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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council

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As the nights draw in and the last remnants of summer disappear, it's time to get ready for the change in season. This month's Parish Council agenda reflected a change in season as we prepare not only for the winter months, but the following spring - from bulb planting to new village planters and the refurbishment and upkeep of communal areas, to ensure everyone in the Parish has something to look forward to in these challenging times. Any support in planting the bulbs and maintaining the village planters would be very welcome.

Traffic and speeding are a constant item and a topic for all in the Parish. We have put forward a proposal to County to secure funding for further traffic calming measures. A new MVAS speed warning camera has been purchased and will be deployed around the Parish. The Parish Council is also doing a great deal of work for the upcoming Remembrance Day, where the new memorial gates at Donisthorpe will be a centrepiece of the event.

From talking with many people around the villages, the role of a Parish Councillor can seem unclear. In the centre pages of this edition is some information to help explain what we do and how you can be involved. Many things that are taken for granted actually require the time and effort put in by volunteers to ensure that our villages and surrounding areas are adapted and developed to meet the needs and requests of the people who make up our community. From planning and speaking at school events to working with the Police and County representatives on your behalf - these are all parts of a wide, varied and rewarding job.

Please think about getting involved. With your input, we can make a difference to our community.

Cllr Darren Gelder

The next open Parish Council meeting will take place at
Oakthorpe Leisure Centre
on **Wednesday 9th November** at 7.30pm.
All are welcome.

Donisthorpe – A Thriving Community

What a place to live!! My wife and I moved here to 'retire' almost 20 years ago and have enjoyed this wonderful community ever since. Over the years we have supported the church, schools in both villages in the Parish, served on the Parish Council and helped wherever we can. The strength of the community is quite breathtaking, particularly during the Covid pandemic and since. Local businesses work tirelessly behind the scenes to support the Community Group, the food bank, the church and the Allotment Group.

There are several other groups in the Parish that I have not mentioned such as the history and model railway groups and I am sure there are others that I have overlooked.

The nucleus of volunteers work consistently to provide community events through The Donisthorpe Community Group, the Community Interest Company (which has been set up to develop waste land for the benefit of the community) and the Memorial Group which is developing a plan to completely transform the Memorial Grounds.

These groups are always open to recruit volunteers, so if you are interested, please check articles in this magazine for contact details. They meet regularly either at the Halfway House or the Pavilion. Indeed, we had a first meeting of the DCG in the church just before Queen Elizabeth's Funeral and in less than a week we worked with the DCG to live stream the funeral broadcast in church on a cinema screen. The event was well attended and was appreciated by all who came and joined us for tea and biscuits.

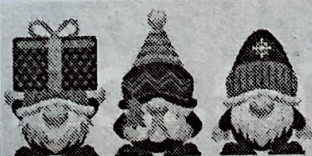
It really is amazing what can be achieved in this vibrant community, our decision to 'retire' here was a good one and long may it be so!

Chris Keeley

Festive Family Film Night
St John's Church, Friday 2nd December
Film starts at 17.00.

Arthur Christmas

Under 12s must be
accompanied by an adult.
£5 adults, £2.50 children.



Join your Parish Council!

What is a Parish Council?

A Parish Council is a local authority that makes decisions on behalf of the people in the Parish. It is the level of local government closest to the community.

Why become a Parish Councillor?

Become someone your community will look to for help, guidance and support. A community leader with the power to influence decisions for the benefit of the people you serve.

What decisions do Parish Councils make?

Parish Councils make all kinds of decisions on issues that affect the local community. The most common topics are planning matters, crime prevention and roads & highways.

How much time does it take up?

Councils usually meet once a month for the council meeting to which members of the public are also invited. Meetings may last two or three hours, depending on what is on the list of items to discuss. We have some sub-committees to deal with specific subjects, such as planning matters, leisure centre and project based groups.

How long does a Parish Councillor serve for?

Once elected, Parish Councillors sit on the council for a maximum of four years. This does not mean that you have to stay for four years. If you find it is not for you, or you can no longer meet the commitment, you can stand down.



Am I eligible to be a Parish Councillor?



To stand for election on a Parish Council,
you must:

- be at least 18 years old.
- be an elector of the Parish; or
- in the past 12 months have occupied (as owner or tenant) land or other premises in the Parish; or work in the Parish (as your principal or only place of work); or live within three miles of the Parish boundary.

Are you interested in becoming a Parish Councillor?

Come to a Parish Council meeting. Council meets every second Wednesday of the month at Oakthorpe Community Leisure Centre 7.30pm.

Speak to a Councillor and find out what they think of the job. Their telephone numbers can be found on the council website www.odapc.co.uk or the inside front cover of 3 Views News.

For further information on the role or how to apply please contact Kelly the Clerk clerk@odapc.co.uk

Come join us!



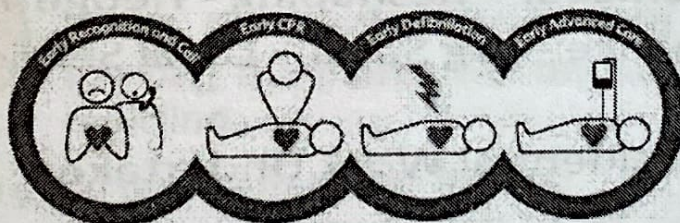
Defibrillator Training Sessions

Cardiac arrest – how you can help save a life with simple first aid in the vital minutes before the ambulance arrives.



If a relative, friend or neighbour collapsed and stopped breathing would you know what to do? Come along to a demonstration by St John Ambulance who will explain what happens from when you call 999 to when the ambulance crew takes over. It's simple, anyone can do it and if it happens for real the ambulance service call handler will be coaching you on what to do.

These demonstrations will allow you to hear it first hand from our experienced volunteers who have dealt with cardiac arrests. They will talk you through making the 999 call, what you and others can be doing to increase the person's chances of survival and what happens when the ambulance arrives.



When & Where?

The Pavilion Bar & Restaurant – Tue 15 Nov at 7pm & 8pm

The Halfway House – Sat 19 Nov at 3pm & 4pm

Your local St John Ambulance Unit is made up of volunteers from many different backgrounds, some medical but many not! Interested in learning more?

Come along to one of the demos and speak to the team!

Simon Dunn

St John Ambulance Unit Manager

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