

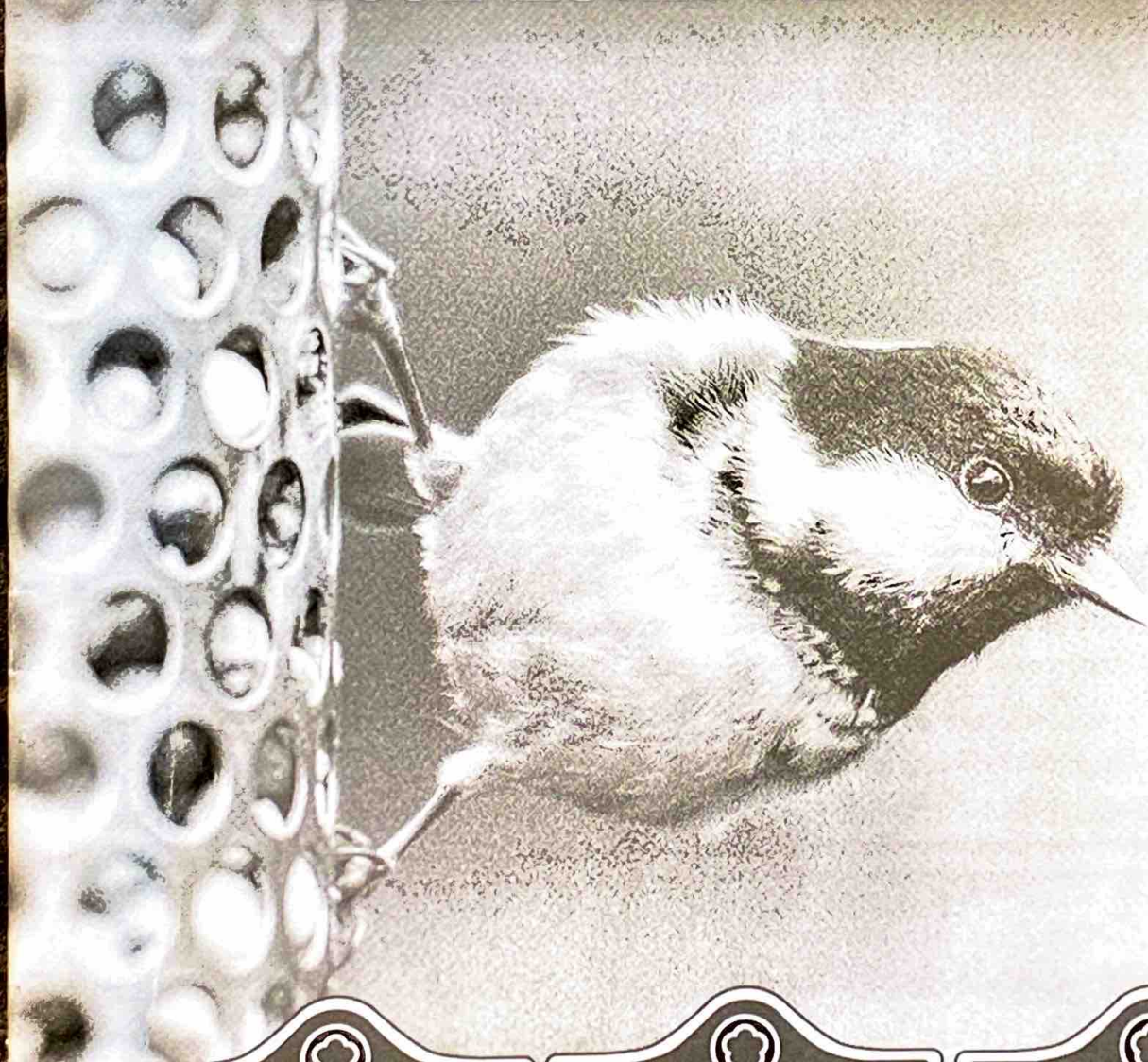
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Editorial

Hello everyone,

As clocks go forwards and lighter nights start to make a comeback, thoughts turn to making the most of our evenings again. I'm sure the people of our three villages have a multitude of hobbies and pastimes to occupy them. But if you have a few hours to spare, want to make a difference in your village or are just looking to meet like-minded people, there's a group for that!

