



OSGATHORPE ROWAN BEAUTY

Osgathorpe Village

Voice

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News and Views

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Free local wildlife education opportunity

The Charnwood Forest Landscape Partnership Scheme (funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund) is hosting a series of free training sessions covering Charnwood Forest Wildlife Identification



and Recording. Each session is taking place online via Zoom but immediately

after each session is made available online for consumption in your own time.

Newly skilled 'attendees' are encouraged (optionally) to participate in the Charnwood Forest Species Identification and Recording Project, by recording and reporting your own findings. Osgathorpe Parish is at the perimeter of Charnwood Forest and so residents are invited to participate.

Details can be found at:

<https://www.lrwt.org.uk/charnwood-forest-landscape-partnership-scheme>

Did you know you live in Asgotporp?

Samuel Stewart, a local historian, has written a treasure chest of books about the local area (check them out under 'Local history' on the new PC website – see next item). One of these is an absolute gold mine of information about the history of our village. The book 'From Asgotporp to Osgathorpe' provides intriguing detail about the village, including:

- Ancient history: the Vikings, Anglo Saxons and Romans
- The Domesday Survey
- Old maps and population changes
- Important old buildings
- Evacuees hosted at Osgathorpe during WW2
- Ale houses and inns
- Osgathorpe industry.

It is well recommended and provides a fascinating insight into our village's history. Please do check it out.

New Osgathorpe Parish Council website

It was becoming increasingly evident that the existing Parish Council website did not meet the minimum requirements for accessibility and compliance. Subsequently, **Clr Jill Ella** and the **PC Clerk, Lisa Clarke**, carried out a website review. After several months of training and discussions, the new website has been uploaded and is now live. **It is still 'work in progress' so any ideas for additional content will be welcomed.** The new website:

www.osgathorpeparishcouncil.org.uk contains a wealth of information relevant to villagers, including:

- Planning applications and decisions
- Agendas and minutes of PC meetings
- Parish Councillor details and contact numbers
- An A-Z of all local services
- Useful links in North West Leicestershire and LCC
- Local history edited by **Samuel Stewart**.

Future Parish Council meeting dates are (all Tuesdays and all in the Harley Hall, starting at 7pm):

7 Sept, 16 Nov, 11 Jan 2022, 8 Mar, 3 May.

Parish Council Thanks

The Parish Council would like to thank all those volunteers who help to keep our village neat and tidy and such a fabulous place to live in. Many thanks to all those who litter pick around the village. If anyone wants any litter picking equipment, including litter pickers, blue refuse sacks and hi-viz jackets, please contact the PC Chairman, **Martin Buczkiewicz**, who has several items available for anyone wishing to help litter pick around the village. Many thanks also to the following:

- **Brian Sills** and **Pam Marshall** for chopping back the overhanging branches and bushes around the village stone
- **Liz Burrows** for maintaining such a wonderful display of flowers and neatly cut grass around the village stone
- **Cllr Elson** for raising the flag on the Church on St George's Day and Easter Sunday
- **Cllr Bate** for strimming along the brook
- **Kevin** and **Alex Atkins** for cutting the grass around the telephone box Community Library
- **Rachel Stone** for overseeing the Community Library. This is being well used by villagers and we thank you all for your donations. Rachel works hard to maintain the library with good quality content. She would be grateful, however, if you could refrain from donating books if you find there isn't room on the shelf to prevent them from becoming damaged on the floor.
- **Everyone else** that I apologise for not mentioning by name but who we all know help to maintain the village looking in good shape.

Village Play Area

The Play Area in Dawson's Road has been well used during these summer months. Many thanks to **Dianne Caukwell** for sorting out the litter bin in there and to **Cllr Ella** for regularly checking the area.

Can everyone who uses the play area please ensure that they respect the privacy of the neighbouring houses and, just a reminder, that dogs are not allowed in any play areas in NWLDC.

Books available

David Maltby, a Griffydham resident, has the following books available and you can call him on 222934 if interested:

- If you love walking, wildlife, plants and birds, 'Cloud Wood' describes our local nature reserve in a series of photographs and descriptions. Priced at £5
- 'A history of limestone burning in NW Leicestershire' by Samuel Stewart. It is in mint condition and free to the first comer, but a contribution to Griffydham Community Group would be welcome.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

Church services

Following lockdown, the pattern of services across the Benefice is being reviewed and revised. However, there will be a service in St Mary's Osgathorpe on the first Sunday of every month, with the time to be confirmed. For the remaining Sundays, services will rotate around the Benefice churches. Once service details have been finalised they will be updated on the 'Kegworth and Hathern Benefice' Facebook group, or you can contact **Revd Laretta Wilson** (01509 678966, ljwilson33@btinternet.com) or **Revd Louise Corke** (01530 588868, words.th@talktalk.net) for details.

The 'virtual' services initiated at the start of lockdown will continue. These are as follows:

- Morning Prayer - every weekday on the benefice Facebook group at 8.30am
- Evening Prayer - every Thursday evening on Zoom at 8.30pm

If you would like to attend the Thursday evening Zoom service, please contact **Laretta** or **Louise** for meeting details.

Foodbank donations

The Covid pandemic and the resulting lockdowns have resulted in an urgent need for food donations at our local foodbanks. You can donate to Shepshed Foodbank at any time by leaving non-perishable food in the Osgathorpe Church porch and it will be collected every two weeks. The Foodbank needs non-perishable items (tinned or dried food), toiletries (toothpaste, soap, shower gel, sanitary items, etc.), and pet food. Items should all

be well within their sell-by date. As well as the fortnightly collections we plan to run another Reverse Advent Calendar this year in the run up to Christmas. More details will be circulated nearer the time.

Social events for the village

Lockdown meant that we were unable to arrange any social events for the village in 2020 and the first half of 2021. However, the church Fundraising and Social Committee is now back up and running and, following the recent **Pantaloons** performance at Osgathorpe Hall, we're looking to start scheduling events for the end of the year and into 2022. More details will be circulated to everyone in the village, but we hope to be running another Open Gardens weekend in the summer of 2022.

The Fundraising and Social Committee has been running since 2003 to raise funds for the church and arrange social activities for residents of Osgathorpe. Past events have included theatre, dance and music performances, as well as the celebrated Open Gardens weekends. Members of the committee do not have to be churchgoers to join, but do have an interest in helping out with events and have ideas for what we could do in the future. We're always looking for new members so, if you're interested, please contact **Nick Sydenham** on nick@osgathorpe.plus.com or phone 07711 314294.

Annual General Meeting

The Parochial Church Council's AGM will be held over Zoom and scheduled for some time in March 2022. More details will be posted to Facebook and the usual channels once a date is confirmed.

It's no Joke

'I don't know exactly what you call a small spillage from a pen, but I have an inkling'

'I thought the word 'Caesarean' began with the letter 'S' but when I looked in the dictionary, it was in the 'C' section'

Thought for the Day

'Whoever gossips to you will gossip about you.' *Spanish proverb*