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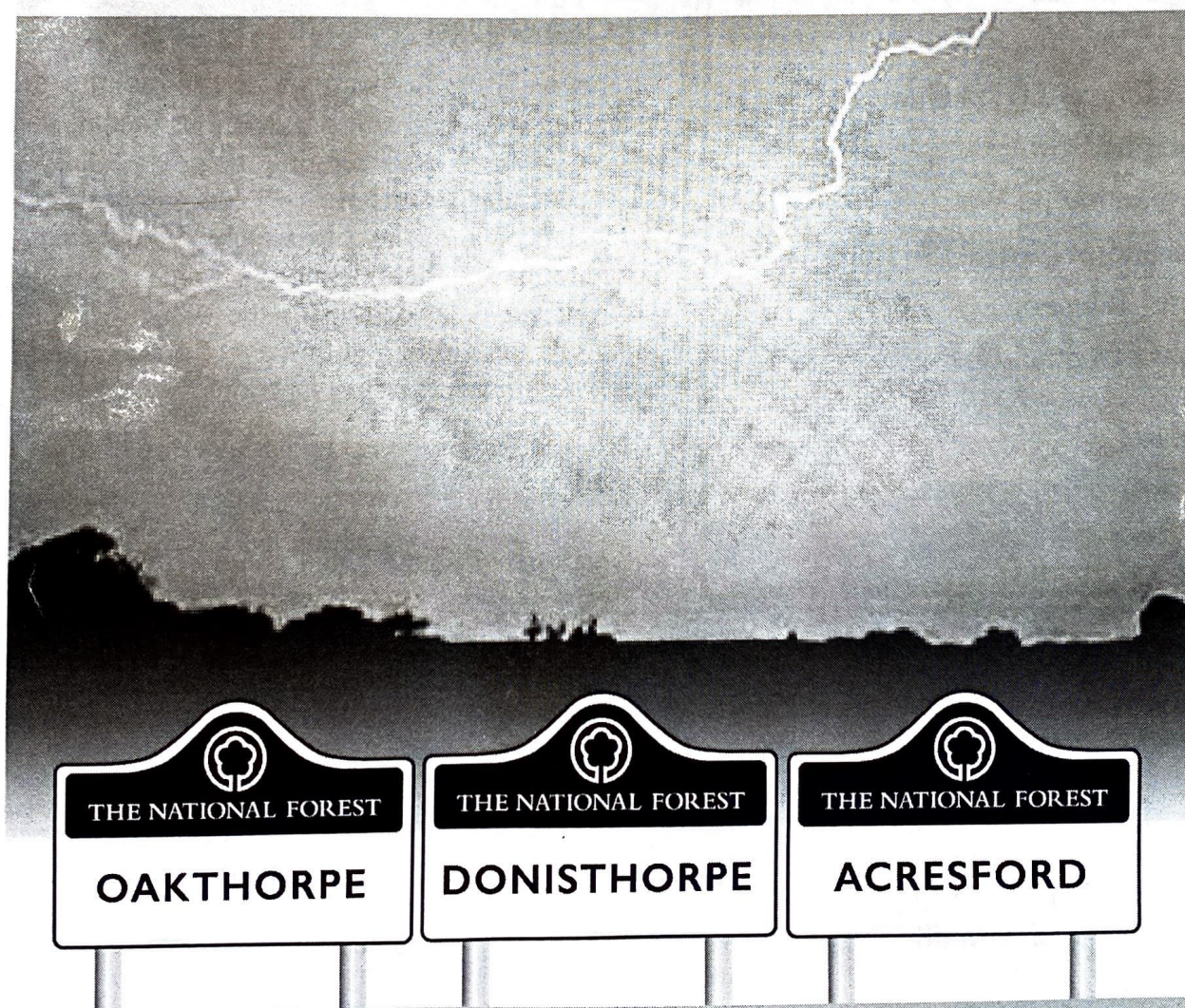
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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

STORMING THROUGH LOCKDOWN



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From your Parish Council



In what has become the new norm, we hosted another meeting on Zoom and it was great to see some public in attendance. For details on how to access the Zoom meetings, please go to www.odapc.co.uk and find our future meetings page.