Donisthorpe Youth Club in particular has been struggling for volunteers of late, and could even close its doors without the right help. Meanwhile Donisthorpe Community Group, the Church's Village Heart project, Scouts, Guides, the School PTA and even 3 Views News would all love to meet you and show you what we do. You'll find all the contact numbers on our back page if you'd like to find out more (pg 21 for uniform groups).

With this in mind, turn to page 11 for news of the Preserve Our Paths scheme - an initiative designed to make use of the public rights of way in our Parish. Why not join in one of the walks and get to know your neighbours? Your participation would be much appreciated.

Jane

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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford
Parish Council Meeting - 13th March 2024

Spring is almost in the air, the nights are drawing out and the planting from last year is bearing the colour and flowers around the villages in our Parish. This month's meeting covered, as ever, a wide and varied range of topics that are important to everyone who resides in our area. One of the key messages that became apparent throughout the evening was for people to check out the Parish Council website for the very latest information. Notice boards and social media are continuously updated, but the Parish Council website is the best, most effective, way of being up to date with everything you need. A case in point is the NWLDC Local Plan, which affects all areas of our Parish. This was raised a number of times with some excellent debate and discussion. If you want your voice heard and your opinions considered then, as members of our Parish, you need to register these through consultation or feedback. As a Council, we can put forward a view but your voice matters. A current example is the recycling container consultation which is ongoing and needs your feedback to shape how household recycling will look in the future.

The Council gave an update on the refurbishment of Oakthorpe play area. It is in a state of readiness for development. The Council has managed to secure a substantial grant of £20k from the above sponsors to support this project.

It was also reported back on the ongoing scheme to identify and walk local pathways. Councillors have walked a number of these and are seeking further volunteers to join them for monthly, none-too energetic walks out. The rationale is to ensure that these pathways are identified and remain as public access. Without this activity, they are potentially at risk of being taken off maps and losing their status. Again, the website has all the details and information you will need.

In response to feedback from the Parish, the Council has secured additional life-saving defibrillators for our Parish. The ability to have these in key areas where they are quickly accessible quite simply saves lives and improves survival rates of heart attacks.

As ever, traffic and its related issues was an agenda item that was discussed. The deployment of the MVAS cameras is giving a clear picture of the quantity and speed of vehicles in our area. The data is shocking on both accounts and gives an explanation of the number and seriousness of road accidents we are witnessing locally. This information is shared regularly with Police and District Council. The Councillors are lobbying hard to get calming measures, as well as increasing awareness.

For any further information on the above, or any other items, you are most welcome to contact our Parish Manager or any of your Parish Councillors (you will find contact details on page 2).

Councillor Darren Gelder, ODAPC

Our Parish Council has applied and been awarded lottery status to support with securing grants and raising funds. This is an excellent step forward that will support development in the Parish.



Brand New Gym Unveiled at Measham Leisure Centre

Measham Leisure Centre had the red tape cut, signalling the opening of a brand-new gym. North West Leicestershire District Council (NWLDC) has invested £307,000 into providing the Leisure Centre with state-of-the-art gym equipment and a new virtual spin room that can be used for exercise classes.

The gym is kitted out with new Matrix-branded equipment such as treadmills, multi-functional strength machines, pull-down machines, exercise bikes and multiple dumbbells varying in different weights.

Councillor Michael Wyatt, NWLDC Portfolio Holder for Community Services and Climate Change, said: "This is part of our investment into leisure to areas around the district and I am proud to make exercise more accessible to the people of Measham.

"I am hoping this increases the memberships to the leisure centre and gets people more active within the community."



MVAS DATA

ODAPC has three speed monitors which are moved quarterly by volunteers and /or Councillors. The monitors are to remind drivers of the speed limit, they are in 30/40 mph zones.

