

# Heads - Up !

*The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stakeham*

**June 2021**

## Headon Village Hall

As restrictions start to ease we are finally starting to see some activities return.

The Village Hall social evening has started up again, every Friday night from 8pm to 11pm. Currently it is seating only and table service; procedures will be updated to take account of ever changing Government guidance.

Pilates has resumed every Thursday night. There are two classes 6.20pm to 6.30pm and 7.30pm to 8.30pm. Booking is essential and for further details, please contact Natalie Carter on 07828 805328.

The Parish Council is holding its first in person meeting of the year on Monday 7th June at 7.30pm, all parishioners are welcome

## Parish Council Year End Review

During 2020/2021, HUGS Parish Council has been successful in securing grant funding for two projects. They are replacement notice boards for all four of our villages, and gateway village signs for Grove. The process to deliver these is well under way, and the new items will hopefully be in place before the end of 2021.

Good progress is also being made on the refurbishment of Grove War Memorial. A successful pre-application has already taken place, quotes for the schedule of works have been obtained after site meetings attended by the clerk, Jim Blaik, and myself, and a final grant application is now on its way to the War Memorial Trust.

2020 year end finances have been brought to a successful conclusion by our clerk, who is now working towards the 2020/2021 year end.

Jim has been working hard on other matters, most notably Highways issues, and also council policies, which were well out of date or nonexistent. He has consulted with Jack, the lengthsman, to ensure safe working practices. He also manages finances for the council in an efficient and timely manner.

Jim was thanked by the whole council for his unswerving loyalty, and hard work.

I was grateful to the many volunteers who contacted me offering assistance to anyone struggling during lockdown. They are too many to name, but they know who they are, and I thank them wholeheartedly. As it turns out, few issues arose, but the situation could have easily deteriorated much further, and having that list of names was very reassuring.

The council has welcomed new councillors, although we have unfortunately had a resignation due to personal issues, and we now have just one vacancy, for a councillor in Grove, which will be advertised.

Unless the current route out of lockdown changes unexpectedly, the next parish council meeting will be back in the village hall in Headon. I know all councillors will be very pleased to meet face to face again. Zoom has allowed council business to continue, but we all agree that it's not the same.

Julia Harvey, Chair

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

**Notes from the virtual Annual Parish Council and Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2021.**

Cllr Harvey was elected as Chair and Cllr Wielgus was elected as Co-Chair.

District Councillor Coulte informed the meeting that he has raised the issue of the ongoing work at Headon Camp with Bassetlaw DC Planning Department. He further informed the meeting that Mr. Robert Jenrick MP had asked for a full report about Headon Camp. The Parish Council also continue to raise the issue with the Planning Department.

In line with the manufacturer's recommendations, the four parish defibrillators have had new batteries fitted.

HGV's driving through Grove, Councillors Wielgus and Smith who live in the village have been monitoring traffic and have not noticed any issues with traffic. Cllr Wielgus did notice lots of parcel delivery vans.

Grove War Memorial refurbishment, the War Memorial Trust requires quotations to be submitted with the funding application. The Parish Council now have quotations and can now submit the funding application.

Litter picking equipment, the Clerk is to make contact again with a commercial business that has offered litter picking equipment to ask if the equipment is loaned or a permanent donation.

Grove signs, Cllr Wielgus informed the meeting that a Grove resident has produced sketch of the sign face that he now needs to progress by having the sketch made into a drawing that a sign manufacturer can use to fabricate the signs. He discussed setting up a Go Fund page for the art work. Working on a set of sign positioning criteria, Cllr Wielgus suggested that an issue may exist with the onsite fit of the proposed sign to the south side of Grove. Parish Noticeboards, the Council agreed to accept the noticeboard quote that incorporates a Parish Council name header board.

Resolved to note that Cllr Greenhalgh reported the edge disintegration of the carriageway at Drayton Road junction with Brigg Lane Upton this was reported to Nottinghamshire CC.

