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## Osmotherley School

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### Green Flag Award

Well done Osmotherley School!!! We are now officially an 'ECO-SCHOOL' and the proud owners of a Green Flag!! Our experienced assessor congratulated the school on the impressive awareness of green issues, saying that he had never met such a knowledgeable group of children after speaking to our eco-committee. We are really proud of how they have led the school towards getting this award, which is held by only 17 schools in the county

### School News

The Acorns class now has a wonderful role-play castle to tie in with the theme of 'medieval days and knights' and they will also visit nearby Whorlton Castle. Forest School is still very popular and the children are just starting to look for signs of Spring – let's hope that they find plenty!  
The Oaks class is busy preparing for their photography exhibition and performance of 'The Tallest Man in the World' a local legend from Scugdale. Supported by Emily Smith from Sing-up, they will create a musical rendition of the tale with an accompanying shadow puppet show with help from Rural Arts North Yorkshire. This takes place in

Osmotherley Village Hall on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm. Everyone is welcome! The photographic exhibition is based on the theme for this term – Earth Wind and Fire and from what I have seen so far the children's digital images are very impressive!

### Rotary Photography Success

As part of the Olympic-inspired Rotary Young Photographer Competition 2012, Stokesley Rotarians circulated local schools, offering their own prize to encourage young people to take part. Winning entries from the combined primary schools of Swainby & Potto CE and Osmotherley were selected to go through to a Rotary District round. Stokesley Rotarians commented that the pupils were by far their most enthusiastic entrants, with a total of 45 entries received from the joint schools. Knowledgeable members of Stokesley Photographic Society judged the results and sent on the winning contributions. Impressed by the hard work and effort from the Swainby, Potto and Osmotherley children, Stokesley Rotarians decided to visit and make a special presentation to the



Front: Cormac Fitzgerald; Isobel Pitts; Sam Holding; James Hutchinson.  
Rear: Louie Sutcliffe; Penny Vernon; David Smith; TJ Walton.

staff and children. The Rotarians were impressed and delighted with the reception they received. Rotarian David Smith summed up the event. "The staff and children had clearly made a big effort both in producing their entry and in the reception we received. The whole school, the pupils aged between 7 and 11 years, gathered in the Hall and sang the school song ... The response and atmosphere was magical and made everything so very worthwhile ... That visit demonstrated that they have everything right at these schools." Headteacher Penny Vernon said: "The children were keen to take part and thoroughly enjoyed the chance to develop their creative photographic skills. I think it is really important that we give children many and diverse opportunities to develop their talents, and this competition gave the children a 'real' opportunity to do just that."

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# Parish Council

Osmotherley Area Parish Council delayed the monthly meeting by a week to enable Members to attend an important meeting of the National Park at which planning concerns were discussed along with comments regarding the proposed housing scheme on Clack Lane which is now likely to be approved in turn allowing the development to go ahead. Other plans were discussed at Parish level and were supported with a proviso that where stonework was involved that it should use locally sourced material and not from elsewhere. Additionally concern was expressed about roofing materials and the planners were tasked to approve roof materials as determined by the Village Design statement.

Many members raised concerns about the state of various roads and footpaths, white lines and gulleys and all of these concerns will be passed to Highways with an expectation that they carry out the required work as quickly as possible in the interests of road and public safety. Following a recent road closure of the A19 many HGVs tried to negotiate the village and considerable damage was caused to the verges and grassed areas and Keith the caretaker will be attempting to remedy the damage to the grass, Highways will be informed about the loose cobble in the verges. Tenders were opened for work to repair the retaining wall on South End and a preferred contractor is to be appointed shortly with the anticipation that the work can be completed this spring

It is anticipated that replacement safety bollards will soon be in place on North End and consideration to one at the School Lane/South End corner is to be given. Vehicles have been damaged on North End opposite Back Lane and the District Council have been approached with the view to using cctv to monitor this activity. Members were highly critical of traffic management in Northallerton and were prepared to give support to any initiative to alleviate the problems experienced there.

