

# Heads - Up!

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

*October 2020*

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

The Parish Council hopes 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](http://www.gov.uk), [www.bassetlaw.gov.uk](http://www.bassetlaw.gov.uk), [www.nhs.co.uk](http://www.nhs.co.uk), [www.notttinghamshirecc.gov.uk](http://www.notttinghamshirecc.gov.uk), local and national TV and radio.

Notes of the virtual Parish Council meeting held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

As a result of a recent advert in Heads-Up, Matthew Allen applied to become a Parish Councillor for Grove. The Parish Council considered Matthew's application and unanimously voted to welcome Matthew as a Parish Councillor for Grove.

The police provided a report about the following incidents: -

One incident at Headon, no further information. / Two cars broken into at Upton. /  
One incident of a prowler at Headon.

The Parish Council Lengthsman has been working in Headon, Upton, Stokeham and Grove sweeping paths and clearing overgrown vegetation.

At the Parish Council meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> July 2020 the issue of vehicles speeding through Nether Headon was raised. The Clerk was tasked with reviewing the issue. The review showed that generally all the parish village gateway speed limit signage is good however, some inconsistencies exist between villages. National speed limits apply in Nether Headon, it was felt that a 30MPH limit should be implemented in Nether Headon. Cllr Greenhalgh is to contact residents in Nether Headon to gather residents' views of a reduced speed limit through the village.

A resident has asked the Parish Council why an early morning bus service does not operate from Upton to Retford. The local bus companies and Nottinghamshire CC have been contacted. The issue is the number of users of the service and the financial viability of running an early morning bus service. Currently, the Upton to Retford bus service runs 10:07AM, 12:07AM and 14:17PM.

Grove War Memorial, a survey was carried out in 2018. Possible design work would be required regarding the stability of the bank that the War Memorial sits upon. Cllr Harvey continues the dialogue with Bassetlaw DC and others. The War Memorial and steps is a listed structure and is the responsibility of Bassetlaw DC. Cllr Wielgus asked what people want to happen with the War Memorial. He further asked if it was a good use of public money. Possible funding from the War Memorial Trust, Lottery Fund and Bassetlaw District Council. The Parish Council would like to know what your views about what should be done about Grove War Memorial. Your opinion counts, please send the Parish Council an email to [headonpc@gmail.com](mailto:headonpc@gmail.com).

Cllr Harvey reported that a local parish historian placed an advert in Heads-Up asking for historical and other information that potentially can be incorporated into a parish walking map. Work is ongoing.

The Parish Council agreed to award grants to Headon Village Hall and the three parish churches.

To confirm the date and time of next meeting, Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2020 at 19:30hr. Please note that the because of the restrictions imposed by the Corona virus the next meeting will a virtual meeting via Zoom. The agenda for the next meeting will provide the Zoom login details or contact the Clerk at [headonpc@gmail.com](mailto:headonpc@gmail.com) for login detail.

Thank You  
The Parish Council.

# All The Way From South America

If you haven't noticed already, there are some new residents in Upton. Jeff and Helen of Trinity Farm have seven gorgeous Alpaca's. Two black ones, two white, two fawn and a brown. They are all girls, and all have different personalities.

Alpaca's are inquisitive, gentle (mostly) herd animals that originate from South America. They are hardy, have a thick, dense fleece and are happy to be out in the rain or sleeping flat out on the grass in the sunshine. Each fibre of their fleece is naturally crimped so they keep warm in the coldest weather. They mostly eat grass but need a small amount of cereal each day for the vitamins. They would eat other leaves, bushes, and other greenery, if they could get to them, but like most animals, some would not agree with them.



They have soft feet which means they do not churn up the grass, even when running for their daily carrot and apple treat! Did you know that Alpaca's make excellent guarders for livestock and chickens? They see everything around their field and have a piercing alarm call, very much like a seagull's call, when they see something suspicious. The sound they normally make is a lovely gentle humming. They are exceptionally clean animals and only poo in one small area in their field, although they do love to roll in dust or dry mud.

Their poo, which is a convenient small coffee bean shape, is great for plants and gardens and has virtually no smell. It does not need mulching before applying and can go straight onto your garden.

