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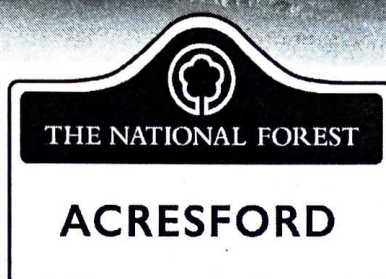
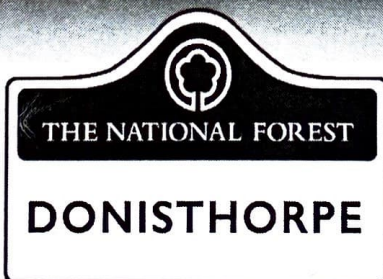
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SHORT DAYS, LONG SHADOWS



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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council Report

The September Parish Council meeting was another busy one and as always, if you need full details the minutes will be published on the ODAPC website notice boards (once verified by full council as a true account and in accordance with set governance). We are having a few issues with printing at present, but once these are rectified, minutes will again be posted on the notice boards.

The new Clerk, Kelly, is taking full advantage of all training available. She has already completed and passed her first level of Clerk's training and is now working on level two. Kelly is also doing all online courses on offer and is full of enthusiasm.

Kelly is working with Council to review policies and procedures - some have temporarily been removed from the website to ensure they are correct and up-to-date. Once content is agreed, they will return to the website for your information. We are now getting closer to where we should be and meetings are becoming more straightforward, open and efficient.

In light of the fact that Covid-19 prevented the annual Parish meeting - your official opportunity to have your say about what you would like to see in the Parish - community groups have been approached and individuals have been reminded that the Council are making a 'wish list' of things people would like to see happening/done in the Parish. Ideas have been put forward by Donisthorpe and Oakthorpe. Acresford have requested some form of speed control on the A444 and we are looking for suggestions for other improvements. Please make your views known by contacting the Clerk at clerk@odapc.com.

All ideas will be considered, or passed onto the responsible body. We will need to ensure that funds are allocated appropriately; for some items, grants may be available.

Please also remember that you have the opportunity to put your views forward at any full Council meeting. If there is something you feel needs to be discussed by Council, please contact the Clerk, giving at least 10 days' notice before the next meeting. You can telephone **01530 515087** at any time and leave Kelly a message with any concerns, ideas or queries - she will get back to you at the earliest opportunity.

We encourage public attendance at meetings, even virtual ones. We have experienced some technical glitches recently, with members of the public having difficulty accessing Zoom. Hopefully, we will have these resolved before the next meeting.

In light of the recent tightening of restrictions, we would like to remind you to continue to take care, especially in play areas and public spaces. We have been very lucky in the area so far, and it is easy to become complacent, but we are not out of the woods yet.

For households and businesses with hedging running along pavements/footpaths, please ensure hedges are kept trimmed wherever possible to help with social distancing as pedestrians pass each other. Also, remember that we have two organised and very well-run Covid support groups in the Parish, which continue to offer help to anyone who is struggling and will do so while it is necessary. I would like to say, on behalf of all of us, thank you to the people involved in these groups, they are doing important work in our community. BE CAREFUL, KEEP SAFE!

Cllr. Mick Warren

OD&A Parish Council

The next Parish Council meeting will take place via Zoom on Wednesday 7th October at 7pm. Visit www.odapc.co.uk and click the link to receive your invite.

All are welcome to attend the meetings via Zoom.

Donisthorpe Community Group

Donisthorpe Community Group has been a little quiet over the last six months due to COVID-19. We had amazing plans in place to celebrate VE Day, which had to be cancelled. The annual pensioner's lunch, Fun Day and Apple Day will have to wait until next year.

Every cloud has a silver lining and there is still much to look forward to. There will be a pop-up shop selling allotment produce, along with free freshly-pressed apple juice, outside the village shop between 10am and 3pm on Saturday 3rd October. Pickled onions and the usual produce will be on sale.

We will also be decorating the village in the lead-up to Remembrance Day on November 11 and beyond.

Members of the group are looking forward to delivering a Christmas-themed meal to local pensioners and we have discussed lighting up the village in February. We're not going to give too much away at this stage, but please watch this space for more details.

If you have any ideas you would like to put forward, or are interested in joining the group, our next meeting is being held at 7.30pm on Monday 26th October 2020 at the Halfway House. Everyone is welcome to attend. All social distancing rules will be adhered to.

Linda Bull

Your local Food Bank - how you can help

Your local food banks are still in need of non-perishable items to donate to families in need - many of your friends and neighbours continue to struggle to make ends meet, in the light of the global pandemic we still find ourselves in.



At present, they are in particular need of long-life milk and juice, tinned vegetables, tinned potatoes and instant mash. Although everything is gratefully received, please note that there are no facilities for fresh produce. Snacks and treats are also welcome.

In **Donisthorpe**, the Village Store is accepting gifts of food, while in **Measham**, donations can be made at the local Co-op at any time, or at Measham Baptist Church between 9am and 10am on Fridays. In **Ashby**, donations can be made at the large Tesco Extra.

If you prefer to make a cash donation, pay directly into the foodbank account at Lloyds Bank:

Sort code: 30 92 15 **Account:** 16991360.

Alternatively, cheques payable to 'Ashby Foodbank' can be sent to: Ashby Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby de la Zouch LE65 2FQ.

If you need to access the Food Bank, then visit www.trusselltrust.org/get-help/find-a-foodbank/ashby/ The website gives details of collection points in Ashby and Measham.

Waste collection news from NWLDC

North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) has now reinstated garden waste and cardboard collections in their usual fortnightly slots as of the end of last month. It means that all residents can revert to using their normal collection calendar that was in use pre Covid-19. Alternatively, the postcode finder option on the district council's website can be used to check collection dates at: www.nwleics.gov.uk/collections

Residents are being thanked for their patience in recent months as the reduced collections allowed waste staff in the 'at risk' category to shelter from Covid-19. Social distancing rules meant NWLDC also had to reduce the size of the crew on each vehicle from four to three, reducing the efficiency of collections at a time when more household waste was being produced. By reviewing the rounds and returning more staff to work, the council is now able to complete the normal collections while maintaining these reduced crew sizes.

Meanwhile, a recent lorry fire in Thringstone has brought into focus the danger of disposing of batteries with household waste. Residents are being reminded that batteries can be recycled safely as part of the normal collection service.

On recycling collection days, both used batteries and mobile phones should be placed in separate recyclable containers and left next to the red recycling boxes. Using old jam jars or margarine tubs with a lid on to dispose of batteries is particularly useful as these can be recycled afterwards.

Types of batteries that can be recycled include:-

- All AAA and AA cells
- Sizes C and D
- Button batteries (e.g. from watches/ hearing aids)
- Laptop batteries
- Power tool batteries
- Mobile phone batteries (if removable)



Once collected by crew members, the batteries are stored in a safe compartment until they reach the NWLDC recycling depot. They are then collected by a specialist battery recycling company where they are sorted by chemistry type and shredded. Metals uncovered during the process can be used to make new batteries and in industries like the steel industry. In addition to fire hazards which can be caused by putting old batteries in black bins, the resources and chemicals found in them such as lead, cadmium, zinc, lithium and mercury can cause harm to the environment when they get to the landfill site.

Paul Sanders, Head of Community Services at NWLDC, said: "We're extremely lucky that no residents or team members were hurt... a lot of residents might not realise that we collect batteries at the roadside and this incident presented a good opportunity to reiterate that message."