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**Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford
Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 12 February 2020
Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre**



It is hard to believe that the last 3VN report I wrote as a Councillor was back in July last year, time certainly races on. It was heartening to see three members of the public at this month's Parish Council meeting. Also in attendance were County Councillor Sean Sheahan and District Councillor Robert Ashman. The meeting was a long one, covering a number of topics. I will give a brief synopsis of those I found particularly interesting, I hope you do too. Full minutes of all discussed at the meeting will be available to view on the Parish website www.odapc.co.uk and posted on Parish noticeboards. We are currently in the process of setting on a new Clerk, so please excuse us if we are not as efficient as normal.

Cllr Darren Gelder has been representing ODAPC at meetings of the Junction 11 liaison group (for more details visit the Mercia Park website or the link to this on the Parish website) and provided update on progress. Ground work has already begun on this project and those involved have stated their commitment to 'minimise the impact of the development as much as possible'. Although there is no chance of overturning the development, there is a community fund available to soften the impact. The Parish Council will be working as hard as possible to ensure we get as much benefit from this for our Parish. The PC are intending to look at improvements in the Parish and would appreciate any views from residents on ways we can achieve this, obtaining grants from other funding bodies would be really good. The website for Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre (OCLC) has been updated with availability highlighted, facilities promoted and online booking possible. Please visit www.oakthorpeclc.org and check it out.

The 'coalition' of 'Friends of Oakthorpe Village', Oakthorpe Primary School and Oakthorpe Church are now in the position to install the defibrillator. Sadly, we have discovered that at the moment we can only place one device as the annual running costs to install two in the village proved to be too much to commit to currently. However, we are still looking at eventually having two installed and are pursuing ways of achieving this. The first machine will be sited outside the school (on advice from experts the best site in the village if installing just one machine) which will be accessible 24/7 for emergencies.

With 'THE GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN' timetabled for 20th March to 13th April 2020, the PC have arranged for representatives from NWLDC to be present at Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre on March 18th from 2pm to 4pm. They will be available to offer advice on fly tipping problems, litter picking (perhaps you could register to become a volunteer?) who to contact with your problems/ concerns etc.

You will also have the opportunity to see the equipment used for covert surveillance (drones, CCTV vans etc.) and there will be literature to pick up and Powerpoint presentations to view on what efforts are being made to tackle this area of anti-social behaviour and what we can do to help.

On a lighter, happier, note - although we have no Parish events planned for VE Day, Donisthorpe Community Group (which include some Councillors) have been working hard to get people together and have some exciting things planned. This is not solely for Donisthorpe residents, anybody from the Parish is welcome to celebrate with them. Keep an eye out for updates, let's all support them. Come together as a Parish and join in the fun!

Cllr Debbie Warren

Next meeting is on Wednesday 11th March 2020
Meetings take place on the second Wednesday of the month at Oakthorpe
Community Leisure Centre, from 7.00pm. All are welcome to attend.

News from your Parish Community Centre



Class	Day
Pilates For Beginners, 6.30 -7.30pm	Mondays
French Classes, Improvers 6.30pm & Beginners 7.45pm	Tuesdays
Pilates, 6.30pm - 7.30pm	Tuesdays
Country Colours Art Class, 9.30am - noon	Wednesdays
Community Post Office, 2.00pm - 4.00pm	Wednesdays
Hicks Lodge Photography Club, 7.00pm - 9.00pm	Thursdays (Fortnightly)
Hatha Yoga, 9.30am to 11.30am	Fridays

MUGA slots still available, book now.

As always, the team are on hand to discuss any requirements you may have. For more information, please telephone **01530 515087** or email us at: contact@oakthorpeclc.org, check out our website at www.oakthorpeclc.com or find us on Facebook.

