



Heads - Up!



The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

December 2020

New Village Noticeboards

The Parish Council are delighted to report that we have been successful in our bid to secure grant funding for our villages.

The first grant is to help purchase replacement notice boards for each village. The four we have are now looking well beyond their sell by dates, and the one in Stokeham is currently held together with bair twine! So, this news has not come a moment too soon. The council will be looking to make applications to Highways shortly, for licenses to install the new boards. We hope this will not take too long, and that they will be in position in the not too distant future.

The second grant is towards 'gateway' village signs in Grove. There will be a public consultation within the village in terms of the design, so we would ask residents to have a think about how they would like the signs to look. Many villages locally have these, some have designs reflecting local points of interest or history, others are plainer with just the village name, and a message asking drivers to pass through with care. Details of the consultation will be announced shortly.

It is hoped to secure further funding for 'gateway' signs for all the villages in time, and for further projects to improve the area. If anyone has any ideas of what they would like to see happen in the future, and which the council may be able to deliver, please either attend a council meeting by Zoom, or email us at headonpc@gmail.com. We will be pleased to hear from you.

Hopefully residents of all villages are free of Covid and coping in the current lockdown. However, if anyone is struggling, or knows of someone else who is, please do get in touch. The support network set up earlier in the year is still there, and can help with shopping, dog walking, collecting prescriptions, or just having a chat on the telephone. Please either use the email address above or call 07817849886.

Christmas will definitely not be the same this year, but the Parish Council still hopes that everyone has as pleasant a time as possible, and can see their nearest and dearest within the constraints of the restrictions that have been announced.

Take care and be safe!

Julia Harvey
Chairman

Better Broadband for Nottinghamshire

Nottinghamshire County Council have invested £750,000 in order to help deliver high-speed broadband to the most rural parts of the county. The £750,000 investment is to support the government's 'Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme' which delivers subsidy to rural homes and businesses without access to high-speed broadband to help deploy a full-fibre network. Under the scheme residential premises are eligible for up to £1,500 and small and medium sized businesses are eligible for up to £3,500 through a registered supplier when part of a group scheme. The Notts top-up doubles the value of the voucher, meaning rural residential premises are eligible for up to £3,000, and small and medium sized rural business are eligible for up to £7,000.

For further details on the scheme and to see if your property is eligible please visit www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk/top-up or contact the team at enquiries.broadband@nottsc.gov.uk

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

Notes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th November 2020.

Cllr Harvey invited Tom Robbins to the meeting he was one of the co-authors of the 2018 Grove War Memorial report. Tom provided the meeting with option to refurbish the war memorial. A soft touch minimal work refurbishment is the preferred option. This option would involve relaying the paving around the monument, resetting displaced steps, installing a single handrail on both flights of steps. Chemical free cleaning of the monument and steps and remarking of the inscriptions. Further discussions to take place with Bassetlaw District Council.

Cllr Coultate discussed antisocial behavior around Worksop and links to accommodation for homeless people. Due to national COVID-19 restrictions, Bassetlaw DC experiencing budget issues. The current national issues with COVID-19 may have an impact on the speed of the proposed changes to Nottinghamshire CC local government.

Do you know that Parish Councillors regularly check parish defibrillators? Do you know where the defibrillators are located around the parish?

The Parish Chairman has an yearly allowance and ordered a poppy wreath and donated £60 to the Royal British Legion. The wreath was installed at Grove War Memorial on behalf of the Parish Council. Did you see the poppies on the parish lamp columns? What do you think about the lamp column poppies?

Headon Camp, no further update is available. Cllr Mosley informed the meeting that a new fence has been installed at the site. Cllr Greenhalgh reported that activity at the camp has recently reduced.

Cllr Greenhalgh has canvassed the residents of Nether Headon about the current 60 MPH speed limit and the consensus is for a reduced speed limit. Clerk to write to Nottinghamshire CC.

The Parish Council does not have its own website or use social media, the Parish Council have started to discuss this matter.

It has been reported about an incident of potential fly tipping at the Old Walled Garden, Grove.

The draft proposed budget for 2021/22 is currently being consider by the full council.

