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Happy Birthday Messenger



The Osmotherley Messenger is now 10 years old, with this edition being the hundredth to land on your doormat. We hope you've all come to love it, but if not we hope it has occasionally proved useful.

In order to celebrate this milestone, we have produced a bit of a bumper issue this month with plans for a bigger glossy centenary issue later in the year.

We would like the centenary issue to be a celebration of our welcoming and vibrant community. It will include interviews and articles relating to both local businesses and the different organisations and groups in the villages. If you are involved in a local group please consider writing or photographing something to tell us all about your activities and successes. We will be collecting copy over the next few months and expect to publish it towards the end of the summer. So don't miss out - make sure you're included.

The details of the editors and the relevant email address are included on the back of each edition. If you would like to discuss any of your ideas for the centenary issue with the editors please don't hesitate to contact us.

The Osmotherley Area Parish Plan

We reflect on the Osmotherley Area Parish Plan, published in December 2006. A Parish Plan is a process that involves consultation with rural communities, culminating in a written report and recommended actions to address the issues that respondents consider important.

Fast facts:

- The Parish Plan was two years in the making. Initiated by the Parish Council, a Steering Group and five Working Groups were formed of around 40 local residents.
- Three separate questionnaires were prepared: one to each adult resident, which contained more than 50 questions; a shortened version for 11-17-year-olds; and a third questionnaire for visitors.
- It was distributed to people living in and using the Osmotherley, Thimbleby, Sheepwash, Clack, Chequers, Ellerbeck and Snilesworth areas.
- Questions covered the natural environment; the built environment; sport and recreation; school and churches; community and services; business and transport; traffic and parking; and security and communication.
- The Three Tuns, The Golden Lion and the Queen Catherine pubs offered dinner prizes as an incentive to complete the questionnaires.
- More than 50% of residents and 40 visitors responded. Of the adult questionnaires, 300-plus were returned, constituting more than 8,000 pages.
- In response to the completed questionnaires, more than 120 recommended actions were suggested, and many were subsequently implemented.
- A glossy summary booklet and a more detailed fact book were produced, containing background information, response data and recommended actions. Both of these can be accessed at www.osmotherley.org.uk/parish-plan/ or hard copies obtained from the National Park Authority and Hambleton District Council.

See our special centenary edition for an interview about the Parish Plan with Hugh Thompson, chair of the Osmotherley Area Parish Plan Steering Group.

Tues- 18/4 to 9/5 and
13/6-18/7: 7-8 pm and
8.10-9.10 pm: FITNESS
PILATES

Fri-21/4- 12/5 and 16/6 -
28/7 (no class on 7th July
hence extra one at end of
block): 10-11 am: FITNESS
PILATES; 11.10 am-12.10
pm: ACTIVE CHAIR

Sat 29th April 2017:
9.30am-12.30pm in Ingleby
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Parish Council

The council met to discuss the issues of the day with a majority of members present. The meeting was also attended by Mr A Shelley who came to discuss the future of Thompsons Shop. Bought by Thimbleby Estate in 2013, to safeguard the heritage of the shop, and to determine if a village shop could have a future as a viable business. A healthy discussion ensued and it was made clear that any new shop would have to be aware of current village services but also be self-sustaining going forward. Further discussions would take place in the near future. Concern was expressed by a resident over the state of the footpath to the footbridge at the water splash on the way to Thimbleby (Bog Hole?). It is in an almost permanent muddy and slippery state. Enquiries of Highways confirmed they were aware of the problem but no specific timeframe as to when this would be acted upon was forthcoming. The Chairman reported that £2500 had been secured from NYCC Locality Budget with £1000 available for the CCTV scheme and a further bid for £1500 was secured as a contribution towards the disabled access bridges at Sheepwash. The bus shelter had been vandalised and needs disinfecting. The Cumbria Clock Company had finally completed the restoration of the clock face which all agree has been done to a high standard. The role of Caretaker has been under review and following interest from other possible contractors has resulted in the current provider winning the continued work contract. The community bus 'team' has been provided with financial support to ensure the continued work of the bus in the community.

DEFIBRILLATOR TRAINING – Village Hall Saturday 15th April 2017 10am

The Yorkshire Ambulance Service will hold a training session on the use of the defibrillator on the above date and time. All welcome.

Passionate about where you live? Want to learn more about what the National Park Authority is doing? Come along to the **Western Area Parish Forum Meeting** at St Peter's Church, Osmotherley on Tuesday, 18 April 2017 at 7.15 pm.

