



Beautiful Osgathorpe peonies in the Easter sunshine

Osgathorpe
Village

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PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

King's Coronation

Osgathorpe is planning some exciting events to mark the Coronation. Keep the evening of 6th May free for the gathering in Georgio's garden (see over for more details) and, if you have young children, the afternoon (2-4pm) of 7th May is a must for the children's party in the Harley Hall. The Osgathorpe Parish Council



(OPC) successfully applied for a £250 grant to support these events. All children and young people of school age living in the village will receive a King Charles Commemorative medal (see photo): if you have not received one already for your

schoolchild and wish to have one, then please email the Chair of OPC, Martin Buczkiewicz, on martin.bucz@hotmail.co.uk.

Osgathorpe Heritage Group

The Osgathorpe Heritage Group (OHG) was formed a year ago, in March 2022, to research, record and publicise the rich



history of our village. To date, the group has developed five Heritage Boards for display providing a brief history of the Church, Thomas Harley, famous sons, buildings and the canal. These were displayed around the village at the Open Gardens event last June and during the North West Leicestershire 'Hello Heritage' celebrations last September. The group members are Martin Buczkiewicz (Chair); Martyn Stapley (Treasurer); Amanda Matthews (Secretary); Liz Harlow; Brian Sills; Sylvia Armiger; and Jonathan Buss. A

walk along the route of the old canal took place on 3rd April guided by Dr Wendy Freer, an expert on the Charnwood Canal. It is intended to hold an open meeting to publicise the work of the OHG later this year. Currently the OHG is developing a website displaying aspects of the village history. This can be viewed at www.osgathorpeheritage.org. Many thanks are due to Sylvia Armiger from Griffydam, who has developed the current



website. If you have any old photographs or wish to contribute any historical aspects to the OHG, please contact any



member of the group (or there is a contact form on the website). The next task of the

OHG is to develop a 'Heritage Trail' through the village, highlighting points of historical interest.

Neighbourhood Watch

Many thanks are due to Kevin Legg, who has run the village Neighbourhood Watch Scheme for the past ten years. Kevin has decided to step down from this role, thus the OPC is currently seeking a volunteer replacement to run the scheme for the village. The role involves distributing information to villagers about keeping property, homes, cars etc protected and liaising with the police to provide the villagers and the OPC with updates on crime in the area. If you are interested, please contact the Chair of the OPC at martin.bucz@hotmail.co.uk.

OPC thanks go to:

- **Lola Gallagher** for her litter picking efforts around the village and for delivering the 'Children's Coronation Party' leaflets
- **Sian Sheldon** for delivering and organising the Childrens Coronation Party' upcoming on May 7th 2023
- **Michael Fairlamb** for printing the 'Childrens Coronation Party' leaflets and the Village Voice
- all the **other individuals**, who voluntarily help to keep the village tidy and in such a fantastic shape.

NEWS FROM ST MARY'S

Osgathorpe Support Group

If you use WhatsApp, the Osgathorpe Support Group may be of interest to you. It connects a large part of the village community (currently 72 members) and provides a channel for village information (e.g. road closures, wi-fi performance problems, when the fish van arrives, lost animals). If you would like to be added to the Osgathorpe Support Group, please contact **Nick Sydenham** on 07711 314294.

Social events in 2023

The King's Coronation

- Our fabulous Osgathorpe Church Fundraising Committee (OCFC) has organised a get together in the garden at Georgio's (AKA George Phillipson's Brookside Farmhouse, Dawson Road)

from 4pm-9pm on Saturday 6th May. This will feature the Osgathorpe 'pop up' bar, food and a live music session. There is no entry charge, pop in whenever you like and stay for as long as you like.

- The equally fabulous Osgathorpe Parish Council has organised a free children's party on Sunday 7th May at Harley Hall which will run from 2pm-4pm.

OCFC has also organised two other exciting events:

- **The Pantaloons**. On the evening of Thursday 20th July, this fantastic group of energetic actors are returning again to Osgathorpe. This time they will play



their unique version of 'Alice's Adventures in

Wonderland'. More details of how to get tickets will be circulated shortly.

- **Boogie in the Barn**. There will be a proper, old-fashioned disco in the barn at Osgathorpe Hall on Saturday 19th August, and will feature the fabulous, [Dynamix Disco](#) suitable for all ages and disco dancing abilities. There will be a licensed bar and food and will include a kids disco hour to kick it off. Again, more details will be circulated around the village nearer the time.

Safari Supper

Entries for the Safari Supper, osgisafari2023@gmail.com, being organised by Margaret Potter and Jenny Redferne on 20th May, are now closed.

CHURCH SERVICES

There is a service in St Mary's Osgathorpe on the first Sunday of every month. For the remaining Sundays, services rotate around the Benefice churches (Osgathorpe, Belton, Long Whatton, Diseworth, Hathern and Kegworth). Service details are available on the Church noticeboard, as a Weekly Newsheet post on the 'Kegworth and Hathern Benefice' Facebook group, or you can contact Revd Louise Corke (01530 588868, words.th@talktalk.net) for details.

It's no Joke

Yesterday I was standing around wondering 'Why does a frisbee look bigger the closer it gets to me...?' And then it hit me.

A badly timed 'high five' is a real slap in the face.

Thought for The Day

"Perhaps they are not stars, but rather openings in heaven where the love of our lost ones pours through and shines down upon us to let us know they are happy"

— **Eskimo Proverb**