Creamy Lemon Chicken Pasta

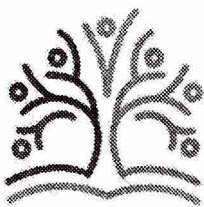
Ingredients

12 oz. linguine or spaghetti
1 cup frozen peas
2 tbsp. olive oil
12 oz. boneless skinless chicken breasts, cut into 1 inch chunks
2 tsp. finely grated lemon zest
1/4 cup fresh lemon juice
4 oz. low-fat cream cheese, cubed, at room temperature
1/2 cup grated parmesan
1/4 cup flat-leaf parsley, roughly chopped
Salt & pepper

Directions

1. Cook linguine / spaghetti as per package directions, adding peas during the last 2 minutes of cooking. Reserve 1 cup pasta cooking liquid, then drain pasta and peas.
2. Meanwhile, heat olive oil in a pan on medium-high. Season chicken with salt and pepper and cook until golden brown on all sides, 4 to 5 minutes.
3. Add lemon juice to pan and cook, scraping up any browned bits. Add cream cheese and stir until melted; remove from heat.
4. Fold in lemon zest and parmesan, then parsley. Toss with pasta (adding reserved cooking liquid, 1 tablespoon at a time as necessary). Serve immediately. Enjoy.

Pat Tully



Donisthorpe Community Group News & Events



On 8 May 1945, Prime Minister Winston Churchill made an announcement on the radio at 3pm that the war in Europe had come to an end, following Germany's surrender the day before.

This was an emotional day that millions of people had been waiting for. Huge crowds - with lots of people dressed in red, white and blue gathered and there were big celebrations and street parties.

Friday 8 May marks the 75th anniversary of VE day and we looking at organising something special to commemorate this momentous occasion. Something that will bring together people from across our community and recreate the atmosphere of 1945.

If you would like to contribute to the day, please get in touch with us.

Please join us for
the next
community litter
pick In March.

We will provide
'litter grabbers'
and bin bags.

Complimentary
hot food and drink
will be provided
before we start.



Meet at the Halfway House
At 9:30 for bacon sandwiches and coffee
to warm you up before the start.



Sat 14 Mar - **Spring Litter Pick**
Mon 13 Apr - **Easter Egg Hunt**
Fri 8 May - **VE Day Celebration**
Mon 18 May - **AGM**
Mon 6 Jul - **Pensioners' Lunch**
Sat 5 Sept - **Fun Day**

To contact us...

- Find us on Facebook,
- Email us at the address below
- Ring/text Ian on 07960 008889
- Attend a committee meeting
(Halfway House last Monday of
the month) – all welcome

Donisthorpe.community.group@gmail.com

Litter, Fly-Tipping and related issues



The above problems are becoming increasingly noticeable lately. With recent news reports of organised crime becoming involved we all need to be vigilant and informed about how we can help to tackle the problem and who to contact if we see suspicious behaviour.



To link with the GREAT BRITISH SPRING CLEAN (March 20th - April 13th 2020) the Parish Council has arranged for representatives from NWLDC to be present at Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre from 2pm to 4pm on Wednesday March 18th.

Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford residents will have opportunity to discuss any issues they have on topics related to litter, environmental problems etc. with the people paid to deal with them.

There will be a chance to see the equipment used for surveillance (drones, covert CCTV vans etc) literature will be available, Powerpoint presentations on some of the situations the council have to resolve, and the opportunity to register as official litter pickers should you wish (your litter collected will then be collected from you, bags provided and so on). Advice will be available on organising group litter picking sessions and any other ways in which you can help keep your community litter free.

Do come along, you should find it most enlightening. (You could also link it to your Post Office errands - the weekly Oakthorpe Community Post Office is open at the same time so get your stamps, cash out and post letters, parcels while you are there!)

Can I also take this opportunity to remind you again that Parish Council have ten sets of litter-picking equipment available for residents to borrow if they want to do a GROUP litter pick. Friends of Oakthorpe Village also have ten sets of equipment available so in theory a group of twenty pickers could go out together. All we ask to borrow these is a couple of days notice at least and to get equipment signed out and signed back in again, with any losses, breakages etc, to be replaced if possible. Please contact Cllr Debbie Warren 01530 272305 for more details. Hope we see you there!

Cllr. Debbie Warren

USED STAMPS

Did you know that you can donate used stamps to your favourite charity? Just ensure there is a bit of the envelope/paper all around the stamp. Here's one you can send them to or alternatively google to find your favourite charity:

Stamp Bureau in aid of
Macmillan Cancer Support
PO Box 469
Leeds LS17 1HX

