

# Heads - Up !

The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stakeham April 2025



## 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



## A MURDER MYSTERY

BY  
THE MARKHAM PLAYERS

Saturday 31st May 2025, 7.30pm  
Headon Village Hall. For tickets call:  
Pat: 07719306650, Paul: 07794839742  
or email [headonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:headonvillagehall@gmail.com)  
Bar Tickets: £15 inc food

THIS PERFORMANCE IS SET IN THE 50s - PLEASE COME DRESSED ACCORDINGLY



Headon Village Hall Presents  
Tom-Tastic  
Martin Jarvis as Tom Jones  
Saturday 21st June at 8pm £20 per ticket

Tickets available from Paul 07794839742 or Pat 07719306650 or  
[headonvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:headonvillagehall@gmail.com)

Baked potatoes with toppings at the interval, vegetarian option also

## Headon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents

### Conclave (PG)

When Cardinal Lawrence is tasked with leading one of the world's most secretive and ancient events, selecting a new Pope, he finds himself at the centre of a web of conspiracies and intrigue. Starring Ralph Fiennes.

Saturday 5th April

Headon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

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

At our Parish Council meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> March, we were pleased to have a look at the 'Enclosure Award' which had been in storage locally. This is an historic book of land ownership specifically to us. It will be stored at Retford Library shortly and the Parish Council hope to be able to provide a digital copy for residents to use and view so that the original can be preserved. For further information please ask.

The Parish Council is pleased to say that the flooding issues at Grove, Westfields, and Upton, appear to have been resolved. Please do raise any future concerns with the Parish Council or the Nottinghamshire County Councillor John Ogle.

The Retford Lions Club has kindly offered to deliver a training session on the use of defibrillators. This has been provisionally arranged for the evening of Monday 16<sup>th</sup> June at Headon Village Hall, so look out for further information if you'd like to come along.

You may have seen the recycling bins that have appeared in your area. These are being provided by the Parish Council on a trial basis and we hope you find them of use.

We are sure you will join the Parish Council in thanking Suzanne for her continued hard work in the village keeping things maintained and tidy. As many of you may be aware, she works for the Parish Council as part of the Nottinghamshire County Council "Lengthsmans scheme". They are featuring an article on the scheme and how it works in our villages along with an interview with Suzanne in their next 'Newsletter'. If you have any areas that you feel may need Suzanne's attention, please let the Parish Council know by contacting the Parish Clerk at [headonpc@gmail.com](mailto:headonpc@gmail.com)

The Parish Council's website will be up and running shortly. If you have any photos or items you'd like to share with us that we could use, or suggestions of what you'd like to see on it, please let the Parish Council know. You will be able to look at agendas and minutes, find out what is happening locally and download copies of the village Newsletter.

Finally, in the next few months the Parish Council would like to hold an 'Annual Parish Gathering' for residents to come meet and greet your Parish Councillors and discuss ideas for the year ahead. We'd be pleased to hear your thoughts as to when and where you'd like to hold this event, and what you'd like to see.

The date of the next Parish Council meeting is Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, DN22 0RD, commencing at 7pm. Parish Councillors welcome you to attend to ask questions and raise issues. If you're 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 [headonpc@gmail.com](mailto:headonpc@gmail.com)

## **North Humber to High Marnham power line**

Just a reminder that 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/>

If you are interested in further information and to make your comments please follow this link:  
<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 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.

## HEADON CHURCH SURVEY - FEBRUARY 2025

A survey was carried out in February/March 2025 in order to elicit the views of the local population in Headon and Upton regarding the future of St Peter's Church, Headon. Attendance at church services had declined to just 1 or 2 and no services had been held for a year. The church's future was therefore uncertain. **In total 81 questionnaires were distributed** and this included Headon Camp and residents up at Gamston Woods. Of the 81, 8 were returned for Upton and 5 for Headon i.e. 13 in total which is 16%.

- 1) Not surprisingly, **none of the respondents wanted to see the church deteriorate or fall into ruins and all had used the church to varying degrees over the last few years.** This ranged from attending regular worship, attending funerals and occasional christenings, private worship or contemplation, visiting to view the church, attending the odd event e.g. concert and art and history exhibitions, cleaning and doing flowers or carrying out practical tasks.
- 2) In answer to the question '**Do you wish to see regular services of worship in the church and if so would you attend?**' - all respondents were wanting services to still take place and some suggested having monthly services. However only 6 stated that they would attend with a further 1 or 2 saying they would attend occasionally or when they could. Some respondents were supportive of others who did actively worship, even if they did not do so themselves.
- 3) **Regarding the locking of the church door**, 8 respondents definitely wished the church to remain unlocked although 1 or 2 felt that it should be locked at night (although apparently the insurance does not demand this). 4 Headon respondents were willing to hold a church key, 2 of whom already do so. (1 person in Upton also holds a key)
- 4) The questionnaire asked **how we could make better use of the church** and answers ranged from building up a larger congregation, holding evening services and summer services with drinks afterwards, holding harvest suppers and Easter feasts, coffee mornings, music events, displays, exhibitions, jumble sales, cake sales, craft events e.g. wreath making at Christmas, well dressing events, craft and food fairs, art exhibitions and classes such as singing. Even 'champing' was suggested as a way of raising funds. (Champing is staying overnight in historic churches, a scheme run by the Churches Conservation Trust.) It was also suggested that we work together with other local churches e.g. in sharing events and supporting each other. Talks to schools was also suggested as a way of raising awareness amongst the younger age group.  
On the financial side it was suggested that we need to increase donations by standing order.  
Although we are lucky enough to have a thriving village hall, some respondents commented that we need more of a balance between church and village hall based activities, using each venue as appropriate.
- 5) In terms of help, **most respondents were willing to help in some way** raising funds or organising events. Many had been key players involved with village events in the past e.g. when we had well dressings but not all respondents were now necessarily able to help in a major way.
- 6) **Regarding the raising of funds**, people were asked if they were willing to make a regular donation. 4 respondents already donate monthly, 2 were willing to join in with donations regularly (especially if it was for the fabric fund) and 1 other was a possibility.
- 7) **Lastly**, some respondents talked of the usefulness of social media in promoting services or events. One person also helpfully highlighted useful websites for ideas and advice including the Churches Conservation Trust and Friends of Friendless Churches.

**Many many thanks to those parishioners who took this opportunity to share their views. It really is greatly appreciated. The results will now be discussed further and fed back to the Parochial Church Council. Watch this space for further news.**

Collated by Jill Walker, Upton 16.3.25



**Headon Village Hall**  
Welcomes  
**Wallace & Dough Pizza Van**  
**Friday 11th April 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
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**6th April**, 10.30 am, Holy Communion, **St Peter, Laneham**

**13th April**, 10.30am, Palm Sunday Holy Communion, **St Peter, East Drayton**

**17th April**, 6.00pm, Maundy Thursday Reflection with a light supper, **St John the Baptist, East Markham**

18th Apr			10.00am Messy Good Friday		10.00am until 4.00pm Stations of the Cross				
19th Apr	8.30pm Easter Vigil								2.30pm Family Service & Easter Egg hunt

**20th April**, 10.30am, Easter Day Benefice Holy Communion, **St John the Baptist, East Markham**

27th Apr				10.30am Holy Communion				10.30am Morning Worship	
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**4th May**, 10.30am, 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)

