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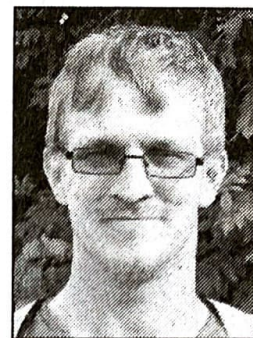
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Oakthorpe Donisthorpe Acresford Parish Council

Chairman's Annual Report 13 July 2022



Firstly, what glorious weather we have been having. This month's meeting was certainly a quiet one with no members of the public in attendance. This is not unusual during holiday time so we look forward to welcoming you back in September.

The Council takes recess over August, so as usual we delegate authority for decision-making to responsible Councillors who can continue to work with the Parish Manager to ensure business is transacted seamlessly.

The Council, as always, is busy in the background working on projects to better the Parish and we are hopeful that these will again be recognised. We have agreed to continue to work with the villages to brighten them up - this year, we will purchase a further 4,000 bulbs to be planted across the Parish. We have identified planters to purchase that will sit at the entrance signs where possible.

The MVAS is still in situ on A444 and Measham Road, Acresford and we are pleased to advise that a further unit is on order, this bringing the total available in the Parish to 3. We have also placed the order for the new 'kissing' bench to replace the old one in the orchard. The Council is also working on a solution to fence the boundary of the orchard and the footpath, as we are aware that this has been cut open again.

Speeding remains high on our agenda, but we urge anyone who has witnessed this or any other reportable incidents to utilise online reporting - <https://www.speedorsafety.com/community>

The current Council term ends in April. This means the new 4-year term starts in May - if you feel you have something to offer then why not consider standing for election? Come along to a meeting or contact a member of the Council who will be happy to speak to you about it.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a lovely summer break - enjoy your holidays or time at home with family, keep safe and hopefully I may see you at our September meeting.

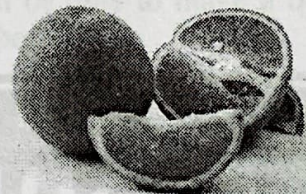
Cllr Jamie Antill

The next open Council meeting will take place at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre
on **Wednesday 14th September** at 7.30pm.
All are welcome.

Beetroot and Goats Cheese Salad

Lettuce, cooked beetroot, goats cheese, olive oil, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, Dijon mustard, walnuts.

- Make salad dressing - combining oil, balsamic vinegar, lemon juice, mustard, salt and pepper.
- Place salad leaves in a large bowl and add the dressing. Mix well, so the leaves are coated. You can use a variety of leaves.
- Roughly chop the beetroot and add to salad leaves.
- Add the crumbled goats cheese.
- Finish with walnuts, season with salt and pepper. You can alternatively use the beetroot peeled/chopped or grated and roasted for 4/5 minutes to make it a roasted beetroot salad. You can also add a drizzle of honey over the finished salad. You could add orange / grapefruit slices / blueberries for a fruity beetroot salad. Enjoy.



Therapeutic Gardening - Community Gardening Group

Community Gardening Group, attached to Measham Medical Unit, seeks new members to maintain the Allotment Plot in Appleby Magna.

The Plot has permanent fruit trees and bushes and is currently planted with this year's vegetables.

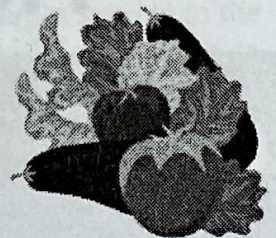
We have a shed, a (tiny) pond, water butts, raised beds and a netting tunnel.

We need more hands to keep our space productive and looking good.

We cultivate using organic principles, so companion planting but no chemicals!

For information contact Linda on 07452 991949.

Linda Plummer,
Lead Volunteer





A simpler property-buying process in North West Leicestershire

From 27 July 2022, buying a property in North West Leicestershire will become quicker and simpler for everyone. North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) has worked with HM Land Registry to become one of the first local authorities in the country to transfer its local land charges (LLC) service to the national digital register. The LLC Register allows users to search information online instantly, so buying decisions can be made earlier in the conveyancing process.

Most local land charges are restrictions or prohibitions on the use of property or land, such as planning permissions or listed building status. A search of the national register will reveal whether a property is subject to a charge. This means buyers will be able to make a quicker informed decision about the purchase by completing the searches themselves.

Councillor Keith Merrie MBE, Portfolio Holder for Planning and Infrastructure at NWLDC, said: “The buying and selling market is booming right now, and we know our district is a very desirable place to live.

“We are pleased to work with HM Land Registry to be among the early adopters of the new register. This means our customers will benefit from a transparent user-friendly service, making it much simpler for people who are looking to buy homes in North West Leicestershire.”

This digitisation supports wider government priorities to make property transactions quicker, simpler and cheaper. Anyone can access the register’s Search for local land charges service. Business customers can also access it through their portal account or Business Gateway.

Users of the national register can download a personal search free of charge, or buy an official search for £15. This will allow unlimited repeat searches for six months. All information is delivered in a standard easy-to-read format, with geospatial maps.

When all local authorities in England and Wales transfer their local land charges service to the national register, it will contain more than 25 million charges. Data users will find it easier to search, merge and digest the information, while entrepreneurs and innovators will be able to develop new social and economic solutions that benefit the wider UK economy.

For more information visit [GOV.UK](https://www.gov.uk).

NWLDC – NEW CUSTOMER CENTRE, COALVILLE

Work has started to create a new North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) Customer Centre in the heart of Coalville. The move will take all customer appointments – including council tax, benefits and fraud, environmental protection, planning, housing, licensing, waste and communities – to a new, more accessible location on Belvoir Road. A police enquiries desk will also be located in the Customer Centre. The fit out work is planned to take around four months, with the Customer Centre expected to open in the autumn. Other staff will be based at either a refurbished Whitwick Business Centre on Whitwick Road or at Stenson House on London Road – the historic part of the current Council Offices.

Business Growth Grant

Do you know a local small business looking to grow? Business owners in Leicestershire are being urged to check if they are eligible for a growth grant from the Business Gateway Growth Hub before funds run out. Currently around £400,000 remains in the pot for the Business Growth Grant aimed at SMEs (Small and Medium Enterprises) with ambitions to grow. Grants from £2,000 to £25,000 are available, providing a third of the project cost and the support of a dedicated business adviser throughout the application process.

Plans for Ashby's tourist information centre soon to be unveiled

The future of Ashby's former tourist information centre will soon be announced following the district council's ending of the building lease. Closed since March 2020, North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) is handing over the keys of the former Ashby Tourist Information Centre and working with the Ashby Business Improvement District (BID) and Ashby Town Council to look at the future of the centre.

The decision to handover the Ashby TIC space was made by NWLDC's Cabinet in February after a number of options were considered as part of the wider visitor economy plan for the district. Options included permanently closing the facility, moving services to the Ashby Leisure Centre and Lido, and working the town council and BID to offer some community services. As part of the move, NWLDC has ended its lease of the space in Ashby library and is in talks with the BID and town council to reintroduce some of the services once offered in the TIC.

Councillor Tony Gillard, NWLDC Portfolio Holder for Business and Regeneration said: "Before the pandemic the number of tourists visiting the tourist information centre was very low, and we know that the needs of travellers are changing as people look for more information online.

"We know the community valued services previously offered at the Ashby TIC, so we're working with partners including Ashby Town Council, Leicestershire County Council and the Ashby BID to ensure some continuation of these in the future. As soon as agreement has been reached we'll let the community know and, where we can, we look forward to working with the new operators of the centre."