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Osmotherley Village Theatre

WAITING IN THE WINGS

by Noel Coward.

2nd, 3rd and 4th APRIL
The Village Hall at 7.30 pm.

The Wings is a charity home for retired actresses in straitened circumstances, some of whom have been stars in their day, some not quite. These ageing ladies are growing old ungracefully amid their memories, petty

squabbles and jealousies, when on a June day the once-great actress Lotta Bainbridge arrives. Years ago she married the ex-husband of one of the other residents - May Davenport- and her arrival rekindles an old feud which affects the atmosphere of the home.

When one of the more deranged inmates sets fire to her room, the aftermath offers an opportunity for reconciliation. A play both

funny and moving, with a large cast of characters.

Tickets £6 (£4 concessions on Wed.2nd) from the Box Office at Top Shop or from 883224.

Wine will be available during the interval, as well as tea and coffee. As the play is slightly longer than some, you might want to bring a cushion! We look forward to welcoming you.

Caring for the Moors with the National Trust

The Sheepwash area of the North York Moors is a fantastic place both for people and wildlife. Right on the doorstep for Osmotherley residents it's perfect whether you're a picnicker, dog walker, rambler or cyclist. As one of the major land owners in the area, the National Trust has the challenge of trying to balance the desires and need of our many visitors with the need to protect an area that is an important and fragile wildlife habitat.

The popularity of Sheepwash can be both a positive and negative thing for wildlife conservation. Some of our less considerate visitors create a huge quantity of litter, especially during the summer. Fortunately there is a band of local people who are out volunteering every day with their litter pickers so the area is usually spotless whenever I am there. We also have volunteers to thank, for Cod Beck Reservoir having one of the healthiest toad populations in the country. A small band of volunteers are out on suitable nights during the spring helping toads cross the roads so they don't get run over before they have the chance to breed.

At the moment we have a problem that has been caused by local mountain bikers. They have taken it upon themselves to dig tracks and build a series of jumps in an old quarry on the moor opposite Cod Beck Reservoir. Aside from not asking our permission as land owners, the major problem with this is that the area has special protection as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI). This is in place because the area has a high number of rare species.

Through this protection Natural England can prosecute any individual who 'intentionally or recklessly damages or destroys any of the features of special interest of an SSSI, or disturbs wildlife for which the site was notified' with fines of up to £20,000.

With such protection in place it is very much in the interest of the mountain bikers own interest to stop what they are doing.

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HEALTH WITH HAWTHORN

CLASSES in the Quaker Meeting House, 34 West End

24th Feb - 21st March;
7th - 29th April 2014 (8 weeks):

- Aerobics on Mon- 5-6 pm
 - Matwork for Men on Tues- 8-9 pm
 - Moving Wisely on Fri - 9.30-10.30 am (no class on 2nd May).
- £6.50 per class or £40 for 8 weeks

One to one consultations - contact :-
Leri Hawthorn - Advanced Exercise Specialist, Contact :- 883668 or 07718 315893; healthwithhawthorn@gmail.com

Parish Council

The first item on the agenda of the Osmotherley Area Parish Councils March meeting was a report from the Police giving details of a local break-in and theft as well as a reported auto crime. An accident had occurred on South End resulting in 3 cars sustaining considerable damage but there were no reports of serious injury to the occupants.

Dog fouling is again becoming a serious problem. This is antisocial behaviour of a despicable nature, in many instances the dog owners pick up after the pet yet proceed to throw the bag into the verge or into a hedge. Please can someone take a photo and then action could be taken against the offender or offenders. There will soon be more livestock in the fields and animals should not be put at risk from either dog mess or from plastic bags.

Following the well-attended marathon a few weeks ago a protocol is to be drawn up alongside the Village Hall Committee to ensure that any event organiser is aware of the needs of the village as well as being registered to hold such an event.

The loose setts at the Cross need to be rebbed and Highways will be asked to carry out this work as well as similar at the layby near to Beech Hill farm on the A684. Highways will also be asked to effect a lasting repair to Foxton Lane following severe erosion after the wet winter.

