

# Heads - Up!

*The newsletter for Headdon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham*

*November 2022*

## Queen's Commemorative Platinum Jubilee bench

St Peters Church, Headdon, has a lovely new bench in the churchyard, kindly donated by Muslim Charity which is based at Eaton Hall. There was some debate by village organisations about where to place this bench, until it was finally decided that it would get the most use, and the best views, if it was placed in the churchyard.



The charity arranged for it to be properly installed and this was completed on Saturday October 8<sup>th</sup>. The pictures above show its installation along with Michael Browne, Janet Landon and Maroof Pirzada (Muslim Charity) once finished.

Many thanks to Muslim Charity which is a Retford-based international NGO working to alleviate poverty in 17 countries around the world. It helps develop health and educational infrastructures along with providing access to safe water and creating opportunities for livelihoods. The charity serves the poor and impoverished, regardless of race, religion or gender. Over recent years, it has started supporting local communities in and around Bassetlaw (such as providing a resuscitator to the baby unit at Bassetlaw Hospital, supporting the Bassetlaw Food Bank, providing defibrillators to Ranby and Sutton-cum-Lound villages). In 2022, to commemorate the late Queen's Platinum Jubilee and to support local communities, Muslim Charity procured and handed over six Queen's Platinum Jubilee Commemorative Benches for the local communities of Headdon cum Upton, Rampton, Tuxford, Ranksill, Ranby and Mattersey in Nottinghamshire.

## Headdon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents

### Operation Mincemeat (PG)

Operation Mincemeat is the extraordinary and true story of an idea that hoped to alter the course of the Second World War. In 1943 as the Allies are determined to launch an all-out assault on Fortress Europe. But they face an impossible challenge - to protect a massive invasion force from entrenched German firepower and avert a potential massacre. They do it with the most improbable of all disinformation strategies. Starring Colin Firth, Michael MacFayden and Kelly MacDonald

**Saturday 5th November**

Headdon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

Contact Pat - [paddythorpe@btinternet.com](mailto:paddythorpe@btinternet.com) or on 248368

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

### **JULIA STEPS DOWN**

At the last parish meeting, Cllr Julia Harvey stepped down as both Chair of the Parish and as a councillor. All present thanked her for the dedicated service that she had given the Parish Council and wished her well for the future.

### **GROVE WAR MEMORIAL**

The restoration of the War Memorial is now complete and as a result it has been taken off the "at risk" register by the Bassetlaw DC Conservation team. The parish will be launching a crowdfunding scheme to help pay for the restoration.

### **GROVE GATEWAY SIGNS**

Have you seen the new Gateway signs as you come into Grove? They were installed a few weeks ago and feature the parish church.

### **PARISH VACANCIES**

There are currently vacancies for Parish Councillors. It mainly entails one 2 hour meeting on the first Monday of the month, ten times a year.

If you are interested please contact the Parish Clerk at [Headonpc@gmail.com](mailto:Headonpc@gmail.com)



## **Bassetlaw Community Shop**

A mobile community shop has been launched, aimed at supporting Bassetlaw's rural community by creating easier access to affordable food. The Bassetlaw Community Shop (BCS) is run by Bassetlaw Foodbank and funded by grants from Bassetlaw District Council, The National Lottery Community Fund, Feeding Britain, The National Lottery Awards For All, Retford Lions and Wickes.

The shop will visit villages weekly with a range of items including food cupboard staples, fresh produce, and a range of toiletries and cleaning products.

For further information and to enquire about free membership visit online at [https://bassetlawfoodbank.org/community\\_shop/](https://bassetlawfoodbank.org/community_shop/) or by visiting the Community Shop. The nearest village stops to our parish are:

Wednesday 10.30am: Rampton – Play area car park

Wednesday 12.15pm: Tuxford – Beeches Community Centre car park

## **Puzzle Corner**

You work at a fruit factory.

There are 3 crates in front of you. One crate contains only apples. One crate contains only oranges. The other crate contains both apples and oranges.

Each crate is labelled. One reads "apples", one reads "oranges", and one reads "apples and oranges". But the labeling machine has gone wrong and is now labelling **all** boxes incorrectly.

If you can only take out and look at just one of the pieces of fruit from just one of the crates, how can you label **ALL** of the crates correctly?

Answer on back of last page

# CAPT. GRANVILLE CHARLES FITZHERBERT HARCOURT-VERNON

## The last of the Harcourt-Vernons to live in Grove Hall

Janet Landon has kindly shared the following.....

I have been researching the history of Headon for many years now, and from time to time I come across something which I just know that I have to share. I was following up some information about the Eyre tapestry (more about that another time!) when I made contact with Chris Appleby who has made a study of this and other tapestries.

