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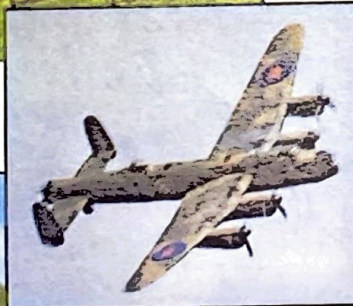
## Platinum Jubilee celebration Donisthorpe style

After many weeks of preparation by the Donisthorpe Community Group the big weekend finally arrived! The weather was kind to us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> and the Memorial Ground football pitches were alive with activity from 8.00am. Traders, tents, banners, flags and bunting were all in evidence as we prepared for one of the biggest social events that the village has seen for many years. What a wonderful reason for a celebration, the Queen's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!

The event opened at 11.00am and the organisers were breathing a sigh of relief, all that we needed now were people to enjoy the celebration and we were not disappointed. People began to arrive and set up tables and chairs around the field and over a thousand had arrived in time for the fly past by a Lancaster bomber at 1.01pm precisely. The pilots did us proud with 3 low level passes and many cameras were overheating. Facebook and the village website is awash with hundreds of wonderful photos of the event. Music was nonstop from the local bands and the Dam Busters march was played as the Lancaster flew over, a very emotional moment for many of us!

The Donisthorpe team won the tug of war - we were all very proud of them - there were chaotic children's races with medals for all and copious amounts of food for sale. The tangible feeling of wellbeing and community on the field was incredible.

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The raffle was a big success and any profits made will be ploughed back into the Community Group to provide more of these superb events going forward. Indeed, a second Community Group event on the 5<sup>th</sup> was the Senior Citizens' party at the Halfway House which provided ample evidence of their positive impact within the village. The party started at noon with a glass of fizz or a soft drink and a lovely finger buffet. The entertainment was provided by the excellent Bugaloo Babes, who gave us some super songs from the period when the 100 or so guests were in their heyday. Some were bopping like teenagers again!

What a wonderful weekend, and the organisation was truly breath-taking - with sincere thanks to all involved. Especially the Donisthorpe Community Group, amply supported by the Halfway House - all did a fine job of helping the whole community celebrate the Platinum Jubilee in awesome style. The memories made, especially for the youngsters, will stay with them for a very long time and most of the seniors will also carry fond memories of a very special weekend. This is a wonderful community to live amongst and I for one am proud to be a member of it.

Thank you.

**Chris Keeley**



**Thanks to NWLDC for the grant awarded to help us celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.**

  
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# Oakthorpe Donisthorpe Acresford Parish Council

## Chairman's Annual Report 8<sup>th</sup> June 2022



This month I write my report as the new Chair of the Parish Council. I have some big boots to fill, all I can say is that I will try my hardest.

I would like to begin by thanking Sue McKendrick for her time and hard work put in over the previous three years and for bringing Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council up to date and to the standards we should expect. The experience she brought with her has made us a progressive & proactive group, ready to move forward.

The Platinum Jubilee brought communities together all around Britain and our Parish was no different. Sadly, I missed the celebrations here as we were away on holiday with our family, however I have heard from many people what a great day it was for all. This is down to the many groups and individuals involved in the organisation of the event on the Parish Memorial Ground and other celebrations. I'm sure I speak for everyone when I say a big thank you to all who came together to arrange these celebrations.

Full details of the July PC meeting will be published as usual on the PC website and the Parish noticeboards, but I will include a few points which may be of interest in this report.

The topic of hedge cutting was raised. As spring is progressing, the verges and hedges are growing at an astounding rate. Some hedges on Parish boundaries have been reported by parishioners with requests that the PC cut them. Whilst we appreciate that some of our boundary hedges may be causing frustration and inconvenience, we have to follow local government guidelines. In order to protect nesting birds, Leicestershire County Council state that routine cutting is restricted to between October and February - at any other time hedges should only be cut if there is a safety issue. Failure to comply with this could result in the Parish Council facing prosecution, so please bear with us on this matter.

The topic of more allotments in the Parish was again raised. ODAPC have been advised that the land they have identified could be used for allotments but we need to put in an application for this and obtain it officially. This would involve some financial outlay. As waiting lists for allotments are growing throughout the District, we are happy to move forward with this but we need to know that there are people in the Parish prepared to initiate this project before we commit to securing the land. To find out more, please speak to a Parish Councillor or contact Kelly Grove. You will have the full support of the Parish Council and our District Councillor.

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Also The Donisthorpe Allotment Group is well established and organised and can offer support if required. The ball is now in your court.

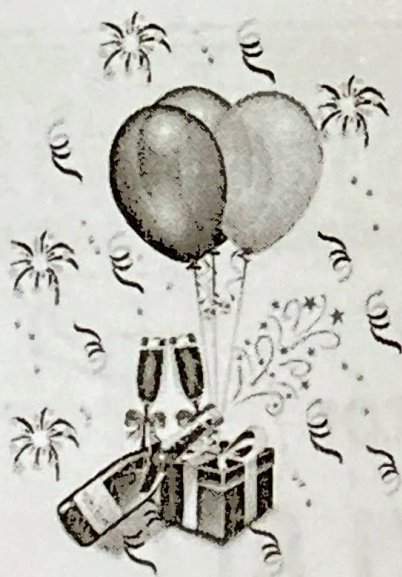
Finally, I would like to congratulate Kelly Grove who has worked so hard since becoming Parish Clerk and has now gained all of the qualifications necessary to be granted the title of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Manager.

Thank you to all that show an interest in what we are doing. If you are not sure what we do, please come to one of our monthly meetings.

**Mick Warren, Chair, Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council**

The next open Council meeting will take place at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre  
on **Wednesday 13th July** at 7.30pm.  
All are welcome.

### Acoustic Night Celebrates 10 Years!



On July 4<sup>th</sup>, Acoustic Night at the Halfway House will be celebrating 10 years of musical mayhem.

Over the last ten years, we have enjoyed performances from many singers and musicians, had some incredible jam sessions, witnessed the coming together and evolution of different groups, and welcomed quite a few people new to performing in public. We have had a lot of laughs, and even during the depths of the lockdowns, we managed to keep our monthly get togethers going.

Help us create a party atmosphere from 8.00 pm on 4<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate our ten years of singing at the Halfway House with an evening of songs in a variety of styles and genres, and a bit of laughter thrown in between. A free hot and cold buffet will be provided by our brilliant hosts, Peter and Paul, for the half-time break, and there will be Birthday Cake!



**Ted Tann Watson**