Members of the public are invited to attend. Parish Forums are a means of discussing matters affecting your local community. They help to ensure that our services and policies meet the needs of local people. You can ask a question at the Parish Forum meeting to Members and to Officers of the National Park Authority.

Osmotherley Village Theatre

Osmotherley Village Theatre's spring production is "Natural Causes" by Eric Chappell, a wickedly funny domestic comedy involving mistaken identities and unexpected consequences. It is black comedy at its very best.

"Natural Causes" features:-

- Graham Atkinson: a recent addition to OVT and the "Question of Sport"-obsessed Herod/Joseph in "The Flint Street Nativity";

- Sarah Greening: appearances for OVT include the suave actress, Bonita, in "Waiting in the Wings" and the plain-speaking Shepherd in "The Flint Street Nativity";

- Barrie Robinson: director of plays too numerous to list but, most recently, of "The Flint Street Nativity". Recent appearances on stage include the malicious Gordon in "Neville's Island" & the seemingly foolish Teddie in "The Ghost Train";

- Tristan Sillars: Tris recently played the naïve and charming newly-wed, Charles Murdock, in "The Ghost Train";

- Teresa Taylor: a new addition to OVT and appearing for us for the first time in the role of Angie.

Performances Wed April 5th to Friday, April 7th, Osmotherley Village Hall 7.30pm. Tickets, £8 (£6 concessions, Wednesday only), from The Top Shop or by calling 01609 883224.

Thank You.

Keith & Jean- now Mr & Mrs Phillips-congratulations
Joyce Brass and Ann Blowman for the lovely bingo raffle prizes.
Also, a VERY SPECIAL Thank you to the Parish Council, for the extremely generous donation to the Community Bus Fund.

50s+ Club.

We now have 95 members. Total monies £1140.
Paying £50 each Month (£25. + 2 x £12.50) with an extra 2 draws of £25. at Christmas
This makes a total of £650 leaving £490 for the Community Bus Fund.....
March Draw.£25. Sheila Brown/£12.50 each Janet Stafford ,and Pam Dutton. Congratulations

Osmotherley Community Group

Many Congratulations on your 100th edition to all the team at The Messenger. Thanks too for all your support in promoting our community events. Interestingly, the Osmotherley Community Group did not exist when the first edition of the Messenger was published. We are now in our fourth year of operation and looking forward to supporting our community for your next 100 editions!

Events in April

Our Community Coffee Morning will be held on Tues April 4th between 9am and 11 30am. We will be supporting young people from both our local area and further afield

through Northdale Horticulture and Street Child Africa.

Thank you to everyone who supported our March Coffee Morning. Your generous gifts along with a percentage of sales from John's craft stall enabled us to donate £325 to The Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.

Soup lunches have now finished for the 2016/17 season. We were able to donate £300 to Christian Aid from our final soup lunch in March. This included funds raised through the raffle which was won by Sheila Black. Thank you for your support.

Funding a new resource for families

Using the surplus from our sale of the Osmotherley Cookbook and a grant received for North Yorkshire Stronger Communities, we have been able to fully refurbish the family and children's area in St Peter's. There will be new furniture and lots of exciting new equipment. Whether you are coming to a service or a community event, we hope that this new area will provide lots of resources to promote learning through play, reading and time spent with friends, parents and carers. The family area will be officially opened on Palm Sunday.

CALLING ALL SINGERS!

Are you interested in taking part in an Osmotherley community choir project? A choir is forming in April and is open to everyone - children and adults. Children should be in Key Stage 2 and upwards and accompanied by an adult. All singing voices are welcome Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass. No auditions will be held. Choir members will be required to regularly attend rehearsals and to learn words and music. Rehearsals will begin in the **Village Hall at 7pm on Monday 24th April** and culminate in a summer performance in Osmotherley.

Come and join in, improve your health and have fun! For further details please contact Eleanor on 883776 eleanor_gill@yahoo.co.uk



Further details of our season www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk
email: osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk or
contact Shona 883237/Laura 883096/Chris 883518.

