

Heads - Up!

The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

September 2020

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

The Parish Council hope that all the people that live and work in the parish remain safe at these difficult times. Much advice is available regarding Covid19 at www.gov.uk, www.bassetlaw.gov.uk, www.nhs.co.uk, www.nottinghamshirecc.gov.uk local and national TV and radio.

As a result of current Government advice, the Parish Council made the decision to hold a virtual meeting via Zoom on Monday 6th 2020. These are the notes from the meeting.

Cllr Harvey informed the meeting that a police report has not been received.

Bassetlaw District Councillor Coultate reminded everyone that town centres are open for business.

The issue of speeding between Headon and Nether Headon was raised the Clerk is to look at the siting of the speed limit signs and raise the matter with the Highway Authority.

All the parish defibrillators have been checked and are working as planned.

The following highway matters have been reported, the footpath from Champion Farm to Oregon House Upton, a T junction sign near the bus stop Headon, blocked gullies Askham Road Upton, access to a fire hydrant Main Street Upton and a hedge overhanging a footpath at Main Street Upton.

If you have any issues with the highway, drainage, street signs or street lighting you can report these directly via the Nottinghamshire CC website www.nottinghamshire.gov.uk or by contacting the Clerk at headonpc@gmail.com who will report the issues.

We do not have a meeting in August, the next Parish Council meeting will be on Monday 7th September 2020 commencing at 19:30 hours. We continue to review the current Government restrictions and we will decide in due course if the meeting will be held at Headon Village Hall or online via Zoom.

Please lookout for the agenda for the next meeting that are posted on the four village notice boards from week commencing 31st August 2020 they will inform you of the format of the next meeting.

Thank you.
The Parish Council.

Be on your guard

A house in Headon has reported a prowler during the hours of darkness. A security light, with a motion sensor, had been ripped off and thrown in a dark corner as the person/persons obviously had decided to eliminate this problem.

A vehicle was broken into in Upton in the early hours of the 29th August. The incident and damage has been reported to the police.

Please keep a look out for anyone acting suspiciously and make sure that no valuables are left in your vehicle overnight.

Meet The Parish Council: Ben Wielgus Vice Chair

I've been trying to think of the right metaphor for a co-chair:

Am I the backup dancer, there to enable the chair and other councillors to shine?
Am I the opposition, there to make sure that ideas are fully explored and all views are represented?
Am I the cheerleader, trying to get attention on the work that we're doing?
Am I the sounding board, there to explore ideas and the art of the possible?
Or, am I a project manager, delivering projects in support of the Council's wider vision?

It's probably a little of everything – that's what keeps the role interesting but also means that it can be as big or as manageable as anyone has appetite for.

I enjoy the day to day running of the council, from looking at the accounts to dealing with questions from people in Grove who I represent. But my favourite activities are those where we can see something tangible come in response to the time, effort and investment made by people in the villages.

The Neighbourhood Plan is one example of that, but I think my favourite activity so far is the work the Council did to organise the role of the lengthsman Jack who helps keep our villages looking their best.

In my day to day life, I work with large businesses to help them become more responsible and sustainable, protecting the environment and enhancing their impacts on the communities where they operate. I try to bring some of those aspects of collaboration and working for the common good, with a collective responsibility, into my role as cochair. I'm still trying to find a way to bring my hobbies of wildlife photography and gardening into the mix!

For the future, I'm hopeful that we can do more to create community spaces and enhance our natural environment, but much of that will come down to the appetite of the community to get involved. I'm also really keen that a group comes together in Grove to create a village sign to celebrate our history and enhance the village's character.

All it takes is a big of volunteering time from a few committed people and these projects come to life very quickly. I hope others are keen to get involved once our current storm passes.

If you've got comments, questions or would like to get involved, feel free to email me at ben@wielgus.co.uk.



HELP NEEDED

Please can anyone help?

Some years ago I wrote a leaflet describing places of historical interest in Headon and Upton. I would like to update this, so now I am asking for your help.

The original leaflet wasn't necessarily all-inclusive and you may know of other sites that ought to be included. Most particularly, I would like to include Grove and Stokeham, which weren't included before.

So, can you tell me of any places in your village (whether Headon, Nether Headon, Upton, Grove or Stokeham) which you think ought to be pointed out? Perhaps it's somewhere that has piqued your interest as in "why is that there?" Or "why is it that shape?" Or "what is that?" You may already know the answers, or we could do some sleuthing and try to find out.