Compliments were made regarding the excellent work to rebuild a wall off Back Lane, both a credit to the builder, the owner and as an entrance for walkers arriving from the Cleveland Way.

Comments have been received about the revised bus schedules and the relevant department at County Hall has now been tasked to consider allowing time for patients to access the Doctors Surgeries as well as the provision of transport bearing in mind that many who would use this service are not fully mobile and need this assistance.

National Trust cont.

Although I do not know exactly who is responsible I am aware that some of the people involved are local residents. I am therefore hoping that this article will help get the message to them. In the meantime, I will once again be relying on volunteers to help remove the tracks that have been created

so far and restore the area as much as is possible.

The National Trust do not seek to stop people enjoying the outdoors in their own way. In fact I have recently been involved in creating a downhill mountain bike course at another of our sites where we have a suitable area. In gen-

eral, it is best to stick to the rules though – cyclists and horse riders should not ride anywhere other than designated bridleways unless they have gained permission from the land owner first.

Gareth Wilson Area Ranger, North York Moors, Yorkshire Coast & Durham Properties

Pre School

Thank you to the kind person who donated the big red bin of Duplo bricks! A reminder about the fundraising calendar as advertised in last month's Messenger and thank

you for the fantastic feedback about the pancakes we made for the Coffee Morning - there is a display of photographs in pre-school and an open invitation to pop in and view

them!

Easter Bunny Treasure Hunt Sun 13th April 10.30am from the Village Hall Entry £1 All proceeds to Pre-School

Thompson Shop Historic Papers - congratulations to Pat Duggan in securing a Community Grant from the North York Moors National Park, to photograph and record documents from Thompson's shop. In due course these will be available on line, enabling easy access to these unique documents which form part of our village's social history.

This is an exciting opportunity to expand and enhance local knowledge of this period 1750 – 1950, so if you have any relevant papers or documents or photographs, please let us know. These can be photographed and returned to you. We will keep you informed through the newsletter, and may on occasion, tap into your local knowledge, to help with this project. You can write to us at os.messenger@gmail.com, or ring Shona on 883237.

Yorkshire Water–Oakdale Reservoir

Daniella Munton, Community Engagement Advisor Yorkshire Water writes - Our contractors, Mott MacDonald Bentley, will carry out this work in two stages to avoid working during the shooting season.

The first stage will be from 31 March 2014 to 12 August 2014 and then work will recommence on 9 February 2015 until August 2015, when the work will be complete. This is dependent on weather conditions but

we'll keep you updated.

We need to discontinue the reservoir to ensure reservoir safety recommendations are met under the Reservoirs Act 1975. We'll significantly lower the overflow weir level by excavating a hole through the embankment and constructing a new raw water channel through the centre.

After the works are complete, a reduced body of water will remain. The site will be then landscaped and

the existing spillway will be backfilled.

The Cleveland Way National Trail that runs alongside Oakdale upper reservoir will not be affected. There may be an increase in traffic volumes for the duration of the works but this will be kept to a minimum through Osmotherley. Please be assured we'll do our best to keep any disruption to a minimum. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in contact via email or on 01274 692038.

COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING

JOIN US FOR COFFEE AND CAKE APRIL 1ST IN ST PETER'S CHURCH

THIS IS NOT AN APRIL FOOL! There really will be a Community Coffee Morning on April 1st.

As our coffee morning will take place shortly after Mothering Sunday (Mar 30th) we will be continuing

to think about Mothers and Children. On Mothering Sunday, we will be supporting the Oxfam Mother ♥ Appeal and at our Coffee Morning we will be supporting our local Grasshopper Group for mothers and young children

Our March Coffee Morning on Shrove Tuesday was enhanced by the provision of

some excellent pancakes made by the children of Osmotherley Pre school and also raised £100 as part of the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.

Thank you to everyone who works so hard to make these community events so enjoyable and to all of you for your generous support. We look forward to welcoming you in April.



As our season continues, this month's film is chosen by our Members.

