

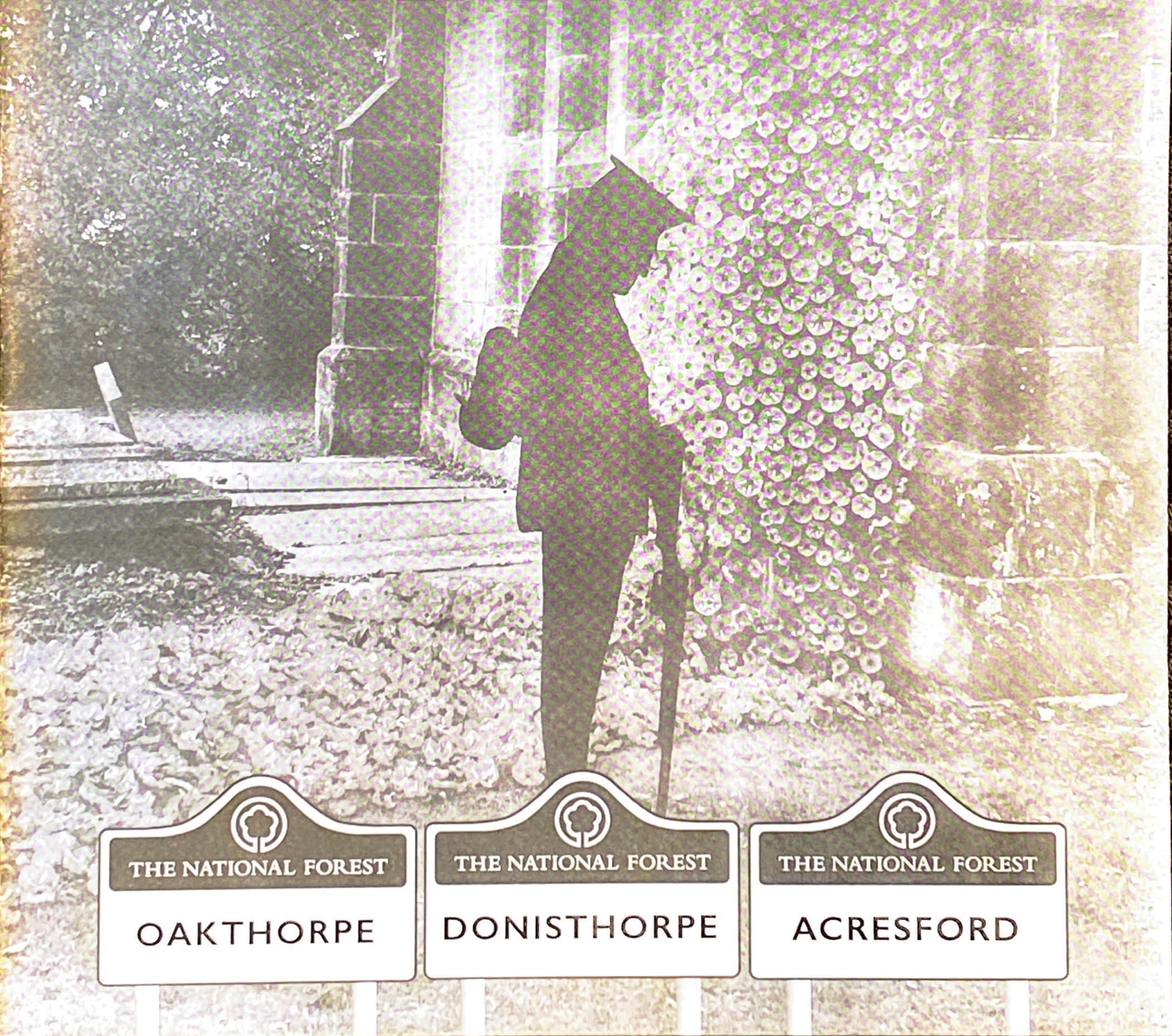
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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford
Parish Council Meeting - 11th October 2023



It was with great sadness we began the meeting with a short silence to mark the passing of Richard Dyason who joined ODAPC in 2015 and remained on the Council until August 2023 when ill health finally forced him to stand down. Richard was a great character, had a wealth of knowledge and experience and took on all challenges with never failing enthusiasm. I know I am not alone in saying he will be much missed.

On a happier note, I hope you have been able to take advantage of the exceptional weather we have been having recently. The Council had a 'stall' at the Apple Day at the Community Orchard and it was lovely to see so many taking advantage of the sunshine and also to see people from Oakthorpe and Acresford and not just Donisthorpe residents. It feels as if we are really starting to become 'a Parish' and not three separate villages.

One thing that was mentioned often at the Apple Day was the increase lately of dog fouling, especially in the Community Orchard but throughout the Parish in general. ODAPC are looking into initiatives to address this rise, but would like to remind everyone, not just dog owners, that not picking up your dog's mess is an offence. Most areas of the Parish are not far from a litter bin; used poo bags can be put in any of these (except the private one outside Donisthorpe Corner Shop). Even if it involves a slight 'detour' to your walk or carrying your pet's waste a short distance, please use these. Some of ODAPC expenditure goes towards emptying these litter bins.

We had a visit this meeting from a representative of 'The British Heart Foundation' who is going to work with us to look at the distribution of defibrillators in the Parish and getting some funding towards covering the shortfalls. Watch out for further developments.

The Council has purchased another 6,000 spring bulbs which will be planted by community groups and volunteers over the next month on verges and green areas where we have permission to do so. The Parish entrance planters will also be planted up with winter plants. Our tree specialist is also being asked to 'lop' some over-tall trees in Oakthorpe Play Area and remove one tree to make room for the new play equipment, while also removing a tree which is dying (it looks like it has been 'tampered' with - if anyone knows anything about this we would like to know too).

