

Heads - Up !

The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

February 2021



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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.

Administered by the Parish Council and other local residents.



Do you live in Grove?

Do you want to help your community be more engaged and more resilient? We're currently looking for someone who would like to become a councillor who lives in Grove to join the Parish Council.

Applicants need to have been a resident of Grove for a year or more, or own/lease land within the village boundary. Obviously, you need to have an interest in what is happening within the parish, and this offers the chance to work with your neighbours to make the area a better place.

Applications to be directed to chairman, Julia Harvey, at headonpc@gmail.com

Next Parish Council Meeting : Monday 1st March 7.30pm

Due to the current lockdown restrictions all of the Parish Council meetings are online using Zoom. To join the Zoom meeting by inserting this into your browser: –

<https://zoom.us/j/99890455886?pwd=RVZwM3dGRnorQVpnQVFCSWp2ME1qZz09>
or by phone +44 203 901 7895
Meeting ID: 998 9045 5886 Passcode: 063126

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

Notes from the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7th December 2020.

A police report has been received showing the following reported incidents within the general policing area for the period September to November 2020. Criminal damage x 2, theft of motor vehicle x 1 and theft x 3.

District Councillor Coulte provided an update about the Bassetlaw Local Plan. There has been a reduction from 20% to 5% of designated villages within the plan. Cllr Coulte provided an update about Cottam Power Station. He stressed the need for the community to influence the future use of the site.

The Lengthsman continues to deliver good work, has been working in Headon and will be shortly working in Upton. Work involves cutting back vegetation around poles in verges and siding out footpaths.

The Parish Council wrote to Viaem (Nottinghamshire County Council highways) requesting them to consider a reduced speed limit through Nether Headon. A response was received from Viaem on the 4th December 2020 informing the Parish Council that they will not be pursuing our request for a lower speed limit. The Parish Council will submit a response to Viaem decision.

Cllr Harvey asked each councilor to think about future aspirations for the parish and present them at the next Parish Council meeting. **(Why not contact your Parish Councillor and let them know what your aspirations for the parish are.)**

The Parish Council have commenced the process to apply for funding from the War Memorial Trust to carryout repairs to Grove War Memorial. **(Do you have any historical pictures of the memorial? If you do the Clerk would like to obtain copies. Please contact the Clerk at headonpc@gmail.com)**

Regarding the proposed gateway signage at Grove, Cllr Wielgus and Cllr Allen to post an item on the Grove local Facebook page seeking the opinion of residents. Cllr Wielgus to research types of signage. The Parish Council wrote to County Councillor Ogle seeking a £300 contribution towards the replacement of the parish council noticeboards from his Nottinghamshire Councillor Divisional Fund.

It was agreed to further investigate the installation of a seat between Headon and Upton. Further discussion regarding design, location and agreement from landowner.

Should the Parish Council have a webpage and use social media? The Clerk had provided a webpage / social media briefing note. The Council considered the options and voted to have its own Facebook social media page and not to have a webpage.

The council considered the proposed budget for 2021/22 and agreed that the proposed budget should not be above current inflation levels. The Council is to further consider the proposed budget at the next council meeting.

Thank you.

The Parish Council.
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Puzzle Corner

A bank manager has vanished and no one knows the full combination of the locked safe. Individual members of staff, however can recall pieces of information.

- The safe number used the digits 1 to 7 and each appeared once.
- No two odd digits are next to each other.
- The difference between adjacent digits is always greater than one.
- The penultimate digit was twice the value of the final digit.

This information is enough to work out the code and open the safe.

What was the code number? Answer at the bottom of last page.

Historic Items From The Parish Council Records Part 1

Headon Parish Council Clerk, Jim Blaik has a look through the old Parish Council records and finds they contain a wealth of historical information about the people of the parish this series provides an incite about what was happening at the time.

The records show that under the Parish Councils Act 1894, the first meeting of Headon Parish was on the 4th December 1894 commencing at 7 pm and was held in the School Room. In attendance was the Rector Miss Park, W Ibbetson, J Thompson, W Farr, J Park, L Cattle, G Welton, G Small, W Storr, W Taylor, G Wilkinson, J Billiard and S Rushby. The following items purchased for the parish meeting are two paraffin lamps, one oil can, two candlesticks, one deed box, one minute book, precept book and notice of meeting form.

