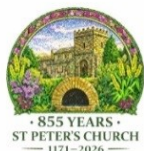


Heads - Up!

The newsletter for Headon, Upton, Grove & Stokeham

September 2026



Meet the Sheriff!

Headon Church

Saturday 19th September, 1.00pm—5.00pm

The Friends of Headon Church will be holding a garden party on **September 19th**, from 1 to 5 pm, when events will be taking place in the village hall and at the church. We would love it if you could join us!

There will be Skittles for the first prize of a copper kettle, a revival of a centuries old tradition. This tradition was resurrected during the Well Dressing years from 1981 – 1990 and revived briefly for the Millenium, until 2003.



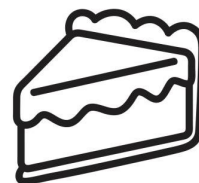
There will be various other games too, including a tombola stall and, from 2 – 5, a barbecue with great food from Home Farm in Grove. If you can contribute prizes for the Tombola, we would be very grateful. Any contributions can be left with Janet Landon (Thorpe House, Headon), Kev Knowles (Newlands, Upton) or Amanda Ogle (Hilltop House, Headon) before the 19th September.

The highlight of the afternoon will be a visit from the Sheriff of Nottingham! (Shh, don't tell Robin Hood!) He will tell you what he does when he isn't trying to find Robin, and he will have a variety of weapons and other things to show you and maybe he'll have stories to tell you, too. He will be at the church all afternoon, eager to talk to you.

Good fun and good food – what more could you ask?
Do join us! The Sheriff would love to see you, too!



Coffee Morning



Headon Church
Saturday 5th September
10.00am—12 noon

Good Company, Great Cake, Warm Welcome

An update from Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

The Parish Council held its last Parish Council meeting on the 6th July at Headon Village Hall. It seems a while ago now as Parish Councillors have had a well-earned rest and did not hold a meeting in August. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer and the lovely hot weather it has brought, although not such good news for our farmers.

Parish Councillors met with your Nottinghamshire County Councillor – Warren Limber in early July and talked through many of the issues that residents have raised. Cllr Limber has taken these on board and duly reported them, so hopefully we will see some action shortly. This includes potholes, speeding issues in Nether Headon and fly-tipping.

Talks with Bassetlaw District Council continue regarding the small parcel of land (Church Street, Headon) for additional car parking for the Village Hall. The Parish Council is keen to obtain this land and will continue to try for the benefit of residents.

The Parish Council would like to remind residents about reporting on the 'MyNotts' app. This can be downloaded from the Nottinghamshire County Council website, and makes the reporting of potholes, road and pavement issues much easier.

You can also report a faulty streetlight or damage to road signs.



You will probably have seen our Lengthsman out and about this summer who has been working hard to keep everything in good order. If you see or spot anything that needs attention, please let us know.

The next Parish Council meeting is at 7pm on Monday 7th September at Headon Village Hall, Church Street, Headon, DN22 0RD. As always, Parish Councillors welcome you to attend to ask questions and raise issues. Further details can be found on the Parish Council website: www.hugsparishcouncil.gov.uk

If you are unable to attend a meeting and would like to make contact, full details for your Parish Councillors are located in the village notice boards, or the Parish Clerk is contactable at clerk@hugsparishcouncil.gov.uk

Clare

Clerk to Headon-cum-Upton, Grove & Stokeham Parish Council

Puzzle Corner

You go shopping at a shop that uses a voucher system. There are three price bands that cover all items: the lowest priced goods cost one voucher, middle band goods cost three vouchers and top priced goods cost four vouchers.

You use 24 vouchers in all.

You buy 12 items, and buy at least one item from each of the price bands.

How many items did you buy that were in the one voucher section?

Answer at the bottom of the last page

Bird Wise

The breeding season is slowly coming to a close although some species will continue to feed nestlings well into September. I've been fortunate to ring juvenile swallows, house martins, common whitethroats, chiffchaffs, blue tits, linnets and house sparrows in our garden at Headon in the last month. That said, the very hot weather we experienced in late June has had a noticeable effect on some nesting species. Willow warblers at my local woodland site appear to have had a very poor season. Willow warblers make a small domed nest of grass that sits on or just above the ground. They are single brooded and lay a clutch of between four to eight eggs. Heavy rainfall or hot weather prior to the chicks fledging is known to reduce the likelihood of them surviving long past the nestling stage. (Remember the ground temperature in hot weather is significantly higher than the air temperature). Normally at this time of the year, I may ring as many as forty or fifty young willow warblers in a morning session. Over the last month we have been lucky to catch more than a dozen at a time.



Adult willow warbler

The autumn migration of birds leaving our shores for warmer climes is well underway regardless of the hot weather we have currently experienced. A number of our summer migrants (birds which come to the UK to breed) have already been observed leaving the south coast heading for warmer climes. Sand martins, swifts, willow warblers and yellow wagtails to name a few. Likewise, male cuckoos which can spend as little as six weeks on their breeding territories have ceased calling and a number have already reached their wintering grounds in Africa. Juvenile cuckoos however can still be observed here well into September.



Juvenile willow warbler

Following a rapid decline in breeding cuckoos in England over several years, a study initiated by the British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) has been underway. Its aim is to try and determine if migration routes to the bird's wintering grounds are a contributory factor in the species decline. For several years now a small number of cuckoos have been caught and fitted with a satellite tag each year. The tags used on the cuckoos in the study are solar powered and designed to function for a number of years. Once fitted the tag gives off an identification signal every few days enabling the bird's location to be determined. The aim is to track each bird on their autumn and spring migration for as long as the tag works. The study is on-going and has expanded to include breeding cuckoos from Wales, Scotland and Ireland. The results to date are fascinating and well worth a read. I would encourage you to visit the BTO website and follow the link to "tagged cuckoos".

Glen Thomas glenthomas8075@btinternet.com

Thanks Michael

After many years of being a church warden, fund-raiser and stalwart supporter of Headon Church, Michael Browne has retired. He is pictured here with Jill Walker and Janet Landon receiving a small farewell gift.

The PCC and the Friends of Headon church will miss the support he gave so readily at every service and every event, as well as all the work that he did behind the scenes. Thank you, Michael, we hope that you enjoy your extra free time!



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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6th September, 10.30am, Benefice Holy Communion, St John, East Markham

13th Sep		10.30am Holy Communion						10.30am Harvest Festival	
20th Sep	10.30am Holy Communion					10.30am Morning Worship for harvest			
27th Sep			8.00am Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Worship			10.30am Holy Communion for harvest		
4th Oct	5.00pm Harvest Songs of Praise		10.30am Holy Communion						

Harvest Service

St Peter's Church, Headon
Sunday 11th October, 10.30am

Headon Village Hall Social Club

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



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