You have the knowledge about your village, let's share it! Of course, we can't encourage people to go on private land, but we could indicate a location or viewpoint.

The end result should be a trail guide around our villages, with lots of information. There's lots there, just waiting to be acknowledged!

Can you help? Or do you have any ideas?

If so, please contact Janet at janet@thorpe-house.com

Quiz Corner

A mix of questions to ponder over a cup of coffee. Answers at the bottom of the page.

Time and Space

1. Which planet is the largest in our solar system?
2. What is another name for the star constellation the Plough?
3. Jodrell Bank is in which English county?
4. What units are used for measuring distance in space?
5. Our solar system lies in which galaxy?

Hands and Feet

1. In which sport are players penalised for committing foot faults?
2. How many feet are there in a chain?
3. Which showman introduced General Tom Thumb to the general public?
4. To what is a fingerplate normally fixed?
5. Who preceded Michael Foot as leader of the Labour Party?

Wind

1. Which wind of North America gives its name to a type of helicopter?
2. Which country has Windhoek as its capital?
3. Who wrote Wind in the Willows?
4. What is the name of the wind that blows up the Rhone Valley?
5. Who had a hit with the song Summer Breeze in 1974?

Voyages

1. Whose return voyage from Troy is subject of an epic poem by Homer?
2. Who undertook a voyage provisioned with honey and a £5 note?
3. Who made long distance voyages on the Ra and the Kon Tiki?
4. On which vessel did Charles Darwin make his historic voyage?
5. Who wrote the story Journey to the Centre of the Earth?

Chris' Beekeeping Year — September

The honey season is now over and September is the month to prepare colonies for the winter ahead. In summary it is time to check they are healthy, strong and a vigorous queen; and ensure they have sufficient stores for the winter.

Bee numbers are now reducing as the foraging bees are dying off and the queen is reducing her egg laying as food supplies fall away. Drones (male bees) are now superfluous, and as a drain on resources, they are physically evicted from the by the female workers.

Wasps at this time of year are the bane of my life. Wasps will attack and rob hives and I have lost small colonies to wasp attack in the past. I will put out wasp traps and to help the bees defend their hive, I will reduce the hive entrance where they can congregate and hopefully put off any intruder. Even so wasps are pretty brazen and just tend to push through. The bee defence against individual wasps is to 'ball' them. By 20 or bees surrounding a wasp, they will raise its temperature and it dies of overheating.

Finally its important that colonies have enough food to survive the winter. Most colonies need around 20kg, but as winters vary this must be constantly monitored. Ivy is the main autumn food source and is used to top up stores. But the beekeeper can supplement with a 2:1 sugar / water mix just to be doubly sure they have everything they need

Answers

Time and Space: 1 Jupiter, 2 Ursa Major (the Great Bear), 3 Cheshire, 4 Light years, 5 The Milky Way
Hands and Feet: 1 Lawn Tennis, 2 663, PT Barnum, 4 Door, 5 James Callaghan
Wind: 1 Chinook, 2 Namibia, 3 Kenneth Grahame, 4 The Mistral, 5 Isley Brothers
Voyages: 1. Odysseus, 2. The Owl and the Pussycat 3. Thor Heyerdahl, 4. The Beagle, 5 Jules Verne

The Parish of The Rivers Retford

Service and Events for September 2020

	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 Stoke- ham	St John the Baptist Treswell
6 Sept	10.30am <i>Benefice Celebration with Holy Communion for everyone at St John's East Markham</i>								
13 Sept			10.30am <i>Holy Comm union</i>			9.00am <i>Holy Comm union</i>			
20 Sept		10.30am <i>Morning Worship</i>	8.00am <i>said Holy Comm union</i>			10.30am <i>Harvest Festival</i>	10.30am <i>Harvest Festival</i>		9.00am <i>Holy Comm union</i>
27 Sept	5.00pm <i>Harvest Festival</i>		10.30 am <i>Harvest Festival</i>		9.00am <i>Holy Comm union</i>			10.30m <i>Harvest Festival</i>	

For those of you who find it difficult to get to church because of lack of transport, please be in touch because we might be able to help you. In any event if you would like any information about Worship at Home please contact me, there are lots of materials I can recommend to you online or send by post. In addition the **FREE telephone line, 0800 804 8044** "Daily Hope", set up by The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is continuing. You can listen to hymns and prayers just by choosing different options.

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