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Wassailing we will go

Led by our resident clarinetist, Peter Edmunds, the traditional annual village carol singing around the pubs will take place on Fri Dec 20th. The money raised will be donated to an established charity (to be decided).

We plan to arrange transport out of the village, so please contact Bob Manners (883745) to book a place. Meet 8pm at the Queen Catherine. Looking forward to seeing you there!

Feeling Loved! – Village Hall news

For all those who responded to the article in last month's Messenger, expressing how much they valued this important community facility, thank you. It is great to be able to report that, resulting from the recent meeting, a new Management Committee has been elected and now begins its year.

Congratulations to Paul Howlett (our new Chair), Simon Cross (new Vice Chair) and Leanne Robinson (new Secretary). Moira Pearson continues as Treasurer and Ellen Cross as Bookings Secretary. Throughout the coming 12 months, they will, with representatives of the Affiliated Users, be carrying out the management of the Hall. As a community, we owe them our thanks and they deserve our continued support and co-operation. The healthy mix of experience and new involvement is the best position for us to be in for the continued vitality of the Hall. Thanks are also rightly due to the retiring Officers, Jane Naish, Hilary Day and David Wilson, for all their

hard work during a period that saw much updating work carried out on the fabric of the Hall and the introduction of new events. To Moira and Ellen who continue, we owe them thanks as well: they have been in the midst of things throughout this time.

Any future news from the Management Committee will be published via the Messenger as well as at the Village Hall itself. The next Management Committee meeting will be on Tues 14th Jan, 7.30pm, in the Supper Room (As a result of the recent meeting- there is no need for the meeting on 4th Dec).

CAROLS AROUND THE TREE

The Village Christmas Tree decked out in lights, Carols, Mulled Wine, Mince Pies, Tombola fun- what more could you ask for to get you into the festive spirit? This annual community festive occasion will take place on Mon 23rd Dec, beginning at 6.30pm, around the Tree and in the Village Hall. Leave decking your halls for a night, wassail your way to the

Village Hall and enjoy some fa la la's!

Help us with Tombola!

What we need: bottle donations please (full ones!)...and empty jam jars (all will become clear on the night) Please bring along to the Village Hall on Mon 16th Dec, 7.30pm to 9pm.

PANTO TIME AGAIN!

Dick Whittington
Fri 3rd Jan, 2pm,
Village Hall

We are delighted to welcome back Pocket Panto with their new traditional family show. Join best friends Dick Whittington and Tommy the Cat as they set sail on the Saucy Sal. Follow their maritime misadventures, amidst nautical naughtiness from Sarah the Cook, as they fight the evil King Rat.

This show is suitable for all ages and is aimed very much at a family audience. It's packed to the gills with fun, laughter and happy ever after!

All tickets are £9 including refreshments or £8 each for a booking for 4 – 6. Please contact Hilary on 883721 or 07910 777173 to book.



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Parish Council

The meeting in November received feedback from the Police about their current Car Safety local surgeries as well as the new initiative 'Operation Bright' encouraging households to show lights at night. Discussions about possible improvements along the A684 were also reported, although evidence indicating that driver error rather than access points has caused recent accidents and blockages does not suggest any obvious strategies for targeted alterations.

It has been decided that the budget for the coming year should be held at the same level as for the two previous years, with any additional expenditure covered from reserves or funding. The recent improvements to cobbles on North End were supported by such a strategy, with £5,000 from the National Parks LEADER fund matching £1,000 from Parish reserves.

Flooding remains an ongoing concern for Highways, for instance at North End and Jeator Houses, although some road repairs have now been completed. Additionally measures are planned to ease congestion at the entrance to the Churchyard near the Fish Shop.

With the onset of frosty mornings there is a plea to motorists to avoid leaving engines running for long periods particularly at an early hour in the morning when neighbours will be disturbed.

RSPB

It will be all eyes to the skies on 25th-26th Jan, as the nation takes part in the RSPB's annual Big Garden Birdwatch. The activity is the biggest garden wildlife survey in the world and last year almost 600,000 people counted their garden birds. This year, for the first time, we need you to log some of

the other wildlife you see in your garden too. We want to know whether you ever see deer, squirrels, badgers, hedgehogs, frogs and toads to help build an overall picture of how important our gardens are for supporting all types of wildlife. Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch is fun and easy, and you don't even need to leave the

comfort of your own home. To take part, spend just one hour at any time over the weekend noting the highest number of each species seen in your garden or local outside space at any one time. You then simply submit your results to the RSPB, either by post or online at www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch.