To confirm the date and time of next Parish Council meeting is on Monday 7th December 2020 at 19:30hr. Please note that because of the restrictions imposed by the Corona virus the next meeting will be a virtual meeting via Zoom. Why not join the Parish Council at the next meeting by putting the following details into your computer browser:

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

or by phoning into the meeting +44 203 901 7895

Meeting ID: 998 9045 5886 Passcode: 063126

Thank you. The Parish Council.

Consultation Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan: November 2020

Bassetlaw District Council is currently consulting all interested parties on the latest Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan. The Council welcomes your views and comments on the content and direction of this document in order to help shape the development of the new Local Plan for Bassetlaw.

The Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan details strategic and local policies and site allocations, including a new garden village. Once adopted, the Bassetlaw Plan will establish the long-term approach to development in the District up to the 2037. **The eight week consultation closes at 5pm on the 20th January 2021.**

As a result of the current Covid 19 restrictions in place, this will be a mostly virtual consultation. Full details on the Draft Bassetlaw Local Plan can be viewed on the District Council's website: www.bassetlaw.gov.uk/bassetlawplan

Christmas Quiz

Christmas this year will be very different to normal, but in an attempt to raise some festive spirit I have put together a few seasonal questions. Answers are on the back page.

TV & Film

1. According to the 1946 Christmas classic *It's Wonderful Life*, what happens every time a bell rings?
2. Which famous US political figure and celebrity makes a cameo in the seasonal film *Home Alone 2*?
3. Which British Monarch made the first televised Christmas broadcast?
4. In the 1996 Christmas special of *The Vicar of Dibley*, what is Geraldine invited to four of on the same day?
5. Which Doctor Who made his debut in the show's 2005 festive special called *The Christmas Invasion*?

Pop Music

1. What is the best-selling Christmas song of all time?
2. Which Christmas hit originally released in 1984 has been no.1 in the UK charts three times?
3. Who was *Driving Home For Christmas* in 1986?
4. In 1975 and 1991 the same song by the same artist went to a UK Christmas number one, what was it?
5. The biggest selling song of 1988 in the UK was a Christmas hit by Cliff Richard, can you name it?

Literature

1. In which children's classic is it 'always winter but never Christmas'?
2. Which character declares "Merry Christmas, one and all!" in Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*?
3. What does Harry Potter receive from Dumbledore during his first Christmas at Hogwarts?
4. Who is the creator of the picture book *The Snowman*?
5. In the poem, *'Twas the Night Before Christmas* how does St. Nick rise back up the chimney?

General

1. What's the name of the period leading up to Christmas?
2. Which country donates the Christmas tree in Trafalgar Square?
3. When does the Russian Orthodox Church celebrate Christmas?
4. How many gifts in total were given in carol *The Twelve Days of Christmas*?
5. Which soft drinks company was the first to have ads featuring Santa?

FinallyChristmas Crackers

1. Why does Santa have three gardens?
2. What goes "Oh, Oh, Oh"?
3. What's a dog's favourite carol?
4. Why are Christmas trees very bad at knitting?
5. What did 52% of Brits order for Christmas dinner this year?



Chris' Beekeeping Year — December

Twelve month's have passed since I started this series of articles. The bees are now safely tucked away in their hives using up their supplies of food collected over the year awaiting the warmer weather of next spring for the annual cycle to start again.

Overall honey wise it has been an average year. I was able to collect a good first crop in the spring but the main summer crop in August was very disappointing. This was the complete opposite of last year so I suppose this shows us that things balance out over time.

The main influence on honey production, as in farming in general, is the weather. If it is too wet the bees won't come out to forage, if it is too hot or dry the plants don't have enough moisture to produce sufficient nectar for the bees to forage on. So the ideal weather would be rain during the night and warm during the day but as all gardeners know this very rarely happens!

If you can remember back to April / May we had lots of sunshine and the soil was still moist from the deluge of rain we had over the winter. This also brought forward a lot of garden plants so by the time we hit July a lot of plants had finished and then we hit another dry period and nectar supplies simply dried up.