Resolved to note that Cllr Smith questioned the recent pothole filling from Grove Road into Grove. The Clerk's background is within highways and he explained that Nottinghamshire CC will have carried out a safety inspection and the identified defects, potholes will have been filled. The road surface may not appear to be good, but it will be safe.

The Parish Council thanked Matt Allen for his time as a Parish Councillor.

The next Parish Council meeting will be a face-to-face meeting on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at 19:30hr** to be held at Headon Village Hall.

Why not come along to the next Parish Council meeting and find out about your Parish Council? Most meetings 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 Web site?

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## Puzzle Corner

You are a secret agent for the Government. Your directions have led you to a left luggage locker at the railway station. Your mission, should you decide to accept it, is to retrieve a microdot which has been hidden on an object.

When you open the locker, you find that there are six objects; an anorak, a model of a snowflake, eyeshadow, a toy canoe, a metronome, and some banknotes. One of these objects is the correct one. You can't examine the objects and can only take one from the locker.

Can you work out which object contains the microdot and complete your mission?

Answer on the bottom of the last page.

## The Medicine Packet Recycling Programme

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Further information at <https://www.terracycle.com/en-GB/brigades/medicine-packet-uk>

## Part two - historic items from the Parish Council records.

The parish records 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 on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1896 Mr John Thomas Brown of the Anchor Inn Retford having died, his relations asked permission of the Rector to bury him in Headon churchyard. As he was born and lived for a good many years in Headon, the Rector gave permission. The Yeomanry attended and gave him a military funeral.*

*The records show that parish council meeting was on the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1896 and took place in the school Headon. The Chairman produced a statement of the following spend:-*

*Haddon Butt & Co for notice forms – 2 shillings and 3 pence.*

*Stamps for financial statements – 5 shillings.*

*For expenditure of meetings – 4 shillings.*

*For postage - 11 pence.*

*For sparrow catching – 2 pounds four shillings*

*For mole catching – 2 pounds.*

*An extract from the Retford and Gamston Times from the 25<sup>th</sup> June 1897 found in the parish records show:-  
HEADON. – The Diamond Jubilee was kept with much heartiness in the village on Monday last. A meat tea for the whole village was provided by Mr Lamin in his gaily-decorated barn, by a public subscription, helped by a liberal donation from Mr Harcourt-Vernon. Excellent arrangements had been made by a committee of five of the farmers. During the afternoon a cricket match was played and sports were held in the field lent by Mr Small at Upton. The prizes were presented by Mrs Harcourt-Vernon after which Mr Vernon made a speech, in which he announced his intention of building a school for the parish close to the Church, as a Jubilee memorial and called for three cheers for the Queen. The Rector thanked Mr Vernon in the name of the parish for his generous and splendid and generous gift. Mr Park thanked Mr Vernon for kindly presenting the prizes. The National Anthem was sung, accompanied by the Markham Band. The rest of the evening was spent in dancing and games.*

Jim Blaik, Clerk to the Parish Council.

## The Parish of The Rivers Retford Services and Events for June 2021

	St Nicholas Askham	St Peter East Drayton	St John the Baptist East Markham	St Helen Grove No services at present	St Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	All Saints Rampton No services at present	St Peter Stokeham No services until July	St John the Baptist Treswell
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**6<sup>th</sup> June 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30am St Peter, East Drayton Benefice Holy Communion for everyone**

13 <sup>th</sup> June 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Trinity			10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i>			9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>			
20 <sup>th</sup> June 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Trinity	10.30 am <i>Holy Communion</i>		8.00 am <i>Said Holy Communion BCP</i>		9.00 am <i>Holy Communion</i>				

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> June: Flower Festival, St John the Baptist, East Markham**

**27<sup>th</sup> June - 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30am St John the Baptist, East Markham Benefice Holy Communion with Bishop Andy, Bishop of Sherwood, celebrating the birth of St John the Baptist**

**4<sup>th</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity 10.30am St John, East Markham Benefice Holy Communion for everyone**

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, Stokeham, Treswell & Cottam, Woodcoates and Whimpton Moor.

*PS If you would like to know more about the Holy Spirit or Christian faith generally, please contact me.*

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