Join us for a sumptuous re-telling of the Tolstoy classic:

Fri 25th April
ANNA KARENINA
[2012][UK] Cert.12
124mins

Starring: Keira Knightly, Jude Law, Aaron Taylor-Johnson

Enter the world of Imperial Russia and its high society

of the late 19th century. Amidst grandeur but against a backdrop of conservative social mores, a tale of forbidden love and its consequences. In an attempt to help save her brother's marriage, Anna Karenina (Knightley) travels to Moscow from St Petersburg. In doing so she meets the dashing Count Vronsky (Taylor-Johnson). As Tolstoy weaves his story, fate takes its course.

The Village Hall Doors open 7.30pm, Film starts 8pm.

For full details, previews and trailers, see our website: www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk

Guests admitted on the night: £5 (you must be 16+ yrs of age)

For more details and previews, see our website or contact Shona (883237)/Laura (883096)

[PLEASE NOTE THE DATE OF THIS MONTH'S FILM: a week later than normal due to Easter]

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Dates for your Diary

April

Tues 1st – 9-11.30am St Peter's Church Community Coffee Morning

Tues 1st - 7.30 p.m. Village Hall -Gardening Club - Growing Soft Fruit in Small Northern Gardens

Wed 2nd - 7:30pm Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

Thurs 3rd – 7pm Chapel in Crathorne Lent Evening in tradition of Taize

2nd, 3rd and 4th -7.30 pm Village Hall – Osmotherley Village Theatre 'Waiting in the Wings

Sun 6th 6.30pm. Service at Osmotherley Methodist Church, Preacher Rev. A Bryer

Sun 13th -10.30 Village Hall – Easter Bunny Hunt. In aid of Pre-school

Sun 13th, - No service at Osmotherley Methodist Church

Sun 20th - 6.30pm, Service of Holy Communion, Osmotherley Methodist Church, Preacher Rev. I Johnson

Fri 25th - 8pm Village Hall – Osmotherley Film 'Anna Karenina'

Sun 27th - No Methodist service at Osmotherley

May

May 6th 9-11.30am St Peter's Church - Community Coffee Morning

Wed 7th - 7:30pm Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo."

Sat 24th - 2.30 p.m. Village Hall Garden Club Plant & Produce Sale

Sat 17th – 11am onwards Village Hall Christian Aid Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch

Sat 17th -7.30 30 Friends concert at St Peters Ideal for all the family with songs and instruments to entertain Interval refreshments Proceeds towards the Marjory Miller Fund

June.

Fri 28th -7.30 St Peter's Gordon Stewart international concert organist

Royal British Legion

50s CLUB—The organisers wish to thank everyone who have supported the above. 50% of the money will go to support our local community bus. The remaining 50% will be drawn at monthly intervals.

The first lucky winner was Chris Edmondson.

Church News

There will be a **Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch** in the Village Hall on Sat 17th May in aid of Christian Aid. It will be open from 11am for coffee and biscuits and early comers will get first pick from the tempting cake stall. From noon onwards there will be a choice of delicious home-made soups. A Traidcraft stall will bring a fascinating collection of goods from many countries - perfect for birthdays, or just for yourself.

Taize Evening. One of the Churches in the same group as Our Lady of Mount

Grace, St Mary's at Crathorne is holding a Lent Evening in the Chapel in Crathorne on Thurs 3rd April at 7p.m. This will be in the tradition of Taize, the great meditational centre in France and will consist of a number of readings and the quiet chants of the tradition. It will be followed by a supper in the Reading Room.

Oxfam Mother ♥ Appeal
The Mothering Sunday service held at Peter's Church on March 30th aims to support the Oxfam Mother Appeal. Mothers are some of the world's most powerful people.

They feed us, teach us and protect us but, most of all they love us unconditionally.

By supporting Oxfam's Mother Appeal, you will give mothers worldwide the lift they need to use their power to change the future. The UK government will match the value of everything you donate to the appeal, thus doubling the difference you are making.

If you would like to find out more, please visit - www.oxfam.org.uk/mother-appeal