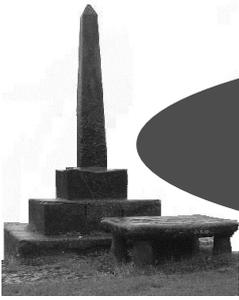


Happy Christmas to all our readers



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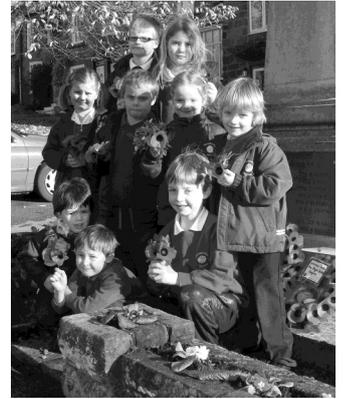
The **Area Messenger** would like to start a new 'Heritage' column, covering short articles on local history, environment etc. If anyone has ideas about content they would like to contribute or read, let the editors know!

Remembrancetide

The Osmotherley Branch of the Royal British Legion would like to thank all villagers for their support during this very special time of the year for the Legion and its work. The co-operation of residents during the annual Parade of Veterans and Act of Remembrance was most welcome (removing cars from the vicinity of the War Memorial etc.) and the spontaneous applause during our March Past lifted our

spirits! Whilst not yet fully accounted for, the Poppy Appeal locally seems to have done very well and we appreciate your generosity.

To date the count for Osmotherley is £2,082.38, a truly magnificent effort. Added to that must be counted the £33.35 contributed by Thimbleby and £56.59 by Ellerbeck. Our very sincere thanks to all of you.



Osmotherley School

Christmas is fast approaching and we are having a wonderful time preparing to celebrate in school.

The Oaks class are holding a Victorian Christmas Fair and have been busy learning some new crafts and preparing items for sale – pricing their wares and creating advertising. Items include Christmas cards and decorations, peg dolls, chutney (made using apples from the school garden), peppermint creams, book marks, crackers and much, much more. The Oaks class are also busy preparing for the Christmas production this

year which takes the form of a Victorian Music Hall! There will be songs to raise the roof and jokes that make your sides ache! And lots of alliteration!!!

The Acorns class went on a trip to Middlesbrough and Stockton to see eight different bridges, the most exciting was the ride on the Transporter Bridge which they had to themselves! After that excitement they then went to Albert Park and scaled a rope bridge (which was part of the climbing equipment!) This was linked to their theme on Bridges where they have enjoyed making bridges and

finding out about Brunel and his work.

This Christmas Acorns will be performing 'Busy Busy Bethlehem' a musical interpretation of the nativity story.

Please come and join us for our Christmas festivities – the productions are Monday 13th December at 1.45pm and Tuesday 14th December at 6.30pm.

There is also a Christingle Service in the Church on Thursday December 16th at 2pm. Please come along and join us!



Cod Beck Reservoir in the snow—winter has arrived!

Parish Council

The recent closure of the A694 road into Northallerton was seen by many as being a controversial action but the work carried out by Highways was essential maintenance and there was no alternative diversion which was likely to be accepted by all. The narrow roads around Bullamoor, Kirby Sigston and West Harlsey took the brunt of the displaced traffic and at the recent Parish Council meeting held in Kirby Sigston various suggestions were made which will be relayed to Highways should it be necessary to close the same road in future. Winter road maintenance is also a matter requiring attention at this time of year and at the request of Highways a few volunteers are to undergo training to enable them to carry out salting and other work on the highway. Highways have made some salt available and these volunteers will then be able to tackle some of the roads and footpaths which do not form part of the routine gritting programme carried out on the major roads by mechanised spreaders.

The Village Design Statement has now been through its public consultation period and many contributors as well as the National Park put ideas forward. A small team met to assess these suggestions and have forwarded their responses to the National Park with the anticipation that these explanations will then permit the document to be passed to the full planning committee of the Parks for adoption by them as a supplementary planning document. There is a possibility that the composition of the Parks committees will change in the future and that a greater emphasis will be placed on local representation from the parish councils within the Park.