It has already been a busy year and we have restructured our meetings to ensure the content is as informative as possible.

We are now pleased to confirm recruitment of a new Parish Clerk. We still have some paperwork to do but will update the website and Facebook shortly.

The minutes of the meeting as always will be published.

It has been an odd time for us all, but I think I speak for everyone on the Council when I say what an honour it is to be part of such a fantastic community. Both villages stepped up to help each other through these times and I can only reiterate our thanks to you all. We have sent our nominations to NWLDC for our local heroes and hope to see these recognised soon.

Just a reminder that whilst refuse services remain limited Cllrs Debbie & Mick Warren have kindly been emptying the public bins. These bags go to the community centre and in the commercial waste bin, however this service is also limited. We are therefore asking everyone to be mindful when using them - amongst items thrown away were Sunday lunch leftovers, cardboard overspill and even old medications. We are limited on space and we wouldn't want to see bins going unemptied as we run out of room.

Finally, as some of us return to work and some sense of normality, we hope you all keep safe, keep well and above all keep looking out for each other.

Cllr Nick Antill-Holmes

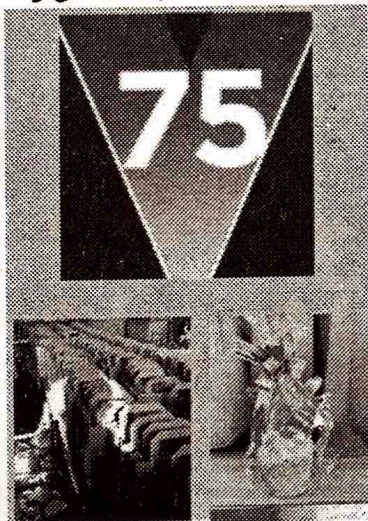
The next Parish Council meeting will take place via Zoom. It will be advertised on the website www.odapc.co.uk, where you will be given the date and time of the meeting, and asked to click on the link to receive your invite. This will be the case for the foreseeable future, until lockdown measures have eased sufficiently for meetings to take place in person. All are welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom.

Covid-19

Oakthorpe Support Group

The COVID-19 Oakthorpe Support Group helped fellow villagers celebrate the 75th VE Day by baking cakes for the whole village – 313 houses in total! Over 600 cakes were delivered in paper bags with stickers on to tell residents what the cakes were in aid of. Lots of volunteers within the group baked delicious goodies, and a few, spent hours getting them wrapped and put into bags, ready for the group to deliver out to villagers. All whilst ensuring social distancing was adhered to and stringent hygiene practices were in place.

Thank you for our beautiful cakes. Such a lovely thing to do. Brings back the memories of neighbourly acts of kindness from years gone by. Thanks again from us all.



Friday 8th May was a fabulous day in the village, residents decorated the front of houses, some had picnics in their front gardens, the sunshine hovered above making it a thoroughly enjoyable day for all. We received lots of grateful and positive responses from villagers who received the cakes. We captured a few of these along with lots of lovely pictures so that future generations can see what we, as a village, did to safely celebrate 75 years of Victory in Europe, whilst surviving the current pandemic in lockdown.

Oakthorpe Food Bank

is available to anyone in the village who is financially impacted by COVID-19. Don't suffer in silence. COVID-19 has impacted everyone in different ways. We are all in this together and are here to support each other.

**The food bank will be open to all residents on
Monday & Fridays 10am - 12pm
Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Oakthorpe**

Eggs, Potatoes, Tinned Goods, Cereals, Nappies

Facebook Group

Join the COVID - 19 Oakthorpe Support Group, on Facebook for up to date news about the group and useful information.

Shopping Requests

If you are in need of support with shopping, prescriptions, posting letters etc., get in touch.