If you would like to come and meet the girls in person sometime, we would love to see you. Just give Jeff or Helen a call on 07814925469

## Headon Village Hall Social Club

Following the latest Government Covid 19 guidelines, the opening hours for the bar are now 7-10pm each Friday with last orders at 9.30pm to ensure prompt closure. [Correct at the time of printing and of course subject to change at short notice.]

## Letter to the Editor

Just to let people know that there is a Grimsby fishmonger who calls each week in the villages in this area on a Wednesday. His name is P.R. Fish Supplies Ltd and he sells 'quality fresh and frozen fish and shell fish'. I have been using him for years and he is very friendly and reliable. His name is Peter and the phone number is 07747000455.

Jill Walker  
Upton

## Quiz Corner

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

### This Sporting Life

1. Which sport takes place in a ring called a *dojo*?
2. Who fought Mohammed Ali in The Rumble In The Jungle?
3. In rugby union which international side is known as the *Pumas*?
4. Which sports playing area is 2.7 metres by 1.5 metres ?
5. What does the T.T. stand for in The Isle of Man T.T. races ?

### Fashion

1. Who had a top 10 hit in 1980 with the song *Fashion*?
2. Which British clothes designer pioneered the mini-skirt?
3. Who on Christian Dior's death in 1957 took over the Dior fashion house?
4. Why did the UK Government in 1947 urge women to wear shorter skirts?
5. An anorak is a long hooded jacket, but from what language does the word anorak come?

### Cinema

1. *The Magnificent Seven* was a remake of which 1950s Japanese film?
2. Who directed the film *ET*?
3. Directed by Guy Ritchie, who plays the Genie in the 2019 adaptation of *Aladdin*?
4. On what day is the Frank Capra classic *It's a Wonderful Life* set?
5. What is the highest grossing film of all time?

## Chris' Beekeeping Year — October

As the weather gets colder bee hives become very attractive as a winter home for other creatures and in particular for mice. Mice can cause a tremendous amount of damage if they get in a hive by eating the wax comb and generally causing a mess. It may not seem a safe environment but the mice seem to know where the cluster of bees are within the hive and can easily stay out of their way during the cold winter months. To stop this occurring the beekeeper puts 'mouse guards' onto the entrance of the hive. These are physical barriers which close up the entrance so there are a series of holes just big enough for individual bees to get through.

Another pest which concerns beekeepers is the green woodpecker. These attack bee hives by pecking through the side and eating the bees. I have seen examples of this in local beehives and it can cause severe distress to the colony and ultimately colony loss. The only way to protect the hives is to put an outer skin of chicken wire around the hive to stop access. There is evidence that this trait is learnt and passed down through the generations. However, I'm pleased to say that the green woodpeckers that visit our garden have never shown any interest in our hives and long may it last.

Sad to say that wasps have proved a problem this year with two colonies at one of my sites having been lost in the last month. The wasps are seeking an easy supply of sweet honey and there is very little the beekeeper can do about this other than rely on the bees themselves to deter the intruders.

## Answers

Sporting Life: 1 Sumo Wrestling, 2 George Foreman, 3 Argentina, 4 Table Tennis, 5 Tourist Trophy  
Fashion: 1 David Bowie, 2 Mary Quant, 3 Yves Saint Laurent, 4 To save cloth, 5 Eskimo  
Cinema: 1 The Seven Samurai, 2 Steven Spielberg, 3 Will Smith, 4 Christmas Eve, 5 Avengers Endgame  
(2019 \$2.8bn)

## The Parish of The Rivers Retford

### Service and Events for Oct 2020

*subject to COVID restrictions as at 24/9/20*

	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
<b>4 Oct</b>	10.30am at St John's East Markham <i>Benefice Celebration with Holy Communion for everyone</i>								
<b>11 Oct</b>			10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>			9.00am <i>Holy Communion</i>			
<b>18 Oct</b>	10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	10.30am <i>Morning Worship</i>	8.00am BCP said <i>Holy Communion</i>			10.30am <i>Morning Worship</i>	10.30am <i>Harvest Festival</i>		9.00am <i>Harvest Holy Communion</i>
<b>25 Oct</b>		10.30am <i>Holy Communion</i>	10.30 am <i>All-age Worship</i>					9.00am <i>Holy Communion</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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### Avon Calling?

If anyone is interested in looking through Avon brochures please text Dawn (07943708640) or Emily (07949116041) and we will drop a brochure off.



### Re-cycled Cycles

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