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Summer Games

In a recent Messenger article an appeal was made for helpers for the Summer Games. As a result three people came forward and joined the committee taking its total to seven. Subsequently two people have moved away from the village and a further member has resigned. All have committed to putting

together an 'Organising the Summer Games' pack so that their knowledge is not lost. The committee is therefore left with four members, only one of whom has any experience of organising the Games. This situation was outlined at the recent successful Village Hall meeting where it was mooted that a Summer Games sub-

committee could operate as part of the Village Hall committee and various offers of assistance were received. Should you wish to comment on this suggestion or be involved in next year's Games please email info@osmotherleywalkingshop.co.uk or phone 883818. The Phoenix will go ahead as normal regardless.



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The Welcome Pack

The Welcome Pack (an action from the Parish Plan) is now 5 years old and to date has been delivered to 53 newcomers to the Osmotherley Area. We have just updated the Information Sheets, which are part of the pack and a copy is enclosed with this edition of The Messenger. The information

sheets are also available at www.osmotherley.org.uk/Newsletter/WelcomePack. No doubt we will have missed something, so please let one of us know of any other changes. If you want to have a look at the complete pack you can do so in the Top Shop, St. Peter's and the Village Hall. If someone moves in near you,

you can get a Pack from the Boot and Coffee Shop or call one of us and we will deliver to you or the newcomer. People seem to be delighted to receive them. Angelina Hunter afua.hunter@gmail.com, Elaine 883477, Sean or Jane 883292, Fiona 883818.

OVT 'AND A NIGHTINGALE SANG' Review by Martyn Stafford

Take a Jewish Glaswegian author (C.P. Taylor), a script centred around the relationships of a close knit working class family, set it during the Second World War, throw in some evocative 1940's music, interrupt the dialogue with a narrator who also plays a lead role, perform the entire play in a Geordie accent and make it a comedy. Handing this project to a village theatre group was always going to be a big ask.

Under the directorship of Leanne Robinson, they did not disappoint. The pivotal role of Helen, brilliantly played by Jane Bamber, holds not only the family together through its trials and traumas, but also keeps

the audience aware of the direction of the play by stepping out of the stage as a narrator, and then seamlessly stepping back into the dialogue in the lead role. Diane Stokeld as Peggy, the God-fearing devout Catholic and matriarch was particularly impressive and created a realistic portrayal of a "Mam" trying to care for her husband, daughters and ageing father against a background of rationing and air-raids. The supporting cast had no weak links. Gary Greening as George, the Dad, delivered some hilarious comic lines, and provided authentic musical background. Barrie Robinson as the son-in-law entertained the audience with well-timed delivery

especially in the dialogue with his rather reluctant wife Joyce, played by Stephanie Hoyle. Her out-rage at being presented with souvenir underwear from France was particularly convincing. Dave Morris as Norman, created a fine portrait of a young soldier torn between two worlds and played the role with sensitivity. Jim Whitton as the Grandad, brought great humour to the performance in his final role for the OVT. His mix of philosophical ramblings, arising as a result of his experiences in the First World War, and his amusing observations, created laughter on every occasion. Yes, it was a big ask, but judging by the audience reaction, another cracking production by the OVT.

Community Monthly Coffee Morning

The next Community Coffee Morning will be held on Tues Dec 3rd from 9 am - 11 30am. There will be a Christmas Craft Stall organised by Jennyruth Workshops - a charity providing opportunities for adults with learning disabilities to gain confidence, independence, work experience and life

skills. All the products are handcrafted and of a high quality. The younger children from our community will sing carols and there will be some Christmas music to enjoy. Our cakes will of course have a festive theme! Thank you to everyone who has supported our first two coffee mornings we were

able to make a donation to our local branch of the British Legion from our November event and contributions from future coffee mornings will be used to support other local community groups and organisations

We do hope you will be able to join us in Dec. Our first Coffee morning of the New Year will be held on Tues, Jan14th.



Friday 13th December
LIFE OF PI

[2012] [UK] Cert. PG
127mins

Starring: Suraj Sharma,
Irrfan Khan, Rafe Spall

16 year old Pi is the sole survivor of a shipwreck in which his family dies. He is stranded on a lifeboat with only the animals who survived the sinking and, ultimately, only a Bengal

tiger called Richard Parker. How Pi copes for 227 days adrift on the Pacific Ocean in this bizarre set-up is fascinating, nail-biting and heart-warming.

