



Heads - Up!



The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

December 2021



Stokeham Christmas Carol Service



Sunday 12th December 10.30am

Stokeham are holding their carol service at Stokeham Church on Sunday 12th December at 10.30. On arrival you will be offered Mulled wine and mince pies to get you ready for some great singing.

Some will know that Stokeham like to do things a little different so the carol service is run by the PCC and as always you get to choose the carols you want , so be ready to be asked during the service! There will be a Christmas raffle and we are expecting a significant person from Southwell.

Headon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents

A Christmas Double Bill:

Peter Pan Goes Wrong (PG) A Christmas Carol Goes Wrong (PG)

The fictitious Cornley Polytechnic Drama Society present their production of two classic Christmas shows. Can they pull it off or will amateurism and petty rivalries within the cast combine to spell disaster? They enlist some star names such as David Suchet, Diana Rigg and Derek Jacobi to give their shows some gravitas but will it be enough?

Saturday 11th December

Headon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

Contact Pat - paddythorpe@btinternet.com or on 248368

Headon Village Hall Events in December

At the time of going to press, it is still uncertain if the following events will take place due to Covid safety concerns. A final decision will be made in early December and will be communication on the Headon Village Hall / HUGS Villages Facebook page.

18th December: Santa Walk.

19th December: Christmas Carols.

31st December: New Years Eve Party

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

Notes of the Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1st November 2021.

The police reported in September one criminal damage and in October one wildlife offence and one burglary.

District Councillor Coultate informed the meeting that he is the Chair of the Rural Policing Group. Current issues affecting rural communities are speeding vehicles and wildlife crimes. The police resources are an issue with regards to rural policing. He continues to seek a date from Waste to Energy Assets Limited, Headon Camp to visit the site with members of the Parish Council.

The defibrillator pads are programmed to be changed in November 2021 with a replacement cost of £152 + VAT for the four pads.

The Parish Council have purchased litter picking equipment. Cllr Coultate has previously provided a £200 grant towards the purchase of the equipment. It was agreed to have a publicity photoshoot, date to be arranged.

The Queens Platinum Jubilee Beacons 2nd June 2022, a suitable location is still being considered.

Nottinghamshire CC Local Improvement Scheme Grant. Licenses to install the noticeboard have been received from Via. Via have provided a quotation to install the two free standing noticeboards, it was agreed to accept the quotation. The Parish Council have received a quotation for the two gateway signs for Grove. The quotation includes the artwork for the signs, the manufacture and installation of the signs. It was agreed to pay a 50% deposit to the company to progress this matter.

The Parish Council made a request to Nottinghamshire County Council / Via to add Westfields and Askham Road to the precautionary gritting routes, both roads have now been added.

The Parish Council have purchased a new printer to print Heads-Up, a big thank you to Chris McGlen for his time to collate and print Heads-Up.

As a result of Parish Councilor resignations, the Parish Council are seeking new Parish Councillors, could this be you? Look out for the advert.

The next Parish Council meeting will be on **Monday 6th December 2021 at 19:30hr** at Headon Village Hall. Why not come along to the next Parish Council meeting and find out about your Parish Council. Most meeting last about one hour.

Do you know that Parish Council meeting agendas and draft minutes are posted on the four parish noticeboards? Do you also know that the Parish Council approved minutes and agendas can be found on the Bassetlaw Open Data Website?

The Parish Council.
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??? Puzzle Corner ???

1. Which word goes after **KEY, INK, NOTE** and **LAUNCH**?
2. What letter should appear next in this sequence? **B F J P ?**
3. At a cooked breakfast 42 people have Danish bacon, 65 have fried eggs and 22 have baked beans, how many people have espresso coffee?

Answers at the bottom of the page.

HUGS Parish Council –A Day in the Life

In this article we meet Jim Blaik, the Parish Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer (RFO).

I previously worked in local government commencing as an apprentice Mason and retiring forty-two years later as the Highway Operations Manager quite a long apprenticeship. My working life has been as a public servant, working to improve the communities that I served. I applied for and became the Parish Clerk at the beginning of September 2019. I think that my background is a good foundation to being a Clerk however, I still have lots to learn. I work from home unless I have meetings in the parish. The job is part time and offers me flexibility when I work however, deadlines always exist.