To finish with I have put together a few bee facts just so you know how amazing these creatures are:

- Bees fly at an average speed of 15mph.
- Each honey bee has 4 wings and 5 eyes (2 large compound and 3 simple).
- In flight a bee beats its wings around 180 times a second (10,800 beats per minute), thus making their distinctive buzz.
- Bees have two separate stomachs; one for food and another just for nectar.
- Honey bees communicate with each other by dancing. This special waggle tells other bees the location of food sources.
- Bees are able to detect and use gravity to navigate whilst in total darkness within the hive.
- Bees can see ultra-violet light. Many flowers have patterns that are invisible to humans unless illuminated by UV.
- A bee will travel up to 6 miles on a foraging trip and visit between 50-100 flowers.
- A worker bee, in her entire life, gathers 0.8 gram (0.0288 ounce) of honey.
- To collect a pound (454g) of honey a hive of bees would have to fly 55,000 miles (more than twice around the world). This is likely to involve more than 2 million flower visits on perhaps 40,000 foraging trips.

So when you see how much effort and energy is expended to collecting honey you can understand the expression as 'busy as a bee'. I hope you have enjoyed a walk through the beekeeping year and above all, make you scrape all the honey out of the jar. That last bit is the work of hundreds of bees!

The Parish of "The Rivers, Retford"

Services and Events 5th December 2020 to 3rd January 2021
(may be subject to alteration for COVID19 restrictions)

	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 Stokeham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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Saturday 5th Dec: A "Ramble with a Reason" for all the family beginning at the gate of East Markham Church from 1.30pm onwards. At your own pace, follow the clues, find answers or treasure and finish at the Church South Porch at any time before 4.30pm to collect some refreshment and win a Goody Bag.

6th Dec 2nd Sunday of Advent

10.30am St Nicholas, Askham: *Benefice Holy Communion for the Patronal Festival of St Nicholas*

13th Dec 3rd Sunday of Advent			10.30am Morning Worship			9.00am Holy Communion		10.30am Carol service	
20th Dec 4th Sunday of Advent	5.00pm A Festival of Christmas Carols and Readings		3.30 pm and 6.00pm Carol services			5.00pm Carol service in the church - yard			

Wednesday 23rd Dec 3.00pm to 4.30pm All Saints, Rampton presents a "Family Creative Christmas" Please book in advance by phone to the Rector 01777 870848 or email to Anita Eng anitaeng28@yahoo.co.uk

CHRISTMAS EVE 4.00pm St John the Baptist, East Markham *Crib Service*
11.15pm St John the Baptist, East Markham *Holy Communion for Christmas Night*

CHRISTMAS DAY 9.00am St Peter, East Drayton *Holy Communion for Christmas Day*
10.30am St John the Baptist, East Markham *Family service for Christmas Day*

27th Dec 1st Sunday after Christmas 9.00am St John the Baptist, East Markham *Informal Benefice Holy Communion with carol choices;*

3rd Jan 2021 Epiphany 10.30am St Nicholas, Askham, *Benefice Holy Communion celebrating the Epiphany*

Christmas Quiz Answers

TV & Film: 1. An angel gets its wings, 2. Donald Trump, 3. Queen Elizabeth II in 1957, 4. Christmas Dinners, 5. David Tennant

Music: 1. White Christmas, 2. Do They Know Its Christmas, 3. Chris Rea, 4. Queen Bohemian Rhapsody, 5. Mistletoe and Wine

Literature: 1. The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe, 2. Tiny Tim, 3. Cloak of Invisibility 4. Raymond Briggs, 5. By laying a finger across his nose

General: 1. Advent, 2. Norway, 3. 7th January (based on the Julian calendar), 4. 364, 5. Coca Cola

Christmas Crackers: 1. So he can 'ho ho ho', 2. Santa walking backwards, 3. Bark, the herald angels sing, 4. Because they always drop their needles, 5. No Brussels

Headon Village Hall Social Club

Following the current Government Covid 19 guidelines, the bar at the Village Hall remains closed until further notice. [Correct at the time of printing and of course subject to change at short notice.]



Re-cycled Cycles

All in very good condition and various sizes available
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