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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Parish Council Report

We would like to start with the news the Parish Council has now filled the casual vacancy and welcomed Hannah Tyler to the Council.

Apple Day was even better than those of previous years, with loads more stalls.

Our MP, Dr. Luke Evans, and his wife spent a good couple of hours at the event, speaking to people. ODAPC Councillors and the Clerk who were also present, had a long, positive conversation with him too.

The Police will carry on focusing on our Parish speeding problem and have done some speed checks, but this is an ongoing concern that seems to be one of our main issues. So if anyone would like to give some of their time to help out with a speed watch in the Parish, please contact one of the Councillors with your details. The more people that can help, the more speed watches we can do as a Parish, and the more likely we are to be able to deal with the issue.

A Remembrance Day service will be held at St John's Church on Sunday 10th November starting at 10am. There will then be a walk down to the Memorial Gates. Please note, the road will not be closed and there will not be any marshals, therefore please everyone remember to stay on the pavement when walking down Church Street. We will get to the gates for 11am for a short dedication and the laying of the wreaths.

The Protect Our Pathways group had their monthly Parish walk on Sunday 10th October. It was a beautiful but cold day. We had a smaller group this time as some regulars sent apologies, but we did have a new walker so the group is still increasing. Our next and final Parish walk for 2024 will be on Remembrance Sunday, 10th November 2024, meeting at DM's car park at 1.20pm and leaving promptly at 1.30pm. We will be walking towards Acresford to lay a wreath at the Memorial Gardens in remembrance of our local heroes that lost their lives in the wars.

Cllr Amy Hancock-George

Next Parish Council Meeting:

Wednesday 13 November 2024.

Please note the new venue: St John's Church, Donisthorpe.

All are welcome to attend.

Apple day - Guess the Weight of the pumpkin - 13.14 lbs / 5.96 kilos.

All prizes in the raffle were either claimed or delivered to the winners.

Tree Fest 2024

After the triumph of last year's Christmas Tree Festival held at the Centenary Chapel, Measham Road, Moira, we are hoping to repeat its success at the newly reordered St John's Church in Donisthorpe.



We are looking for businesses, schools, youth groups and community groups from Donisthorpe, Moira, Oakthorpe and Acresford to take part.

All we ask is simply that each organisation supply a decorated Christmas Tree, with battery operated fairy lights, along with a copy of your establishment's logo or name – and that's it! It can be decorated with items you make, stock or supply, or just simply decorated with baubles, it's up to you. It also doesn't need to be a generic Christmas Tree, just as long as it's Christmas Tree-shaped, so try to think outside of the box.

The event will take place on Friday 6th, Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th December and is a great way to generate free publicity for all who join in, giving the public an insight and contact details for each business/organisation within our communities, whilst also getting into the Christmas Spirit.

More details will follow in the next edition of 3 Views News, but should you wish for further details, or would like to enquire how to take part, please email us at treefest23@gmail.com or find us on Facebook under Tree Fest '23.

We very much hope to hear from you soon,

All at Treefest '23

Apple Day

Another enjoyable Apple Day in the orchard; now an important part of our annual calendar. There were folksongs for much of the time by several artists, plus a wonderful medley of stalls with homemade produce for sale: cakes, preserves, apple pressing; a cider competition, and of course our apple display was in full swing, including samples for people to taste free of charge. Several people signed up for details of our grafting course which takes place in February.

For the tasting we used eight varieties Gala, Schneewitchen (Germany), Weirouge (Germany) and Rubinola (Czech Republic). To these we added four of our own seedlings, three of which were red fleshed. To our surprise, 83 people sampled all 8 and chose their favourite; the busiest we've ever been at this event.

There was a large number of visitors; one person even brought an apple to identify - it was King Edward 7th, a long-storing cooker.

We are grateful to the Donisthorpe Community Group for inviting us; we have been attending their apple days now for about a decade. Their next will be on 12 October 2025.

Nigel Deacon

Over 65,000 bulbs planted across the district

More than 65,000 bulbs will be planted across the district thanks to North West Leicestershire District Council's (NWLDC) Green Shoots Scheme and the support of the community.

From the beginning of June to the beginning of September, Parish Councils and community groups in North West Leicestershire were able to apply for bulbs and there were 24 successful applications.

Tulips, crocuses, daffodils, snowdrops and narcissi will give the district a burst of colour as spring arrives next year.

Groups only paid half the price of the bulbs and NWLDC match funded the other 50%. Councillor Michael Wyatt, Portfolio Holder for Communities and Climate Change at NWLDC, said: "This year's Green Shoots Scheme has truly blossomed, with an incredible 65,000 bulbs given away to be planted across North West Leicestershire. It's fantastic to see our communities and Parish Councils coming together to bring colour and life to our public spaces. These efforts will not only enhance the beauty of our district, but also create thriving environments for local wildlife. I'm looking forward to seeing these vibrant blooms next spring, and I know they will make a real difference for residents and visitors alike."

ODA 'POPs' walks 2024

November Walk – Sunday 10 November. Meet at DM's (Jungle Madness) @ **1.20pm** (owing to Remembrance Day Service). Leaving at 1.30pm **PROMPT** as we will be walking over to Acresford Place to place a Poppy Wreath in the Memorial Gardens. Hopefully having a drink at the Crickets or The Halfway House.

(For any problems/further information phone **07367 582045**)

Please note: There will be no 'organised' early December walk (although some walkers may decide to organise their own) but watch the website/Dec-Jan issue of 'Three Views News' as we may hold a BOXING DAY walk! Still TBC!

Meet your Forest Beat Team

Come and meet your local Beat Officers from the Forest Beat Team. It's a great chance to discuss any worries or concerns you might have about the local area and policing issues generally. All queries are heard in confidence. Or just drop in to say hello and find out what issues the Forest Beat Team is currently concentrating on.

Sessions for November 2024

Sat 2 November – Moira Furnace, 10.30am – 12pm

Tues 12 November – Measham Age UK, 10am – 11am

Wed 20 November – Donisthorpe (DM's), 10.30am – 11.30am