County Councillor Tim Swales outlined some of the proposed changes to services resulting from the budget cuts to be made by NYCC as well as by the District Council. There is a possibility that some bus services will be reduced, that mobile library services will be withdrawn as well as reductions in Highways activities and that some services where fees are levied could see a large fee increase if it is considered that that service can withstand these increased costs.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 16th of December in the Methodist Chapel when there will be a short presentation by those responsible for the Welcome Pack which is handed out to any new residents of the area. In the New Year there will be an open meeting to be given by Sustainability 4 Yorkshire in the Village Hall to show the benefits of insulation and other community schemes where energy savings can be achieved.

Members were pleased to see that a new notice board has been put up, another one is on order and now the area near to the War Memorial looks so much tidier following a clean up prior to Remembrance Day. The drainage works within the Cemetery have now been completed and appear to be satisfactory with no standing water along that side and no water seeping under the wall onto the road.

Computer problems?

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Sustainable Communities Project

Recently the Parish Council welcomed Rosie Hughes, the Project Co-ordinator for the new Sustainable Communities project which is funded by LEADER (a project supported by the EU) and the North York Moors and Howardian Hills AONB Sustainable Development Funds. She will be working closely with five communities, Osmotherley, Husthwaite, Slingsby, Hawsker and Fylingdales to calculate their carbon footprint, and act

on ways to save fuel and money.

Her role is to support your ideas and help make the village more sustainable, turning ideas into actions and results - that benefit all of us. The Village Hall Committee is now hoping to hold an 'Energy Day' in the near future, so watch this space! The event will include advice on grants for insulation,

information about renewable technologies and how to reduce your car's fuel consumption.

In the meantime, if you have any questions about saving energy in your home, you can always call your local Energy Saving Trust advice centre free on **0800 512 012** and speak to one of the helpful advisors (John, James, Amy, Danni or Jayne).

**Village Hall Bookings
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Osmotherley Village Theatre

Our production of 'The Good Hope' was a huge success (see review) and we would like to thank all the people who helped in all sorts of ways - those who generously donated cotton sheets which were turned into costumes, those who lent props or put up posters, the people who gave raffle prizes and of course, the Top Shop which once again acted as the Box Office. To all of you who came to see the play and

supported us so well - thank you. We had a very good Thursday night audience and brilliant sell-outs on the Friday and Saturday and we are delighted with the support we have received. It made all the considerable hard work worthwhile. Over the three nights, Jane Thorniley-Walker's original drawing for the poster and the backdrop was auctioned in aid of the Royal National Lifeboat

Institute and with the additional proceeds of a collection on the Saturday night, we have been able to send a cheque for £205 to go to support the Whitby boat. We have now launched THE FRIENDS OF OSMOTHERLEY VILLAGE THEATRE, for those who would like to support the aims of the group. For an annual fee of £2, Friends will be sent

advance notice of productions and the opportunity to book early and reserve seats and be invited to theatre related events. If you would like to become a Friend of OVT, please get in touch with Angela Thomsett on 224 or Barrie Robinson on 814. Meanwhile, we are already planning our next performance so watch out for announcements in the Messenger in the coming months.

Play Review

'The Good Hope', a turn of the 20th century Dutch drama by Herman Heijermans, is something of a forgotten masterpiece. So it is all the more impressive that it was the choice of the Osmotherley Village Theatre, marking perhaps a new direction for the company. It was an amply justified choice, playing to full houses and appreciative audiences each night 11th – 13th November.

This powerful adaptation by Lee Hall (best known for *Billy Elliot* and *Spoonface Steinberg*) relocates the action from Holland to Whitby in 1900

and it pulls no punches. It's an angry, impassioned play about the precedence of profit over human life. The ineptly named Good Hope is a floating coffin which with tragic inevitability is lost at sea in a violent storm, taking with it the lives of many of the men and boys from the fishing community. It becomes clear that a history of corruption and negligence has allowed ship owners to exploit the hardship of the men and their families

The play has moments of unabashed melodrama and of agit-prop but the characters are so subtly drawn and the sense of community so strong

that you become completely engrossed in the last doomed voyage of The Good Hope. Diane Stokeld gave an outstanding, layered performance as Kitty Fitzgerald, widowed mother of two boys who sail out on The Good Hope, while Ben, her youngest son (newcomer Ben Hunt) evinced a palpable and haunting sense of terror as he faced his first and last voyage. Jim Whitton's Christopher Makepeace is no melodramatic villain, but often self-deluding and at times sympathetic. His angry encounter with working class warrior James Fitzgerald (Barrie Robinson) fuels the

tension and draws the battle lines. The role of James's fiancée Jo was sensitively played by Jane Bamber and indeed, although the cast was too big to name everyone individually, they all gave noteworthy performances. This was a very cohesive, confident production under the able direction of Barrie Robinson. Costumes, music, lighting, set, were all exceptional and did full justice to the demanding emotional content of the play. The production was a triumph.