This data was collected from November - January

Measham Road, Acresford - 30 limit, average speed 32 mph

Max speed 70mph on 3/01/24 @ 15:10

Total vehicles 82,358

AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic 1295)

Percentage over 30mph 54-58%, averaging 36mph

This data was collected from November - January

A444, Acresford - 40 limit, average speed 33 mph

Max speed 85mph on 16/02/24 @ 11:25

Total vehicles 256,941

AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic 4064)

Percentage over 40mph 3.8-8%, averaging 43mph

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

Preserve Our Paths Update

We did our March walk, the third walk this morning. Just the two of us again, the same as the two previous ones. It is a little disappointing as people had promised to come along but we will continue with the plans. The aim of walking and recording paths in the Parish is still being achieved, each walk will be traversed at least twice in twelve months.



The next walk, for anyone interested, will be on Sunday, April 14th 2024. We will set off from the pit car park, Ashby Road, Donisthorpe at 10.30am prompt (we aim to be there by 10.20am). We are hoping to walk a path which has caused a few problems in the past.

Below are the planned dates for 'POPs' walks for the rest of 2024, all are on a Sunday, setting off at 10.30am prompt, meeting points TBC: -

April 14th, May 12th, June 16th, July 14th, August 11th, September 8th, October 13th and November 10th. There will be no walk in December, it is a busy month for most people.

Anyone wanting further information or to have their details logged for regular updates/reminders please contact Debbie or Mick Warren:-

Email: cldr.debbie.warren@odapc.co.uk or cldr.mick.warren@odapc.co.uk

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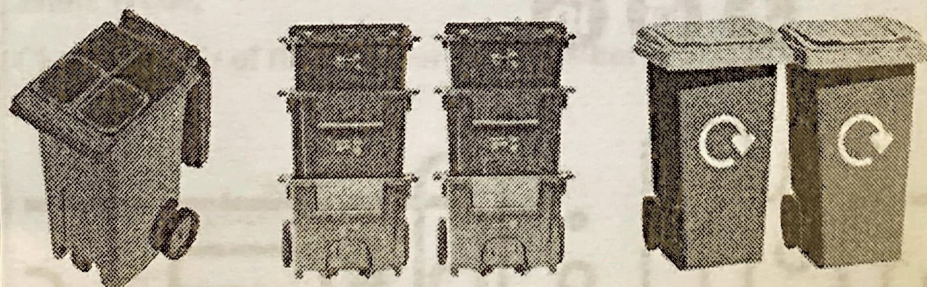
Cllr Debbie Warren

HAVE YOUR SAY... We're reviewing how we collect recycling



We're reviewing how we collect your recycling from your doorstep. Don't moan after the event

- have your say now. We have three options for replacing the current boxes and bags and would like to know your thoughts.



To provide your views, please complete our online survey by 11.59pm on **Sunday 14 April 2024** by visiting <http://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/binreview> or follow the link from our home page. Here you can view a video, explaining the three options. Let us know what you think!



Memorial Gardens Update

AGM Rescheduled to 2nd April, 6.30pm at the Halfway House.

I hope you will all agree that the gardens are looking very colourful at the moment with all the daffodils about? They really set off the wheel in its new location. Our volunteers have already been busy planting extra bulbs to add even more colour to spring next year.

A big thank you to everyone who came along to The Pavilion for our Surprise Bingo evening. Debbie and Mick did a fantastic job running the event, Maddie and Kay were running around taking all the cash and Steve Parker provided a sound system suitable for a stadium! We raised £290, thank you all for your generosity.

Our AGM had to be rescheduled from the original March date, so we hope that you will come along to support us and hear about our plans for this year. There is plenty of work on-site to do as well as the all-important fund raising. We are in need of a Treasurer and another Trustee to join us, so if you fancy doing your bit or you know somebody who may be able to help, please get in touch.

As soon as the weather improves, we will be finishing off moving the earth bunds to form the amphitheatre and make way for the new paths. Our progress from there on will be paced by how successful we are at securing funding.

We also have several events planned during the year, including the Community Market on the 11th of May and Proms in the Gardens with Newhall Brass Band on the 9th of June. Keep your eye out for posters and social media for more details.

You can get in contact with us via our Facebook page 'Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens' or you can drop us an email at friendsodamemorialgardens@hotmail.com.

We look forward to seeing you soon.

Jamie Wilde,

Chair, Friends of the Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Memorial Gardens