The histories of Headon, Upton and Grove overlap a great deal since much of the land in each village actually belonged to the Grove Estate. This was owned most recently by the Harcourt-Vernon family who lived in Grove Hall until WW2, after which the hall and estate were sold in 1946. Granville Harcourt- Vernon was the last owner of the Grove Estate.

Here Chris writes about his discovery of how Granville Harcourt-Vernon came to be awarded the Distinguished Service Order (DSO). What a remarkably brave and vivid picture of WW1 this citation paints. It's for Capt. Granville Harcourt-Vernon of Grove Hall near Retford, owner of the famous Nottinghamshire tapestry maps which I was researching when I found it...

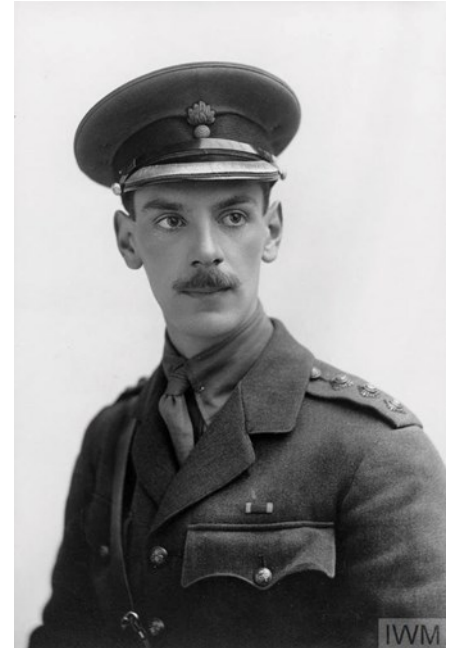
**London Gazette 14th November 1916**

**CAPT. GRANVILLE CHARLES FITZHERBERT HARCOURT-VERNON,  
GRENADIER GUARDS.**

*The act for which Captain Granville C.F. Harcourt Vernon, eldest son of Mr. E.E. Harcourt Vernon, Grove Hall, was awarded the D.S.O is officially recorded as follows: -*

***For conspicuous gallantry in action.*** *Captains Harcourt-Vernon and Bailey led company out of the trench with great dash. They themselves led by at least 50 yards, and shot many of the enemy with their revolvers. About 60 of the enemy were accounted for, mainly with the bayonet, and 42 made prisoners.*

Both men survived the war and remained great friends. Capt. Bailey died in 1948 and soon after Capt. Harcourt-Vernon moved into a house on his old comrade's estate in Wales. His own house at Grove had been used by the Army in WW2 and was no longer in a habitable state. The tapestry maps moved down there with him and hung in the hall of the house at Crickhowell until 1974 when he died and they were bought by Nottingham Castle Museum where they are now on display.



## Saved From Landfill

### Recycling - Pens & Medicine Packets

Last year Upton resident Phillipa Thornton kindly offered to collect both old pens and pill blister packets, so they can be recycled and avoid going off to landfill.

The recycling of pill blister packs has been a great success and the photo shows what has been collected over the last couple of months for recycling and prevented from going into landfill.

Not many pens have been collected, so perhaps either we don't use them so often or use pencils instead!

If you haven't dropped anything off before and want to use this service then Phillipa lives at Melvern, Main Street, Upton close to the Askham turning where you can drop them off on a pew in her porch.

She has also left some fancy ziplock bags on the pew, that people have used previously to drop off items, for folk to reuse if they wish.



## Church News & Services

Following the retirement of Rev Canon Bronwen Gamble in January 2022, the process of appointing a new Rector is ongoing and expected to take several months. During this period the Church will continue as near normal as possible.

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 Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	All Saints Rampton	St Peter Stokeham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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**6th November, 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion, St John the Baptist, East Markham**

13th Nov		10.30am Act of Remembrance	10.00am Remembrance Service			10.45am Act of Remembrance		
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**17th November, 11.00am, Holy Communion, St Peter, Stokeham**

**20th November, 10.30am, Holy Communion, St Nicholas, Askham**

**22nd November, 11.00am, Holy Communion, All Saints, Rampton**

27th Nov			8.00am Holy Communion  10.30am Toy Service	10.30am Morning Worship	10.30am Holy Communion			
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**4th December, 10.30 am, Benefice Holy Communion and Patronal Festival, St Nicholas, Askham**

### Re-cycled Cycles



All in very good condition and various sizes available  
Contact John Parker 07939 412542 (East Drayton)



**Answer:** Take a piece of fruit from the "apples and oranges" crate. If it's an apple then you know that is the "apples" crate since ALL THE CRATES ARE LABELED INCORRECTLY. This means the crate marked "apples" must be "oranges" and the crate marked "oranges" must be "apples and oranges".