Village Hall Carols

The Carol Evening will be held on Monday 20th December from 6:30pm. Mince pies and mulled wine

will be served. As usual, there will be a raffle for Christmas hampers. Please bring along contributions for

hampers to the supper room at the Village Hall on Saturday December 4th from 9.00am -12.00 noon.

Raffle tickets will be on sale on 4th December in the supper room and at the carol evening.



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DECEMBER FILM

The Young Victoria [2008] PG
104 mins
Starring Emily Blunt, Rupert Friend, Paul Bettany, and Miranda Richardson

A sumptuous production charting the story of Victoria's rise to power.

JANUARY FILM

The Third Man [1949] PG
100 mins, black and white
Starring Orson Welles, Joseph Cotton, Valli, Trevor Howard

Classic adaptation of Graham Greene's novel set in bleak, post-war Vienna.

Doors open at 7.30pm. Films start at 8pm. Bring your own cushions and refreshments. Guest tickets available on the door, (must be over 16), cost £5.

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December.

Wed 1st 7:30pm Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting & bingo, Queen Catherine

Wed 1st 1pm Advent Meeting, Monastery Meeting Room

Sat 4th 9-12am Christmas Hampers offerings delivery to Village Hall Supper Room

Wed 8th Advent Meeting, Monastery Meeting Room

Mon 13th 1.45pm School Production, Village Hall

Tues 14th 6.30pm Evening School Production, School

Wed 15th Advent Meeting, Monastery Meeting Room

Thurs 16th 2pm Christingle Service, St Peter's

Friday 17th 7.30 for 8pm, Film Club, 'The Young Victoria', Village Hall

Sat 18th 8 for 8.30pm 'Carol's round the pubs' meet at Queen Catherine, funds go to Osmotherley church leaders to be used to support anyone in need in the parish.

Sun 19th, Carol Service, Methodist Chapel

Mon 20th 6.30pm Carol Singing around the tree, Village Hall

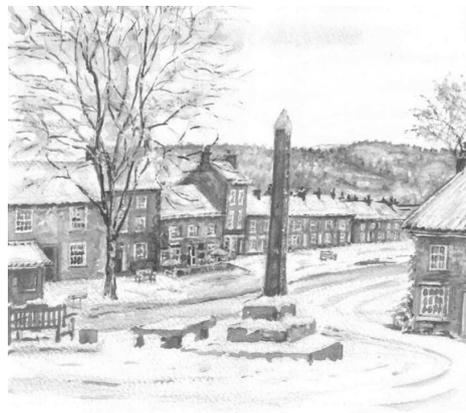
Wed 29th Family bingo in the Village Hall sponsored by the Royal British Legion.

January

21st, 7.30 for 8pm, Film Club, 'The Third Man', Village Hall

23rd 3pm, Week of prayer, Church of Our Lady of Mount Grace

30th, Special Service for Education Sunday, St Peter's Church



Churches Together

Much of the news for this month is to be found in our Christmas Card which contains the details of all the Christmas Services and is to be delivered with this issue of the OS Messenger. We are enormously grateful to the deliverers for this help which takes a huge task from our shoulders.

However there are other events coming up, notably three Advent meetings to be held in the Monastery Meeting Room on

Wednesday 1st Dec.,
Wednesday 8th Dec and
Wednesday 15th Dec at
10a.m., under the guidance
of the Rev. Robert Gee,
Methodist Minister in
Osmotherley.

Looking further ahead there will be a service to celebrate the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and this will be held in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Grace on 23rd January at 3.p.m. There will be a special service for Education

Sunday on 30th January in St Peter's.

If you are planning to attend the Methodist Chapel, please note that the services in January and February will be held at 3p.m. Please also note that the Methodist Carol Service on 19th December will take place in the Chapel not in St Peter's as noted in the November issue. It would be a shame to miss the mince pies!

Best Christmas wishes to everyone.