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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford

Parish Council, November 2022



I begin this report with an apology. It was my job to write the report on the September PC meeting for the October edition of 3

Views News, when the meeting was cancelled due to the passing of our Queen. I did write a piece, but as it was a sensitive issue, I procrastinated and as a result I missed the publishing deadline. Copies of the article were displayed on Parish notice boards, but obviously not everyone got to read these. I am very sorry if you missed the article.

The agenda for the November meeting was a full one and you will be able to read the minutes online, also on the Parish notice boards, once they are accepted as a true record. But there are a couple of urgent issues we wish to bring to your notice.

As you know, next year is Council election year. There will be vacancies on the Parish Council and we are encouraging parishioners to think about getting involved. At present, your Council is not well balanced - it would be good to see new Councillors, especially people from Donisthorpe, elected for the next term. We will be working on 'recruiting' new candidates between now and the elections, but the best way to find out what is involved is to come along to meetings or speak to someone currently on the Council. It is a very rewarding experience, obviously it involves giving up some of your time - not just attending monthly meetings, but the more proactive you are the more satisfaction you get. If you think that you could make a difference, then you are just the person we need.

If there is not enough interest and there are not enough Parish Councillors for ODAPC to be quorate, numbers will be made up by District Council representatives. Is this what we want for our community?

An important, national, issue at the moment is the cost of living crisis. Parish Councils around the country are looking at ways they can help. ODAPC have been speaking with nearby Councils and various ideas have arisen from this. But the first thing we need is volunteers to help and form a discussion group to work out what we can do for our community. If you think you could help, please contact the Parish Manager or one of the Councillors.

Finally, we have recently been receiving reports from the public about damaged graves in the cemetery in Donisthorpe. Following these reports, it appears that many of the graves that have been 'knocked down' have actually been laid down for Health & Safety reasons. The Council and the Burial Board cannot carry out repairs - the graves belong to the relatives and sometimes it proves difficult to contact them. When this happens, the Burial Board will take action to make safe where necessary. If you are concerned about anything in the cemetery, please contact the Clerk of the Burial Board, or inform our Parish Manager and she will pass on your concerns.

It is just left for me, on behalf of all of us on Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy and Happy 2023!

Councillor Debbie Warren, ODAPC

Next two Parish Council meetings - at ME Sports East Midlands Centre on
Weds 14th December and Weds 11th January at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Queries can be
sent to the Clerk at clerk@odapc.co.uk for consideration at the meeting.

THE
MARLENE REID CENTRE

CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL

COULD YOU SPARE A GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS TO DONATE TO A CHILD IN NEED?

