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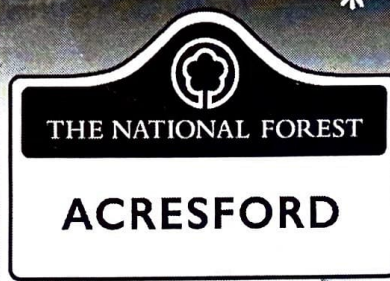
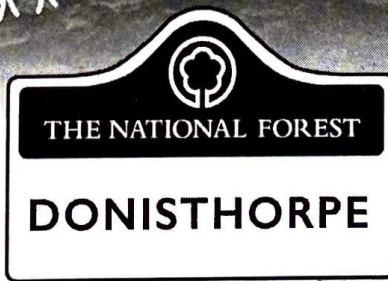
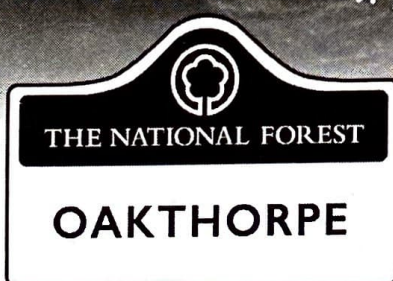
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LIGHTING UP IN THE COLD



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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford

Parish Council Report



I hope that you are all coping with this second lockdown. With a bit of luck by the time you get to read this we will have come out of it. I cannot imagine Boris wanting to be remembered as the Prime Minister who banned Christmas.

On a happier note, despite all the strange restrictions on 'normal' life there are a lot of positive things to report.

This month's Parish Council meeting was another lengthy and productive one. The Council are continuing to work on updating policies, records etc. and to ensure all information is transparent and accessible to everyone. As always, the minutes of the meeting will be publicised, in accordance with due process, once agreed as a true record.

In this unprecedented time, it is hard not to suffer occasionally from a form of 'cabin fever' but there are still many good things happening and I find it helps to focus on these.

In our Parish alone we have had a lot of 'good' news...

The Parish Allotment Group submitted an application to Mercia Park for funding for new sheds and they have secured the money to purchase replacements for the more dilapidated ones. The Donisthorpe Community Group applied to the same body for funding to carry out a feasibility study to make the Memorial Grounds more usable for the community and they have been granted funds to do this.

A working group has been investigating funding to replace the MUGA surface and improve the fencing at OCLC and are now ready to put in an application. So fingers crossed that their venture is as successful.

Although many events have been different this year, everyone is finding new ways to carry on. The Remembrance Day Service could not go ahead but Rev'd Canon Vivien Elphick and The Woodfield Team of Churches put together a lovely service which was available to 'join in' online and through this I know I still felt part of the community 'remembering' albeit differently to the norm. Three Parish Councillors went up to the Memorial Gates and laid the traditional wreath, read out the Ode to Remembrance and observed the two minutes' silence. About two dozen people were there, but everyone, without instruction, observed the regulations. I must also say a big thank you to the volunteers who put the poppies and silent soldiers out around the Parish and to those who decorated the Memorial and the Church so beautifully. Finally I have to report that NWLDC have one of the lowest Covid-19 incident rates in the country and although we should not be complacent, if we continue to do as instructed - or better still up our game - we will get through this.

This is the last Parish Report of 2020, so it just remains for me to say that all of us at ODAPC hope you have a happy, healthy Christmas and that 2021 brings better times for everyone.

Keep safe, keep well,

Cllr. Debbie Warren

The next Parish Council meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 13th January at 7pm. Visit www.odapc.co.uk and click the link to receive your invite. All are welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom.

Oakthorpe Defibrillator

There has recently been some confusion regarding the defibrillator sited by the gates at Oakthorpe School.

People often think that once the community procure a defibrillator that is the end of the matter. This is not the case. Part of our agreement with The Community HeartBeat Trust, and in order to comply with insurance conditions etc, the defibrillator has to be managed and have regular checks. The record then has to be forwarded to The Community HeartBeat Trust. My name is down on the records to carry out this procedure and it is completed weekly. I take this task very seriously, especially as many of the appliances around the country fail random spot checks by First Responders, which to me defeats their purpose.

Recently our defibrillator failed its check and I was instructed to cover it up and it was reported by Community HeartBeat Trust to the Ambulance Service as 'Temporarily Out of Commission'. I covered it up as instructed and it went down on record as requiring attention. The cover was torn off by someone so I replaced it again and added a sign explaining the situation. Both of these were torn off too.

The defibrillator is now back in service, so the third cover I put on has been removed by The Community HeartBeat Trust.

The appliance would never be covered up without a valid reason. If you ever think there is a problem with it, please contact me on 01530 272305. Or, if you feel you cannot speak to me, ring The Community HeartBeat Trust direct on 0845 862 7739.

Thanking you for your co-operation,

Debbie Warren



Give blood

Please keep donating blood and platelets during this difficult period. Centres remain open with extra safety measures in place. Hospital patients are still relying on your lifesaving donations.

If you have checked the latest coronavirus advice at www.blood.co.uk and are still able to donate, there is no reason to postpone.

Call 0300 123 2323 to book a session.

Ashby Hood Park
Sun 13 Dec 2020

Measham Leisure Centre
Sun 27 Dec 2020

Polesworth Memorial Hall
Thu 24 Dec 2020

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Please note: all group meetings have now ceased until further notice due to the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic. Please check back in future issues to find out when these will resume.