The records also show that there was a very heavy gale on the 24th December 1894 with great damage in many parts of the country. It was reported that on the 16th February 1895 George Welton died age 77 years. In March 1895 William Small came from Laxton to the farm of the late William Small. On the 22nd November 1895 it was reported that two dogs belonging to Mr Park were bitten by a collie belonging to Mr Bains of Gamston which was suspected of being mad, the collie was shot, the two dogs were tied for two days, both died of rabies. A muzzling order was issued to be in force until 31st January 1896.

Letter to the Editor

Over the last few months, on my daily walks around Headon and Upton, I have noticed that some owners are not picking up after their dogs. Many residents mow the verges in front of their homes, and having to deal with the mess is not pleasant. The other verges are cut twice annually by the District Council, and, where there is no pavement to walk on, they represent the only pedestrian refuge from agricultural and/or speeding traffic. Again, unexpectedly walking in piles of dog poop is extremely unpleasant (some of the piles are quite large!).

I would urge all dog owners to please pick up after their dogs, and help to keep our villages a pleasant, clean and safe place to live. If you have a dog and do not pick up after it, you are getting the rest of us a bad name!

Disappointed Dog Owner. (Name supplied)

The Parish of The Rivers, Retford. "Living Water for Living LIFE" Services, dates & Events for 31 January to 4 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 Stokeham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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31 January 4th Sunday of Epiphany 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion for The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)*

7 February. 2nd Sunday before Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

14 February Sunday next before Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

17 February Wednesday 7.00pm St John's, East Markham *Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing*

21 February 1st Sunday of Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

28 February 2nd Sunday of Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

7 March 3rd Sunday of Lent 10.30am St John's, East Markham: *Benefice Holy Communion*

Calendar for Mothering Sunday to Easter Day

14 March Mothering Sunday 21 March 5th Sunday of Lent 28 March Palm Sunday 29 March Holy Week begins	1 April Maundy Thursday 2 April Good Friday 3 April Easter Eve 4 April Easter Day
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Dear Friends

Lament and Praise; Sorrow and Thanksgiving.

As I write this on 22nd January 2021 and look at the list of dates from now to Easter Day I notice that it is exactly 10 months since our first Sunday service was cancelled because of Coronavirus. It was the Mothering Sunday service on 22nd March 2020. It was a great sadness that Public Worship was no longer possible, but this was made worse when shortly afterwards we were instructed to lock up the churches, not just to close them to worshippers. Things have moved on and at present we can and, in some cases, do offer Public Worship again in our churches but not as we did. To plagiarise Captain Kirk in Star Trek: "It's church, but not as we know it".

Locking up our churches was unprecedented and reactions to it varied from deep sorrow to an anathema and the curtailment of religious freedom. But given the enormity of the pandemic and despite the cry that they should remain open as places of prayer, solace and comfort for the anxious and bereaved, we had little choice but to lock them up. We were reminded that the Church, with a capital "C", is the people of God, not the building. So although the buildings were closed, the Church was alive and well in the community and indeed still is. Our lament in closure turned to praise of a new way of being Church at home such that, when the re-opening of churches for Public Worship came in the summer, we were ready to find new ways for prayer and worship within the confines of the ongoing pandemic. And now we are in Lockdown again because of the rising numbers of cases, admissions to hospital and deaths. But the roll-out of vaccines has been the welcome news we all wanted to hear. We lament the loss of life from coronavirus but praise those who have developed, and are delivering, vaccines.

Every blessing, *The Revd Canon Bronwen Gamble*,

Rector of the Parish of The Rivers, Retford, serving the communities of: Askham, Darlton, Dunham on Trent, East Drayton, East Markham, Fledborough, Grove, Headon, Nether Headon & Upton, Laneham & Church Laneham, Ragnall, Rampton & Woodbeck, Rockley Sibthorpe, Stokeham, Treswell & Cottam, Woodcoates and Whimpton Moor,

If you would like to know how we are continuing to be Church in the Parish of The Rivers Retford, please contact the Rector me to receive our weekly notices by post:

The Rectory, Lincoln Road, East Markham NG22 0SH; email: brongamble@hotmail.com or phone: 01777 870848.



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