Fri 17th Jan 2014
CINEMA PARADISO

[1988] [It.] Cert. PG
124mins (subtitled)

Starring: Philippe Noiret,
Salvatore Cascio, Marco
Leonardi

For full details, previews and trailers, see our website:
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A few years after World War 2, in a small Sicilian village, 6 year old Salvatore falls in love with film at his local film house. He is taken under the wing of projectionist Alfredo who nurtures his passion for cinema and acts as his mentor. As we follow Salvatore's life, we are drawn into a moving and heart-warming story of love, loyalty and loss with stunning Italian scenery as the backdrop.

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QUEEN CATHERINE LADIES DARTS TEAM

We have had some interest in starting a ladies darts team. Any ladies who are interested, please come along to our practice evenings every Wednesday starting 8 January 2014 around 7.30pm. If we have enough interest, we will register a ladies team to join the local league next year. Many thanks Sandra Keating
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Dates for your Diary

Dec

Sun 1st 4.30pm St Peter's, Advent Candlelit Service

Tues 3rd 9-11.30am St Peter's, Community Coffee Morning

Wed 4th 10.30-12 noon Boot and Coffee Shop - **Advent Talk**

Wed 6th 7.30pm Queen Catherine Hotel, Royal British Legion Meeting and Bingo

Mon 9th 8-9.30pm Quaker Meeting House - **Advent Talk**

Fri 13th 8pm Village Hall, Osmotherley Film 'Life of Pi'

Sun 15th 10.45am St Peter's, Service of lessons and carols

Mon 16th 7.30-9pm Village Hall, Tombola collection

Mon 16th 8-9.30pm Quaker Meeting House - **Advent Talk**

Wed 18th 10.30-12 noon Boot and Coffee Shop - **Advent Talk**

Fri 20th 8pm Queen Catherine - Wassailing round the pubs

Mon 23rd 6.30pm Village Hall, Carols round the Tree

Jan

Fri 3rd 2pm Village Hall, Panto 'Dick Whittington'

Tues 14th 9-11.30am St Peter's, Church Community Coffee Morning

Fri 17th 8pm Village Hall, Osmotherley Film 'Cinema Paradiso'

Sat - Sun, 25/26th, Big Garden Birdwatch

Sheila Alderson, 1935-2013 Bob, Sue and Tim would like to express their gratitude to everyone for their kind messages of support following their recent sad loss of Sheila. Thank you to all those who attended the memorial service and gave so generously to St Peter's Church and to The Stroke Association; and also to Rev Ian Houghton and all those who helped to prepare the church and Village Hall so beautifully

Church News

There are four talks exploring what Advent means to our denominations, what different charity organisations are doing this Christmas and how we can be involved. Come to whichever ones you can manage - everyone is very welcome. Charity cards and gifts will be available for purchase. Tea, coffee and cake provided.

BOOT AND COFFEE SHOP:

Wed 4th Dec, 10.30am to 12 noon, Rev Andy Bryer, Methodist Church and Oxfam

Wed 18th 10.30am-12, Peter MacNamara, Roman Catholic Church and Water Aid.

QUAKER MEETING HOUSE (Church House if Weather Conditions Poor)

Mon 9th, 8-9.30pm, Rev Trevor Lewis, Church of

England and Herriot Hospice;

Mon 16th, 8-9.30pm: Leti Hawthorn, Friends (Quakers) and The Clock, Thirsk.
ALL WELCOME

Methodists will be part of the **Churches Together Advent Sunday** on 1st Dec – there will be a candlelit service at 4.30pm with an augmented choir.

St Peter's

1st Dec 4.30pm – Candle light service
You are warmly invited to experience the candle light service in St Peters at 4.30pm on 1 Dec. The service has a choir of over 40 voices drawn from Osmotherley and surrounding villages. Starting in just candle light the service builds in light to celebrate the Churches' New Year and the lead up to Christmas with readings, carols and hymns.

15th Dec 10.45am – Service of lessons and carols.
At this service the Christmas story is told through readings and carols by village folk. Join with many others to sing your favourite carols and hear the children sing as they prepare for the excitement of Christmas.

Lady Chapel Masses on the following days: 9th December at 2pm. Christmas Eve at 3.30pm. Boxing Day at 11am. New Year's Day at noon.

Quaker Meeting for Worship on Sunday 15th December and Sunday 19th January, 3 pm.