Call **Caroline** on **07740 472886** or
Amy on **07931 879137 / 01530 610125**

Youth Landscapers Update

Staying creative during lockdown

Local creative explorers, the Youth Landscapers, have been making projects and artwork together since 2016. They are supported by the National Forest, through the Black to Green initiative and involve young people aged 12-18 from Donisthorpe, Moira and surrounds.

Because of the global Covid-19 emergency, Youth Landscapers aren't able to meet in person and we're not able to continue working on our 2020 Timber project, The Telling of the Bees. Not only are we unable to research, respond and make together but we're also not able to share it with our friends in the National Forest at Timber Festival which has, understandably, also been postponed until next year.

However, Rebecca and Jo, the artists who support the collective, have been thinking about ways we can all stay creative, and continue to look in detail and reflect on our surroundings in the National Forest, where we are all lucky enough to live. Together we've planned a project called The View from My Window.



The View from my Window

Together, we will create a series of weekly, small, creative assignments. We will each have a go at completing the mini-project in our own way, recording what we make and sharing our outcomes together online. We'll try some new stuff but also draw on activities we've already developed together, such as our 'Say What You See' method for describing the view in our podcasts, interviewing each other and different forms of photography to practice our creative research skills.

Each week the photo or audio of the results will go online via Facebook, Instagram and a new blog on our website, creating a gallery for people to follow. We will use what we do to make a new episode of our Listening to the Land podcast and hopefully stay in touch with all our friends across the National Forest and beyond by doing so.

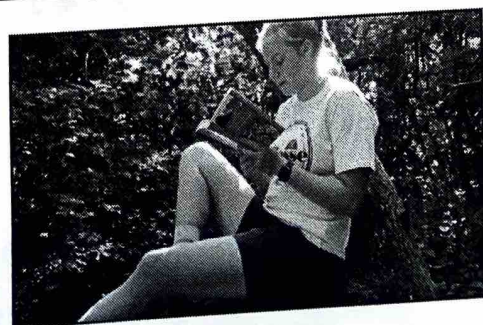
Follow along and join in!

Using social media and working online is a new challenge for us, but we hope that the continued project will encourage people to follow along or even join in with some of the activities and share the results. You can find out more about the project and join in at www.youthlandscapers.com or search for Youth Landscapers on Instagram or Facebook.

We'll still be making our project The Telling of the Bees for the 2021 Timber festival, and we're excited that we're going to be working with David, the Bee Farmer, as well as Bec Smith from Urban Projections, a very cool and talented artist who will help us realise a new and ambitious project for next year.

If all of this has interested you or you know someone aged 12-18 who would like to join the Youth Landscapers, please email us on youthlandscapers@gmail.com

Rebecca Lee





Information on Security and Reporting Crime in Your Village



WHEN TO CALL OR USE ONLINE (OL):

Theft of vehicle / from vehicle or property happening now

999

Violent crime happening now

999

Motorcycles on the trail being a nuisance

101 / OL

Theft from vehicle or property discovered after the event

101 / OL

Suspicious behaviour happening now / about to commit crime

999

Doorstep Cold Callers / Unexpected Service Engineer calls

101 / OL

Use of drugs or anti social behaviour

101 / OL

Items stolen from unlocked vehicle or property

101 / OL

Information on all of the crimes above and how to report them are available at
<https://www.leics.police.uk/report-online>

Let's Make Our Village Safe! We can all do our bit to reduce the risk. Here are some tips on how we can deter criminals and ensure Donisthorpe is not seen as an easy target:

- = **Lock Up!** - Make sure doors, windows, sheds and gates are locked. Get padlocks if you haven't got them. Lock bikes, scooters etc away in sheds and use your bike lock to secure them to something.
- = **Secure your house!** - Lock all windows and doors, set burglar alarms if you have them and use lights and sound wherever possible, whether you are in or out!
- = **Mark your property!** Use UV pens or the smart water system.
- = **Do not leave valuables on display!** Put away laptops, ID documents, phones and tablets so that people cannot see them through windows.
- = **Lock cars at all times!** DO NOT leave valuables in cars, even if they are not on display.