When I inform people that I am a Parish Clerk they think that my work is mainly admin work how wrong they are. The general definition of a Parish Clerk duties states that the Clerk is the 'engine' of an effective parish council. Is principal executive, adviser and for most smaller parish councils is also responsible for the administration of the councils' financial affairs. The Clerk is required to give clear guidance to the Chair and Councillors before decisions are reached, even when that guidance may be unpalatable. The Clerk has a key role in advising Councillors on governance, ethical and procedural matters. In smaller councils the Clerk may also carry out the role of the RFO and given specific duties relating to the budget, annual accounts, and audit to ensure proper financial management and transparency. The Clerk is an independent and objective servant of the council who takes instructions and must recognise that the council is responsible for all decisions.

In real terms the Clerks and RFO role covers a diverse range of activities, these are some of the duties not necessarily carried out all on the same day: -

- Working with the Chair and councillors of the parish council.
- Implementing the decisions of the parish council.
- Sending out agendas for meetings attending meeting taking minutes and posting the minutes on the parish notice boards and Bassetlaw DC website.
- Dealing with correspondence received by the parish council via email, letter, face to face or phone and ensuring that councillors are kept fully informed.
- Ensuring that the parish council policies and procedures are current and that the parish council work within the policies.
- Managing the finances of the parish council including payment of invoices, salaries, tax, claiming back VAT and ensuring we receive all monies owed.
- Producing year end accounts.
- Writing the parish council Heads Up article.
- Building working relationships with external organisations to benefit the residents of the parish.
- Seeking external funding.
- Maintaining the parish council asset register.
- Being proactive and reducing being reactive.
- Document management and allowing access to the parish council documents.

Did I forget anything?

What do I do when I am not being a Clerk? My large family, childcare, long distance walking, dogs, photography, cooking, playing musical instruments very badly, making furniture, cycling, going for a pint with my mates, holidays, gardening, art, live music, lots of other things, pottering about and deep sleep at the end of most busy days!

1. Pad
2. V. They are the letters that follow the vowels in the alphabet
3. 53. The alphabetical values of the two initials are placed together to give the amount

The Parish of The Rivers Retford: Services and Events

5th December 2021-2nd January 2022 SUBJECT TO COVID SAFETY

(No services at St Helen, Grove)

| | St Nicholas Askham | St Peter East Drayton | St John the Baptist East Markham | | St Peter Headon | St Peter Laneham | All Saints Rampton | St Peter Stokeham | St John the Baptist Treswell |
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| 5th December 2nd Sunday of Advent 10.30am St Nicholas, Askham <i>Benefice Holy Communion for the Patronal festival</i> | | | | | | | | | |
| 12th December 3rd Sunday of Advent | | | 10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i> | | | 9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i> | | 10.30am <i>Carol Service</i> | |
| Thursday 16th December 2.00pm Dunham-on-Trent School Carol Service (School only) | | | | | | | | | |
| Saturday 18th December 6.00pm Carols with the Old Silkstone Colliery Brass Band St Peter, Headon Tickets will be available from the Organiser, Paul Palmer, and priced at £7.00. There will be light refreshments in the Village Hall after the Concert. More detail will be published in 'HeadsUp' in due course. ALL SUBJECT TO COVID SAFETY | | | | | | | | | |
| 19th December 4th Sunday of Advent | 5.00pm <i>Carol Service</i> | | 8.00am <i>Said service Holy Communion BCP</i> 4pm <i>Carol Service</i> | | | 6.00pm <i>Carol Service</i> | | | |
| 20th December Monday St Peter, East Drayton 6pm Carol Service EBG | | | | | | | | | |
| 24th December CHRISTMAS EVE | | 10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i> | 4.00pm <i>Crib service</i> 11.00pm <i>Holy Communion</i> | | | | 6.00pm <i>Carol Service</i> | 9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i> | 4.00pm <i>Crib service</i> |
| 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY | 10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i> | | 10.30am <i>Christmas Day Family Service</i> | | | 9am <i>Holy Communion</i> | | | |
| 2nd January 2022 2nd Sunday of Christmas <i>Benefice Holy Communion at East Markham</i> | | | | | | | | | |

Dear Friends

If you haven't already heard, I will be retiring as of midnight on 2nd January. I will have a few weeks to pack up the Rectory and move out so you may see me around for a while but not in church. I wish you a Happy Christmas and a joy-filled 2022. With my prayers for you all may God continue to bless you,

Bronwen Gamble, Rector.

Contact details until 2nd January email: brongamble@hotmail.com or phone: 01777 870848

Thereafter there will be a new phone contact number and email address advertised around the villages for any questions, queries you might have which are church related.



Re-cycled Cycles

All in very good condition and various sizes available

Contact John Parker 07939 412542 (East Drayton)

