SALAD (V)  
APPLE CRUMBLE & CUSTARD/CREAM/ELMLEA  
INDUGENT LIMONCELLO CHEESECAKE & STRAWBERRIES  
(V)= Vegetarian options available

Please select your choice from the menu,  
then reserve your place by contacting David 07388 872082 message or text.  
Email [dmjспен@gmail.com](mailto:dmjспен@gmail.com) or find the event on the Grove Village Facebook

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

Residents may have noticed the glass recycling bins that the Parish Council has instigated. We hope that you are finding them useful. If you haven't yet spotted these, there is one next to the bus stop at Upton, one in the Village Hall car park at Headon, one next to the Parish Notice board at Stokeham and one by the old telephone box in Grove. ROB recycling has offered to empty these with no cost to the Parish Council so we are extremely grateful that we are able to provide this service for residents. Just a reminder though, these are for GLASS only. Any other items will contaminate the load, so thank you for your understanding.

The Parish Council continue to raise your concerns regarding local issues, to Highways (VIAEM) Nottinghamshire County Council and Bassetlaw District Council. Sadly, we don't always see immediate action but we do our best! Residents are also encouraged to download and use the 'MyNotts' app. Here you can get information, report and do a range of useful things, and if you're able to upload a photo of the problem it does help get it rectified even quicker! Here's the link if you'd like to download it to your phone: MyNotts app | Nottinghamshire County Council

For those of you that haven't discovered our website yet, it can be found at [www.hugsparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.hugsparishcouncil.co.uk). You can find local information and we've added some great photos of the area that can be found in the 'Gallery'. You can also view the Enclosure Act and Award which is a very interesting read.

The Parish Council are in possession of some of the very first minute books dating back from 1884 which are a fantastic read. We are hoping to have some of these on display for you at the Village Hall so keep an eye out for further information.

We are very proud of 2 upcoming long service awards within the Parish Council. Cllr John Mosley has given over 50 years as a Parish Councillor and Cllr Eric Briggs, 30 years, which are both incredible achievements for which we are extremely grateful. Certificates will be presented at the 'Nottinghamshire Association of Local Councils' AGM in October for this wonderful dedication and we look forward to sharing the photos with you at a later date.

Several years ago, Cllr Janet Landon put together a very useful information pack for new residents to the village. Would you like to see this resurrected for the future? Please let us know.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September at Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, DN22 0RD. As always, Parish Councillors welcome you to attend to ask questions and raise issues. Further details can be found on the Parish Council website: [www.hugsparishcouncil.co.uk](http://www.hugsparishcouncil.co.uk)

If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to make contact, full details for your Parish Councillors are located in the village notice boards, or the Parish Clerk is contactable at [clerk@hugsparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@hugsparishcouncil.co.uk)

*Clare* Clerk to Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

## Local Government Reorganisation

The Government is proposing a new unitary council structure in Nottinghamshire which will mean the end of Bassetlaw District Council along with other district councils in Nottinghamshire. Two options are being considered and the Local Government Reorganisation website is open for comments until the 14th September. For more details please go to: <https://lgrnotts.org/nottingham-and-nottinghamshire-reorganising-your-councils>

## Puzzle Corner

A girl meets a lion and unicorn in the forest. The lion lies every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, and the other days, he speaks the truth. The unicorn lies on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, and the other days of the week, he speaks the truth. "Yesterday, I was lying," the lion told the girl. "So was I," said the unicorn. What day is it?

*Answer at the bottom of the last page*

## HARVEST SERVICE IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

Yes, you read it right! After over 18 months with no services we are having a service in Headon Church, organised by the Headon Local Church Support Group and officiated by Gill Rann, the Licenced Lay Minister for the Rivers group of churches.

On **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 4.00pm** there will be a traditional harvest festival service at St Peter's church with refreshments afterwards. The church will be decorated for harvest and food gifts will be gratefully received on the day and later distributed to the hospice. Please do try and come to support your local church. Everyone is welcome including friends and families. Let's make this a service to remember!

### St Peter's Church Support Group, 12 August

*The Retford Times of 14<sup>th</sup> August 1885 published a lengthy report on the re-opening of the church two days earlier. It said that many people from surrounding villages and towns had come to the village to join in the celebrations which began with a well-attended Holy Communion service at 7.30am and ended with a free tea in a large barn at Manor Farm, attended by 300 people.*

Our 140<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration was more modest but we were nonetheless delighted to welcome more than 40 people. The centrepiece of the evening was an informative, entertaining and provocative talk on the church as "The heart of the Community" by Canon Rev Dick Lewis who seems to be as active in his retirement as he was as a full time vicar!

He explained that for much of its existence the church was used for many purposes, including markets and social gatherings as well as regular services of worship and special occasions such as baptisms, marriages and funerals. Rev. Lewis believes very strongly that the church needs to reach out to the people.

He was also very knowledgeable about the history of the church telling us that the internal walls would once have been covered with paintings and that once there was no seating in the body of the church and the congregation would generally stand or kneel during the service. Those who had difficulty standing would use the seating around the walls which is the origin of the expression 'the weakest go to the wall'. His knowledge of the 1885 restoration was such as to make the short talk I had prepared redundant!

Most of the audience lingered awhile, looking at the displays of village history and sampling the delicious home-made cakes and drinks that had been donated by members of the group and other well-wishers. Although the event was free, donations totalling £165 were received.

On behalf of everybody who cares about our church, thank you so much to all the members of the church support group, and all who helped, for their efforts in making the evening such a success. Congratulations to all of them for such an outstanding first event! There will be more and we hope very much that they will be as – or even more- successful!  
Janet Landon



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

**Friday 10th October**  
**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.

## 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
7th Sep			10.30am Holy Communion				10.30am Harvest Festival		
14th Sep		10.30am Holy Communion						10.30am Harvest Festival	
21st September, 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion, St Peter, Laneham									
28th Sep			8.00am Holy Communion 3.30pm Choral Evensong						
5th Oct			10.30am Holy Communion		4.00pm Harvest Festival				

### 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)

