

THREE VIEWS NEWS

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YOUR LOCAL NEWSLETTER

FAMILY FIELD DAY Event Programme

FREE
ADMISSION



Saturday 17th June 2023

12noon - 6pm

Parish Memorial Gardens, Donisthorpe, DE12 7QA



DONISTHORPE COMMUNITY GROUP

A PARISH EVENT ORGANISED
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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council



Due to the local elections, the first Council meeting of the four-year term was a week later than usual, so this report has not been written by a Councillor.

The returns officer at North West Leicestershire informed the Council Manager of the following:
Elections for the Parish of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford - a notice has been issued of an 'uncontested election' and the names below were duly elected Parish Councillors for Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford Parish Council:

Nick Antill-Holmes

Richard Dyason

Debbie Warren

Mick Warren

Three further Parishioners were elected on to the Parish Council at the Council meeting on Wednesday 17th May:

Darren Gelder

Helen Gravett

Amy Hancock-George

This leaves 1 vacant seat.

Would you consider becoming a Councillor?

We are not a warded Council, which means Councillors represent all the villages, not just the one they live in.

Being a Councillor provides an ideal opportunity to get involved in the community and help the people of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe & Acresford improve the Parish in a way they would like.

The 2023-2027 Parish Councillors look forward to reporting to you monthly for the next four-year term of office. They have a lot they wish to achieve for the Parish. Could you help?

If you would like to talk to me about being a Councillor, please call me on **01530 610 357** or email me at manager@odapc.co.uk

Kelly Grove, Parish Manager.

Next Parish Council meeting
Wednesday 14 June 2023, 7.00pm at Oakthorpe Leisure Centre.

All are welcome to attend
Queries can be sent to the Clerk at manager@odapc.co.uk
for consideration at the meeting

News from Friends!



The Friends of the ODA (Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford) Memorial Gardens have launched their activities to improve the Parish Memorial Gardens and are keen to involve local groups from the community.

Aided by the Lewis Charlton College, Donisthorpe Primary School, Moira and Donisthorpe Guides and Rangers and Albert Village Football Club, the volunteers have planted several fruit trees to form a boundary for the new sensory garden that is to be created as part of the site's rejuvenation. The trees have been kindly donated by Tesco Superstore, Ashby and individual members of the Parish.



The first, a 'Stella' cherry tree, was put in place just before the Easter holiday. But only weeks after planting, the volunteers were left upset after it was totally destroyed, being torn into pieces and uprooted, undoing the good work that had recently taken place.



Not ones for giving up, the group has continued, with the help and support of the young people of the Parish, to plant the remaining fruit trees. In the meantime, Friends are looking to try and replace the demolished tree and the volunteers have plenty of fundraising events planned in the garden over the summer months.



Saturday 13th May, saw the gardens host its first ever Community Market, aimed at showcasing local small businesses and volunteer groups from our Parish. The weather was kind to us and the market was positively received by vendors and visitors alike. We hope this will become an annual event for our calendar. You will next find us at the Family Field Day and Open Gardens on the 17th June and 25th June respectively.

Currently, Friends are working on collecting quotes for works to be completed on site, with our first major project being the removal and re-siting of the Colliery Wheel.

If you would like to be involved, can help the group in any way, or would like to know more about the project, please email: friendsodamemorialgardens@hotmail.com or search groups on Facebook: Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens, for more information.

Acresford Methodist Church

Acresford Methodist Church, which is unique as a Methodist Heritage Site, is situated in a row of terraced houses known as Brookfield Cottages.

It was opened in 1910 after the disused brewery and outbuildings were acquired by William Cooper. He turned the brewery into a mill, with the maltings and storage areas being converted into houses for his workers, leaving spaces for a chapel and schoolroom.

Now, due to dwindling congregations and rising costs, this lovely place is due to close. A final open-air service will be held in Coopers Close on Sunday 25th June at 3.00pm. All are welcome.

Mick Sharratt



Calling the Flowery Folk of Donisthorpe



Measham Library Opening Hours

Tuesday 10am - 7pm

Thursday 10am - 1pm

Friday 10am - 5pm

Saturday 10am - 1pm