

Heads - Up!

The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

April 2021

HISTORY WALK & TALK AROUND HEADON

Saturday 17 April 2021

10-am - 12.15pm



Leading local historian and author ADRIAN GRAY will lead a walk around historic Headon, explaining the story of the lost 'stately home' of Headon Park and the important place of the village in Mayflower Pilgrim history. Adrian will share many amazing stories to help you appreciate church and landscape.

Meet at HEADON Village Hall

- Walking distance approx. two miles, some uneven ground, optional stile
- Cost £7.50 per head – includes contribution to Headon church

Booking in advance only. By email (talksandtours@gmail.com)
or by phoning Maggy on 07950 167821

COVID: we have a full risk assessment and as a tourist organisation are authorised for outdoor activities with more than six people. However, places will be limited to twenty.

Spring on the Way



Now that we are on British Summertime we can, with any luck, look forward to warm sunny evenings; and dare we hope a return to some normality in our lives.

The recent warm weather has brought out bees foraging, both of the bumble and honeybee varieties. The picture shows a honeybee checking out the pollen on apricot blossom in Upton.

Headon-cum-Upton, Grove and Stokeham Parish Council.

Notes from the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st March 2021.

The council unanimously voted to accept and welcome Cllr Craig Smith as the new Councillor for Grove. The Parish Council now has the full complement of ten Parish Councillors.

District Councillor Coultate informed the meeting about post Covid work to attract people back to using local shops and businesses. **DO YOU SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES AND SHOPS?**

The Parish Council has written to Nottinghamshire CC in response to a recent email rejecting a lower speed limit request for Nether Headon.

The Parish Council has been approached to purchase four clear plastic boxes to hold freely available parish walking maps, the boxes to be attached to the parish noticeboards. Cllr Coultate informed the meeting about a fund that he has that could fund these items and go towards the printing costs of the new walking maps. The council unanimously agreed to support this item.

The Parish Council has been contacted by the War Memorial Trust to inform that the pre-application for a grant to refurbish Grove War Memorial has been approved and that the works for Grove War Memorial are designated medium priority and the works are necessary. Work has begun on the full grant application.

Cllr Whelan had been approached by a resident who talked about the setting up of litter picking groups. The Parish Council support this suggestion and will seek external providers or funders of litter picking equipment or the Parish Council will positively consider funding the purchase of the equipment. **ARE YOU BUDDING LITTERPICKER? EMAIL THE PARISH COUNCIL – headonpc@gamil.com**

Cllr Wielgus reported that between seventy and eighty people have joined the Facebook group. The newly formed Facebook group has received positive feedback. **HAVE YOU JOINED THE FACEBOOK GROUP YET?**

Headon, Upton, Grove and Stokeham Community Noticeboard
For local updates, community connections, keeping in touch with neighbours, local history etc simply search for the name above on Facebook and fill in the questions to get access.

The Parish Council considered a retrospective application for the installation of up to 56 metal flues, external plant comprising of ducting, external plant comprising drying kilns and external plant comprising adapted shipping containers at Headon Camp. After an extensive debate, the Parish Council unanimously voted to object to this retrospective planning application. The Parish Councils full and detailed response can be viewed on Bassetlaw District Council planning portal.

The next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 12th April 2021 at 19:30hr. Please note that the current restrictions imposed as a result of the COVID-19 dictate that the next meeting will be a virtual meeting.

The log on details for the Zoom meeting are: -

<https://zoom.us/j/99890455886?pwd=RVZwM3dGRnorQVpnQVFCSWp2ME1qZz09>

By phone +44 203 901 7895

Meeting ID: 998 9045 5886

Passcode: 063126

The Parish Council. (headonpc@gmail.com)



Otter Sighting?

Some Headon residents have recently reported seeing, what they believe is a young otter, in the beck between Upton and Headon. Otter sightings have grown in Nottinghamshire since the 1990's, so whilst not rare they are still relatively uncommon (<http://www.nottsmammals.org.uk/otter.html>). If anyone does manage to see or even photograph what they believe is an otter, they should get in touch with the Nottinghamshire Wildlife Trust.

Puzzle Corner

There are six glasses in a row (see below)

Three are empty and three are full.

You can only move or touch one glass.

Make a line in which all the glasses are alternately empty and full.



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Answer on the bottom of the last page.

