

## COVID-19

As the Leisure Centre is not open, the parish office is also closed, however staff are working from home and can be contacted in the usual manner on the phone by calling **01530 589583** or by email at

**info@meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk**

There is lots of local and national information available on NWLDC's page at **www.nwleics.gov.uk** here you will also find out about any possible interruption to services along with information for businesses and employees and for council tenants. If you do not have access to the internet please call them on **01530454545** where customer services will be able to help.

Parish Council maintenance staff continue to carry out work in the village on parish owned land including inspections of play areas and maintenance of the cemetery. The cemetery remains fully open and burials will take place as usual.

We will continue to put relevant updates on the parish website and Twitter page as required.



DO YOU LIVE IN AUSTREY, MEASHAM, SHENTON OR WHITWICK? **Yes!**

ARE YOU AGED UNDER 25? **Yes!**

DO YOU HAVE TO PAY FOR TOOLS, EQUIPMENT, FEES, BOOKS, TRAVELLING EXPENSES etc., TO HELP WITH YOUR TECHNICAL OR VOCATIONAL STUDIES OR EDUCATION? **Yes!**

Are you in need of financial help? Would up to £200 help? **Yes!**

**THEN APPLY TO THIS CHARITY FOR A GRANT!**

Grab an application form by

*emailing* **thomasmonkecharity@btinternet.com**

*ringing* **01283 702129**

*writing* **Mr C.P Kitto  
29, Blacksmiths Lane  
Newton Solney  
Burton on Trent  
Staffordshire  
DE15 0SD**

**Closing Date:** *Wednesday 22nd April 2020*

**THOMAS MONKE'S CHARITY**  
REGISTERED NUMBER 214703

**COMMUNITY HELP** Cut out and use this leaflet if you are able to help self-isolating friends and neighbours in the community. Please take your own safety precautions as advised by the government whilst assisting.



**HELLO!** If you are self-isolating, I can help.

**My name is**  
.....

**I live locally at**  
.....

**My phone number is**  
.....

**If you are self-isolating due to COVID-19 I can help with:**

- Picking up shopping
- Posting mail
- A friendly phone call
- Urgent supplies

Just call or text me and I'll do my best to help you (for free!)

**Coronavirus is contagious. Please take every precaution to ensure you are spreading only kindness. Avoid physical contact (2m distance). Wash your hands regularly. Items should be left on your doorstep.** **#ViralKindness**



**PLEASE REMEMBER  
THAT DOGS ARE NOT  
PERMITTED WITHIN  
THE LEISURE CENTRE  
GROUNDS INCLUDING  
THE FOOTBALL PITCHES.**

## MEASHAM UNITED CHARITIES

Many years ago there were three charities which benefitted the poor and elderly with grants to groups and individuals. These charities were: The Hall and Abney Charity for the poor, Dr. Henry Hullock and an Unknown Donor. These were amalgamated in 1912 and became Measham United Charities. However as these three charities became extinct, the name Measham United Charities remained, and for many years now has received annual donations from the Thomas Monke Charity.



Tower of Light presentation to Measham Youth Centre

Thomas Monke lived in Shenton in the late 17th and early 18th centuries and was a wealthy landowner.

He had three sons, all who died within 12 years of each other before him. He was distraught by their deaths, and having no-one to leave his lands and wealth to decided to visit local villages dressed as a beggar. Only four villages showed him any kindness - Measham, Austrey, Shenton and Whitwick, and as a result he decided to use his wealth to help the people of these villages.

In the past the fund was used to benefit those villagers who were over 70 and lived alone, each receiving a small amount of money at Christmas time.

Lately the Trustees have had to look at changing the way the money was distributed in order to comply with the Thomas Monke's Charity objectives.

The Trustees invite applications from anyone who lives in the village and is in need of financial assistance for goods or repairs. Measham United Charities application forms may be obtained from the Parish Office at the Leisure Centre.

The Thomas Monke Charity also helps with grants for Students and Apprentices up to the age of 25, for tools, books, equipment, fees or travelling expenses to help develop skills in their jobs or advance their education.

Application forms may be obtained from the Steward of the Charity Mr. C. Kitto, 20 St. Johns Street, Lichfield, Staffs. WS13 6PD, before the end of March.

### THE TOWER OF LIGHT

For the past few years, villagers have been sponsoring a light on the Church Tower, switched on on the evening of Christmas in Measham, the first Thursday evening in December.

The idea being to give anyone and everyone, no matter what nationality or religion, the chance to remember a loved one or absent friends and family. The proceeds are donated to a chosen organisation in the village.

This year an amount of £948 was given to Measham & District Youth Centre. Previous recipients have been Measham Welfare Junior Football Club, Measham United Charities, Measham Medical Unit and three new Defibrillators were purchased and positioned within the village.

Measham United Charities and the Tower of Light are independent of the Parish Council, both having Trustees who oversee where donations are allotted. However, information for either can be sought from the Parish Office.



Published by Measham Parish Council, Measham Leisure Centre, Off High Street, Measham, Derbyshire, DE12 7HR

01530 589583 Info@meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk www.meashamparishcouncil.gov.uk @MeashamPC