Over the last few months, there have been a number of 'surprise' road closures in the area. Most of these were planned well in advance but usually the first we motorists know about them is when we get to the diversion signs. If road closures do affect your everyday travel, it is worth checking the LCC website on a regular basis. (Emergency roadworks can be found on www.one.network). As usual, these are just a few of the issues discussed. If you would like to read the full minutes they will be available on the ODAPC website and on the ODAPC Parish noticeboards.

Councillor Debbie Warren

Next Parish Council meeting:

Wednesday 8 November 2023, 7.00pm at ME Sports formerly 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.

'Tree Fest'

Christmas Tree Festival

at
Moira Centenary
Methodist Church
Measham Road, Moira
DE12 6AJ

Saturday 25th November

10 am - 1 pm

Sunday 26th November,

Saturday 2nd December

and

Sunday 3rd December

12 - 6 pm

An event to promote the
best in our communities
of Moira and Donisthorpe,
all with a little bit of
Sparkle and some
Christmas Magic!



Doorstop Crime

Leicestershire Police has received a number of reports of tradespeople operating door-to-door offering their services. At times, little or no work is required but homeowners are being charged large sums of money for the work. This type of behaviour causes a great deal of stress and anxiety for the victims. The advice is to **never agree to have work carried out by cold callers** and to always obtain at least three quotes from reputable companies. If you have been approached in this way, call 999 if offenders are currently on site. If it is a non-emergency, please report via Leicestershire County Council's Trading Standards team.

North West
Leicestershire
District Council

Ashby u3a

Mr Ian Retson - Woodland Trust & National Forest

If you are interested in wildlife and nature and want to learn more about the countryside around you, our next meeting is a must for you. Ian Retson from the Woodland Trust & National Forest will explain the work that the Trust carries out in the National Forest and surrounding areas.

Come along to the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 2FQ (look out for our flag on the pavement outside). Doors open at 1.30pm for 2.00pm start. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available – along with a warm welcome.

If you are not a member of Ashby u3a why not come along as our guest for a 'taster' visit?

For more information, go to ashbyu3a.co.uk or email:-members@ashbyu3a.co.uk. **Tony Smith**

Speed Monitors

ODAPC has three speed monitors which are moved quarterly by volunteers and /or councillors. The monitors are there to remind drivers of the speed limit. They were placed in 30 mph zones.

September - October

Measham Road – Acresford

Average Speed 31.6 mph

Max speed 65 mph @ 2.25am 11th Sept

Total vehicles 40,536

AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic): 1323

A444 – Acresford

Average Speed 28.42 mph

Max speed 80mph @ 12.59am 1st October

Total vehicles 106,403

AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic): 1661.5

August- September

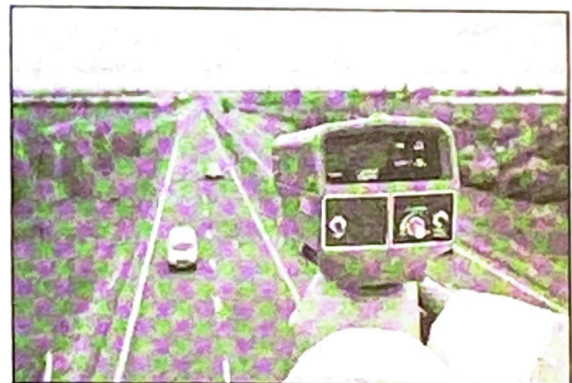
Church Street – Donisthorpe

Average Speed 28.42 mph

Max speed 80mph @ 16.50pm 19th August

Total vehicles 249,795

AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic): 8178



This information is discussed at ODAPC meetings, but decisions about traffic calming and enforcement rest with the Police and County Council.

News from Friends!

Lots has been happening on site in the Memorial Gardens, as many of you will have seen on Facebook. More's to come and we hope to update you with all the details next month.



At the moment, however, we are trying to collate photographs and information on the brave men whose names are displayed on the pillars either side of the Memorial Gates. If you are a relative, please contact us with photographs of your dad, grandad, uncle or cousin whose name appears on the memorial. These will be displayed on the 'Roll of Honour', which will be located on the Parish Council website.

Similarly, we are looking for ex-employees from Donisthorpe Colliery to contact us with details, such as their role at the colliery, tally number etc, as we are gathering information to produce a 'Donisthorpe Colliery Miners Roll Call'. This includes all employees from the colliery, whether working in the mine, the canteen or the office! Eventually, a formal mining memorial will be placed in the Garden, but we need a lot more information and to raise even more funds before then! Again, the 'Roll Call' will be placed on the website of the Parish Council, who are kindly supporting us.

It is our hope that the material collected will become an educational resource for the children of the Parish to learn about these important aspects of our history when they study local heritage in their final years at Primary School.

If you would like to be involved in this part of the project, can help the group in any way or would like to know more about the project as a whole, please email friendsodamemorialgdens@hotmail.com or search groups on Facebook: 'Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens' for more information. You can now follow us on Instagram - 'ODA Memorial Garden'.

Waste Collection Calendars

The calendars for 2024 will be hand-delivered throughout October and November. There will be no collections during Christmas week – this is detailed on each collection calendar. This prevents the need to change collection days over Christmas and will give collection crews more of a break than they usually have before embarking on collections of the increased volumes of recycling and waste generated over the festive period. All households will receive an extra black bin collection during this period.



As with previous years, two garden waste collections will also be suspended in December/January. The Waste Team are asking residents to wait until 1 December before contacting them if they haven't received a calendar. The calendars and collection dates will be available online from 1 December. From this date, residents will also be able to view their collection dates by searching their postcode using the 'My Location' search box available on the website.