Book Review by Chris McGlen

People and Places of Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire **- Adrian Gray**

Local historian Adrian Gray has just published his latest book on the history of our area. Bassetlaw is a name that has survived the centuries, an ancient Danish region that has ultimately become a constituency and a district council.

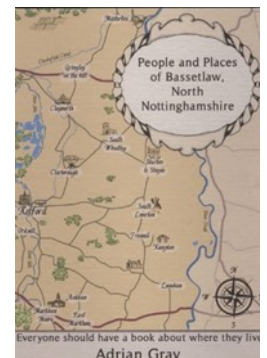
Having lived in Upton for over 30 years and having gone to school in Retford you may think I would know something of the history of the Bassetlaw area. Well after reading 'People & Places of Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire' I realise that very much more has gone on in what many people would class as an uninspiring ex-mining and farming community.

The book is laid out alphabetically by settlement and covers around 90 locations. Within these locations the book explores the characters and their deeds which helped shape the area we now live. Many interesting facts are brought to light, but to highlight a few; I was unaware that Beekingham once had a thriving shipyard employing 400, that Retford was a rotten borough (no comments please) electing two MPs with a minimal electorate and Tuxford was home to highwaymen and once had three railway stations.

Looking closer to home; three of the four villages within our parish have some history to tell. Stokeham as a religious parish which demanded its own minister and Methodist farmer John Otter organised mass missionary meetings in the 1820s. Grove was an important centre from Norman times. Back in the reformation Lord of the Manor, Sir John de Hercy helped create a centre of religious radicalism which led to the Mayflower Pilgrims. Village lands seem to have been sold over the years as a result of scandal and debt. Headon has one of the areas lost landscapes with its Tudor deer park. The village in the mid 1800s also had three clergymen. Finally, it appears that Upton has less of a history to tell with only a passing mention linked mainly to neighbouring Headon and hop farming.

If you want to know a bit more about the history of the area in which we live, then this book provides an enlightening source.

'People and Places of Bassetlaw, North Nottinghamshire' by Adrian Gray (112 pages, A4 size) published by Bookworm of Retford at £17.99 and can be ordered from www.bookwormretford.co.uk or sales@bookwormretford.co.uk



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Services & Events for Palm Sunday to 25 April 2021

ALL SUBJECT TO COVID RESTRICTIONS AND AVAILABILITY OF CHURCHES

	St Nicholas Askham	St Peter East Drayton	St John the Baptist East Markham	St Helen Grove	St Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	All Saints Rampton	St Peter Stoke ham	St John the Baptist Treswell
28 March PALM SUNDAY 10.30 <i>St Holy Communion for all ages</i> at John the Baptist, East Markham									
29 -31 March HOLY WEEK	Tuesday and Wednesday: 8.15am <i>Daily Prayer on Zoom</i> (contact the Rector for the link) Wednesday Evening: 7.30pm <i>Chrism Service</i> recorded at Southwell Minster and accessible online via the Diocesan website https://southwell.anglican.org/ Everyone is welcome to this service								
1 April MAUNDY THURSDAY	8.15am <i>Daily Prayer on Zoom</i> (contact the Rector for the link) 7.00pm <i>Holy Communion</i> at St John's, East Markham (subject to building works)								
2 April GOOD FRIDAY	8.15am <i>Daily Prayer on Zoom</i> (contact the Rector for the link) 3.00pm <i>A reading of the Passion Narrative from John's Gospel</i> at St Nicholas, Askham in the churchyard (roadside) 5.00-5.30pm <i>Good Friday reflections and prayer</i> at St John the Baptist, East Markham (subject to building works)								
3 April EASTER EVE 9.00am <i>Daily Prayer on Zoom</i> (contact the Rector for the link)									
4 April EASTER DAY 10.30am <i>Easter Holy Communion</i> for all ages at St John the Baptist, East Markham 11.00am <i>Easter Service and Egg Hunt in the churchyard for all ages</i> at <i>St Peter, Laneham</i>									
11 April 2nd Sunday of Easter 10.30am <i>Holy Communion with Baptism</i> St John the Baptist, East Markham									
18 April 3rd Sunday of Easter 10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> at St John the Baptist, East Markham									
25 April 4th Sunday of Easter 10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i> at St John the Baptist, East Markham									

If you would like to know how we are continuing to be Church in the Parish of The Rivers Retford, please contact the Rector, The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble, to receive our weekly notices.

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 by email: brongamble@hotmail.com
 or phone: 01777 870848.



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