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Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford

Parish Council Report - 12th February 2025

A lot was discussed in this month's meeting so I will try to relay as much as I can, but please visit the Parish noticeboards or the ODAPC website for full minutes, once approved. Firstly, our meeting was attended by Michelle Holdcroft, one of our prospective candidates for the forthcoming local elections. It was good to see her making her presence known.

This edition of 3 Views News contains a leaflet explaining the distribution of your precept contribution, plus the work completed by ODAPC over the last twelve months and plans for the next year. We hope you all read the leaflet and find it informative.

Following the success of the first Annual Parish Awards, ODAPC are planning for the second awards evening on Monday, May 19th. There will be a flyer/notice put out with more detailed information, but please put the date in your diary.

Having campaigned continuously for many years to get the large number of traffic accidents in Acresford investigated, we have managed to persuade our constituency MP Dr. Luke Evans to visit the areas in question with us. We hope that, in conjunction with the Derbyshire MP looking at traffic problems on her own section of the A444, we will see some progress with this issue.

Friends of Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford Memorial Gardens are looking for more 'casual' volunteers they can call upon for help. They are constantly applying for grants etc. but there is so little on offer in the present economic climate. They are attempting to do a lot of work themselves, but it is usually the same few people that turn up. The group is working hard to make this a usable space for all three of our communities, so please can we all work together as a Parish? If you are willing to help with occasional projects, please let them know. Look out for events they put on throughout the year (and hopefully support some).

We are getting a number of requests from people who wish to install memorial plaques in various places around the Parish. Although we appreciate these requests are of a personal, sensitive, nature we have to take into consideration the feelings of all on this issue. We are trying to set up a policy, working with other departments in the Parish, to satisfy the majority. Please be patient, we are working to find a 'happy medium' to this issue.

The final topic that I think needs bringing to public attention is the question of e-scooters. We have received notification from the Forest Beat Team that these machines are causing a problem nationwide. They reminded us (and I was unaware of this) that riding e-scooters on anything but private land is against the law. (The only exception to this being the for-hire ones in towns or cities - these are covered by the appropriate local Council's insurance).

To reiterate, this is just a brief account of the Parish meeting. For a full account, visit the ODAPC website or Parish noticeboards.

Councillor Mick Warren, Vice-Chair, ODAPC

Next Parish Council Meeting: Wednesday 12th March 2025.

7pm, Oakthorpe Leisure Centre (ME Sports hub). All are welcome to attend.

News from Friends!



For the first time, we have snowdrops in the Memorial Gardens. The snowdrops were planted in two installments and are seen as a sign that winter is over and bring hope for the coming year. Alongside these delicate little flowers, there are signs of the daffodil and tulip bulbs breaking through the ground, beginning to appear. We hope to see an array of colour in the spring and throughout the year.

On Saturday 29th March, we will be holding a working party in the gardens to trim, prune and dig over sections of the garden in preparation for a busy 2025. If you can spare an hour or two to help our small band of volunteers, we would really appreciate it. Do come and meet us in the garden from 10am armed with your own loppers, secateurs or spade. Tea, coffee and bacon rolls will be available for all volunteers.

If gardening is not quite your thing, perhaps you could help in another way? There are several small projects within the group that we really need a hand with. Currently we are looking to create a website to share news, post updates and show upcoming events. So if you can help, please contact Jamie on the number below or email the group for further information.

You may recall the group are working on an archive, that will be shared on the Parish Council website and eventually our own, about the brave souls whose names adorn the pillars either side of the Grade II Listed Memorial Gates. This month, we begin 'A Soldier's Story' sharing details found about one of the soldiers from the Parish who gave their lives during the First and Second World Wars. We are currently hoping to collate information on those who served and returned to our Parish after the war and are reaching out to those members of our community whose loved ones came home to Oakthorpe, Donisthorpe and Acresford to share their stories. If you have any information or photographs of a relative who returned and resided in our Parish, please do get in touch.

Similarly, the Miners Roll Call is in development and we hope to begin the next stage and start creating the memorial in tribute to our mining heritage. If you are an ex-miner who worked at Donisthorpe or Oakthorpe, have an interest in Parish History, or would just like to get involved, please get in touch.

Friends of the ODA are a small group of passionate volunteers and although the project is based in Donisthorpe, this is a Parish Project – open to all – and we would love to welcome a few more members from Oakthorpe and Acresford. So, if you can spare some time, would like to volunteer, help with fundraising or just want to see what's going on with the project, why not join us at our AGM on Tuesday 1st April from 6.30pm in the Village Heart at St Johns, Donisthorpe. Please email the volunteers at our new email of friendsodamg@outlook.com or contact Jamie on 07579 793752. Further updates can be found on our Facebook page and Instagram account. Thank you for your continued support.

All at Friends of the ODA Memorial Gardens.

Ashby u3a

Marty Meercat - An Air Ambulance Presentation by Martin Cooper

Martin Cooper will make a presentation about our local Air Ambulance Service and will give tips and advice about what to do in a medical emergency and who to call. Find out about Marty Meercat.

So, come along to the Congregational Church, Kilwardby Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch LE65 2FQ [Look out for our flag on the pavement outside] on Tuesday 25th March 2025. Doors open at 1.30 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? In addition to our monthly talks, we also have in excess of 30 different interest groups that members can join. Come and see what it's all about. For more information, go to ashbyu3a.co.uk or email: members@ashbyu3a.co.uk or visit us on [facebook.com/Ashbyu3a](https://www.facebook.com/Ashbyu3a).

Tony Smith, Ashby u3a

POLICE - MEET YOUR 'BEAT TEAM'

'The Forest Team' Beat Surgeries planned to the end of June 2025

The below dates, times and venues are planned for your opportunity to meet an officer(s) from your Beat Team. Only under extreme unforeseen circumstances would these plans change.

Tues March 18 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Age UK Measham
Wed March 26 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre (DM's)
Wed April 2 nd	10.30am to 12 noon	Measham AGE UK
Sun April 13 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Moirs Furnace (offices)
Weds April 23 rd	10.30am to 12 noon	Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre
Sun May 11 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Moirs Furnace (offices)
Tues May 20 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Measham AGE UK
Thurs May 29 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre
Thurs June 5 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Measham AGE UK
Tues June 17 th	4.00 to 6.00pm	Moirs Furnace (offices)
Tues June 24 th	10.30am to 12 noon	Donisthorpe Woodlands Centre

Blood stocks are critically low. More plasma donors are also needed. To register as a blood donor, or to make a local appointment to donate, call or visit the website today.

Blood.co.uk

0300 123 23 23