April's film is that part of our season where our members vote for the film to be shown. With keen voting once more, the popular choice, and this season's 'Members' Choice' film is:

Friday 21st April

SWALLOWS & AMAZONS
[2016] Cert. PG 90mins

Starring: Kelly Macdonald, Rafe Spall, Dane Hughes, Orla Hill, Teddie-Rose Malleson-Allen, Bobby McCulloch

A re-imagining of the classic Arthur Ransome story. A summer of adventure begins as the Walker children arrive in

the Lake District for the holidays. Allowed to take to the water aboard 'Swallow' they head off to discover an island, encounter their waterborne rivals, but who is the stranger aboard the houseboat with a parrot?

Doors open 7.30pm; Film starts 8pm. Guests welcome (must be 16+ yrs of age):
Guest Fee £5

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Osmotherley Film launched in May 2008 – it seems a blink of the eye distant! But looking at our filmography, it is astounding to realise that we have been able to bring

to our audiences close to 90 films across our seasons since that time. It is something we are both happy and proud to have been able to do.

Spreading our word and keeping everyone in touch with what's coming has been helped, invaluable, by the great team of editors at the 'Messenger'.

Congratulations to the *Messenger* team on the 100th edition! And more than that, a huge thanks from Osmotherley Film for all your work; for helping connect us all, whoever we are and whatever events we are involved in. Thank you!!

Chris Relton



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Dates for your Diary

April

Tues 4th - 9am and 11 30am – St Peter's – Community Coffee Morning

Wed 5th – Fri 7th – 7.30pm. Village Hall – Osmotherley Village Theatre 'Natural Causes'

Wed 5th - 7.30pm Queen Catherine -RBL bingo

Tues 11th - 2.00pm Methodist Chapel - Owls, talk by the Red Cross For further details contact B. Brown/M.Hobbs or Jackie Greenwood. At this meeting please bring along your ticket money for Jazz Train £15.

Tues 11th- Queen Catherine -wine tasting contact Maureen.

Tue 18th - 7.15 pm- St Peter's Church -Western Area Parish Forum Meeting

Sat 15th - 10am -Village Hall, Defibrillator Training - everyone welcome

Thurs 20th- 5.30pm- Sheepwash main car park.- Bronze Age Walk led by Robert Thorniley Walker

Mon 24th -7pm Village Hall Osmotherley community choir project – Rehearsals

May

Tues 2nd - 7.30pm -Village Hall Gardening Club– Herbs for all occasions – Martin Fish

Fri 5th - 7.30pm. Village Hall – Casino Night

Sat 27th - 2.30pm – 4.00pm Village Hall – Annual Plant & Produce Sale

St Peter's Church

Many congratulations on the 100th edition of The Messenger. St Peter's was definitely here when the first edition of The Messenger was published and of course has been since the 12th century! The building and congregation have undergone a fair few changes during that period and no doubt we will see further changes in the coming years.

In recent times, St Peter's has significantly enhanced its involvement with the local community both through the increased use of the building and through events organised in conjunction with other key village partners including The Village Hall, Osmotherley Community Group and the other churches in the village. With your support, we aim to continue to work together in the service of the whole community.

Celebrating Easter at St Peter's

Easter is a special time of year - there are signs of

new life appearing everywhere and our various churches will also mark this significant festival in many and various ways. Here at St Peter's, there are lots of opportunities to come together to celebrate Easter.

Why not join us for one or all of the following?

Palm Sunday April 9th at 10 45am.

This will be a special service for the whole community. The newly refurbished family and children's area will be officially opened; there will be a Palm Sunday craft activity for children and families, and some special music and refreshments for everyone to enjoy

Maundy Thursday April 13th at 7. 30pm

There will be a service of Holy Communion for Maundy Thursday at 7 30pm. The service will be led by The Bishop of Whitby

Good Friday Breakfast April 14th at 9. 30pm

Join us for breakfast on Good Friday. Breakfast will be served

between 9 30am and 10 am. Bishop Paul will join us and provide some thoughts for this special day and there will be some Easter music. The event will be suitable for all ages and will be concluded by 10 45am. However, should you wish to stay for a while after that, and chat with friends and neighbours you will be most welcome.

Easter Day 16th April at 10. 45am

Everyone is welcome to join us for the service on Easter Sunday.

AND FINALLY Don't forget the Hambleton Food share Project. The box at the back of church is emptied regularly and your donations are always very welcome. If you have taken part in the 40 pence for 40 days scheme during Lent - please bring your donations to any of the above Easter events or alternatively to either Linda Wickens Owst - 883367 or Eileen Bellett 883550. All donations will go towards Hambleton Food share.