



Heads - Up!



The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

January 2026

Wishing you all a happy New Year

Headon Village Hall Presents



**ABBA Tribute Band
Sensation**

**Saturday 14th February
Headon Village Hall**

**Tickets £20
Doors open at 7.00pm**



Numbers are limited, so make sure you don't miss out on a great evening's entertainment.

*The ideal Valetine's Day
evening out, right here on
your doorstep*

Presenting the music of ABBA in a dynamic show spectacular

For tickets please contact:

**Paul on 07794 839742 or Pat on 07719 306650 / headonvillagehall@gmail.com
or Facebook**



The Wallace & Dough pizza van will be joining us also at the village hall on the night of the 14th February.

You will be able to get a pizza before the start of the event or be able to place a order for the half time interval.

Carols at Christmas



The start of Christmas week saw over 50 people attend Headon Church for the return of the Old Silkstone brass band performing an evening of carols and Christmas music.

An energetic band master kept the audience engaged. This included a pack of terrible 'cracker' type jokes that brought many groans. The evening ended with mulled wine and mince pies at the village hall.

Gardening for Pollinators - January

Do you want to help out our pollinating insects? Well the cold dark days of January are the perfect time to make plans for your garden. Whether you have a patio filled with pots or a few wintry brown borders, spring is on its way and will soon be with us.

Right now, all our pollinators, except honey bees, are hibernating either as young adults or as pupae or larvae. There are many places in our gardens where they might be hiding from sheds to piles of leaves, from tree bark to compost heaps. Pollinators include bees (honey bees and the 270+ wild bee species), hoverflies, butterflies, moths, beetles, flies and even sometimes wasps. Bees and hoverflies probably do the bulk of the pollination but each has its role in the ecosystem.

For now, perhaps ask yourself, how pollinator-friendly is my garden? Do you have room for any more flowers? Are there some plants that never seem to attract insects? Many commercially grown plants are bred purely for looks and have virtually no nectar or pollen, so if you have any of these you may want to think about a replacement.

Headon Cum Upton Cinema Club Presents

Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG)

The cinematic return of the global phenomenon follows the Crawley family and their staff as they enter the 1930s. When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future.

Starring Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, Dominic West, Joanne Froggatt.

Saturday 10th January

Headon Village Hall 7.30pm. Entrance £3.50

Contact Pat - paddythorpe@btinternet.com or on 248368

Plastic Tub Recycling



We're all guilty of indulging in chocolate, sweets and crackers over the festive period, and in the UK we buy tens of millions of these plastic tubs every year the vast majority of which go to landfill. The pub chain Greene King are having a recycling campaign, 'Tub2Pub', to recycle these plastic tubs over the next 6 weeks. Last year over 240,000 tubs were collected and this year they hope to do better.

All tubs will be taken to a plastic reprocessing centre where they're shredded, before being sold onto plastic manufacturers to use in place of virgin plastics. All money raised from the sale of Tub2Pub plastics will go directly to Macmillan Cancer Support.

To save you a trip to find a Greene King pub, Upton resident Phillipa Thornton has kindly offered to collect plastic confectionery, biscuit and cracker tubs and take them to a local collection point. She lives at Melvern, Main Street, Upton, near to the Askham junction and any tubs can be left in her porch up until **Saturday 8th February**.

In addition Phillipa is still collecting old pens and pill blister packets, to avoid going off to landfill, which can also be left in her porch at any time.

Puzzle Corner

A London train makes a journey in which there are five stops, with the fifth being the terminus.

It is suspected that stolen goods change hands during the journey of the last train each evening, with the middle carriage the most likely place where activity takes place. The police are tracking the train and are keen to ascertain who was in the middle carriage throughout the journey.

On one night, only five passengers travelled in the middle carriage. The railway staff at various stations are certain that there were always two people in that carriage. The second stop was the only station where no one got in or got out. They determined that:

- Mr Lawrence shared the carriage with everyone except Mr Peters.
- Mr Noakes boarded the train at the first stop.
- Mr Mason got in at a station further down the line than Mr Clarke.

Who was in the middle carriage at the start of the journey and at each of the next five stations?

Answer at the bottom of the last page

Church News & Services

Following the retirement of Rev Canon Bronwen Gamble in January 2022, there is still no news on the process of appointing a new Rector. The Church will continue as near normal as possible during this time.

The Church contact is Reader Gill Rann on 07518 543868 or 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 Helen Grove	St Peter Headon	St Peter Laneham	All Saints Rampton	St Peter Stokeham	St John the Baptist Treswell
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4th January, 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion, **St John the Baptist, East Markham**

11th January, 10.30am, Holy Communion, **St Peter, East Drayton**

18th Jan	10.30am Holy Communion					10.30am Morning Worship			
25th Jan			8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship			10.30am Holy Communion		

1st February, 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion, **St John the Baptist, East Markham**

Headon Village Hall Social Club

The bar is open every Friday night between 8pm - 11pm. Why not come along and have a relaxing drink at the end of the week?



Re-cycled Cycles

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