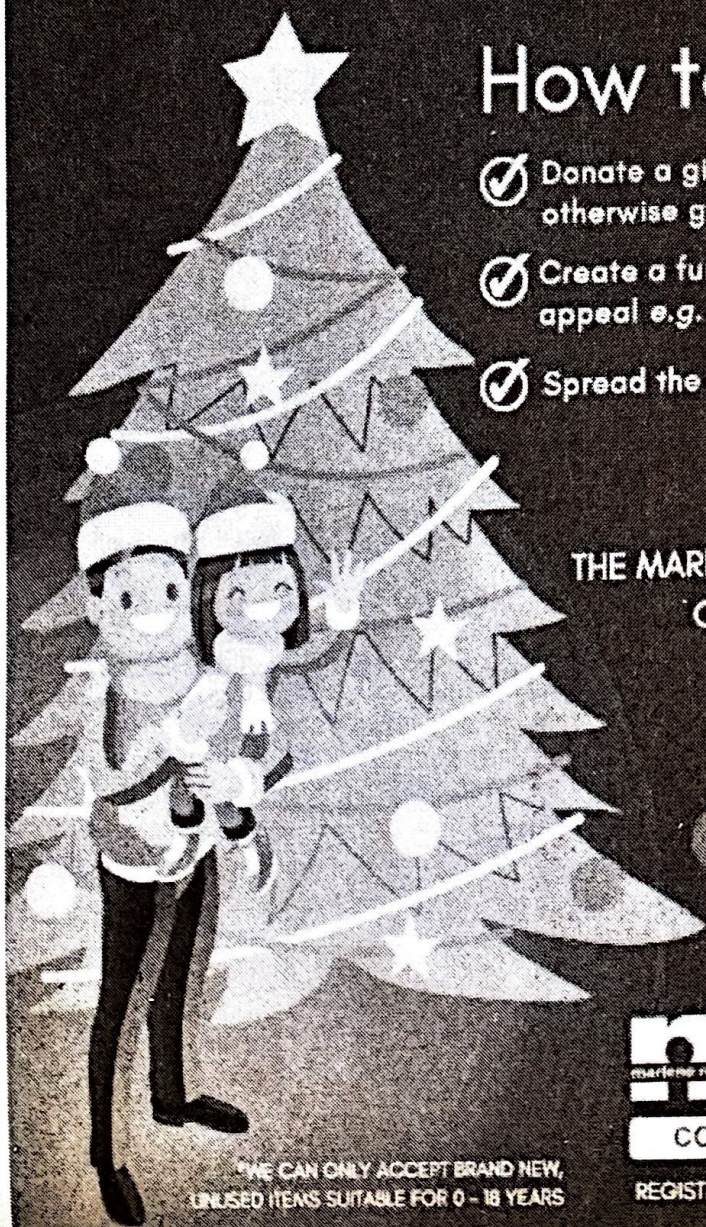
How to get involved:

- ✓ Donate a gift to us to pass on to someone who may otherwise go without this christmas
- ✓ Create a fundraiser to raise a donation for our appeal e.g. a christmas jumper day at work/school
- ✓ Spread the word, so others can join in too!

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE AT:

THE MARLENE REID CENTRE, 85 BELVOIR ROAD,
COALVILLE, LEICESTERSHIRE, LE67 3PH

Donation Deadline
5th December 2022



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REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1058583

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News from North West Leicestershire District Council

Waste Collections

Just a reminder that waste collections are always slightly different to the norm for the duration of the Christmas period, so please refer to your new Waste Collection Calendar which is already winging its way to you. All households will receive three consecutive black bin collections over the festive period, with two green waste collections suspended in December/January.

Battery Disposal

After a close call in Coalville recently, when a refuse truck was found to be emitting smoke, NWLDC would like to remind residents that lithium batteries (AA, AAA etc) and laptops, tablets and phones should not be discarded with household waste, but taken to a recycling centre. This is because lithium can ignite in pressurised environments when exposed to oxygen. This incident could have been much worse, but still caused delay and disruption to the refuse collection service.

The Prince's Trust

Young people aged 16 to 30 and not in full-time employment, training or education can apply for opportunities available via the Prince's Trust charity. Visit https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/business_events_and_training to browse what's on offer, including Health & Social Care mentoring, Cyber Security, Digital Skills and Enterprise initiatives.

Wellbeing Saturdays

Go Learn, Leicestershire's adult learning service, has organised a number of weekend events designed to improve health and wellbeing. **Art for Wellbeing** takes place on 18th March 2023, from 10.30am at Loughborough Moira Centre. Meanwhile **Art & Diversity**, a 3-hour session in celebration of LGBTQ+ month, is scheduled for 18th February at 10.30am, also at Moira Centre, Loughborough. Both are fee-paying sessions with generous concession rates. Call **0800 988 0308** to book or find out more.

Work & Skills

Visit one of our pop-up employment hub events at Ashby Library to discuss your career options or update your CV. Whether you're fresh out of school or college or are contemplating a career change, our doors are open. Come along to Ashby Library, North Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 1HU on **Monday 5th December** and/or **Monday 12th December 2022**, from 10am to 12pm each day. Call **0800 988 0308** to talk to one of our advisors. For info visit leicestershire.gov.uk/work-and-skills.