Dog fouling has again increased and a new trend has emerged where some persons or owners actually pick up the remains and then leave the plastic bag either on the verge, in a hedge or in fields, this is not only unsightly but if left in fields among livestock could lead to the deaths of grazing animals.

As well as the Parish opting not to raise its precept this year, both the County and District Councils have arrived at the same decision, lets hope that the Police and water charges are also kept at the same level as last year.

## Toad Patrol

Osmotherley is near one of the largest annual toad migration sites in the country. The migration takes place along the road near Cod Beck Reservoir and usually starts around the middle of March when the weather is warmer and damp. In fact, migration started this year on 22 February! In a "normal weather" year it will be finished by the middle of April. It tends to be a start/stop affair, depending on the temperature and humidity. On a warm, wet night over 1000 toads will cross this road!

Toads are an important part of our ecology but unfortunately are not protected and we are unable to have the road closed while the migration takes place. For this reason a group of hardy volunteers come along each year and help the toads cross the road by picking them up, putting them in a bucket, and then putting them safely in the reservoir where they are able to mate. We also help them cross the road when they come out of the reservoir and return to the moor. All the toads collected are counted and these figures are collated across the country by the charity FrogLife.

If you would like to come and help all you need is a bucket, a good torch and some warm clothing. High Viz jackets can be provided. Regular volunteers would be particularly useful (e.g. one night or more per week).

If you drive over the Osmotherley-Swainby road at night during March and April, please proceed with caution and try to drive around toads on the road to avoid killing them. If you see torchlights then slow down as children may be present.

Although traffic levels are light, the patrol is not really suitable for children under about 10 years. Any older children must be accompanied by adults. Please note also that helpers are responsible for their own safety and toad patrol organisers cannot be liable.

**Please contact Steve Rogers on 01609 883615.**

The Village Hall has recently had a much needed lick of paint thanks to the work of the local Community Payback team. The team, led by the

Probation Service, have worked over the last few weeks to refresh the main hall, entrance hall, toilets and kitchen. The committee would like to thank all the affiliate groups and other

hall users for their patience during the work. We are now looking for someone who has the time and skills to make new curtains/blinds for the hall. If you are interested

in taking on this piece of work please call Ellen Cross on 883010 to discuss arrangements for a quote.

## Osmotherley Village Theatre

CLECKLEWYKE, WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE, CIRCA 1900 Councillor and Mrs Parker, Mr and Mrs Herbert Soppitt, and Alderman and Mrs Helliwell, have planned an evening together to celebrate 25 years of marriage - all

three couples having married on the same day - but all does not go exactly to plan and their respectability is called into question.

J.B.Priestley's WHEN WE ARE MARRIED is a classic of British theatre and as

entertaining today as when it was first performed.

Osmotherley Village Theatre will be staging the play for three nights only, on Wed.25th, Thurs.26th and Fri.27th April (Please note that we shall be giving a Wednesday evening

performance and NOT a Saturday one)

Tickets will be available from early April but look out for further announcements in next month's Messenger and on the posters.

## Pre School

We are holding an Easter Food and Drink Fair in Osmotherley Village Hall on Friday evening 23 March, to raise funds for pre-school. We are hoping to have a range of food and

drink stalls including cheese, cakes, chocolate, jams, oils, herbs and even tuscan ham! Doors open at 7.30pm and admission is £1. There will be a bar and an Easter cake raffle.

## Gardening Club

The Club's AGM – to be held Village Hall on Tues 6th March at 7.00p.m, followed at 7.45p.m. by an illustrated talk given by Shaun Passman illustrating the recent renovation of East Rounton Walled Gar-

den undertaken by Dark Star Plants. Everyone welcome.

### Future dates

Tues 3rd April 7.30 pm, Village Hall, Talk on propagation by Steve Hickman  
Sat 26th May 2.30pm, Village Hall, Plant & Produce Sale



**Fri 16th March 2012**  
**The Damned United**  
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Starring :-Michael Sheen, Timothy Spall, Colm Meaney, Jim Broadbent

Leeds 1974. The gripping story of Brian Clough's turbulent 44 days at the helm of Leeds United. An outspoken critic of United's 'dirty' style of play, Clough's appointment in place of Don Revie (promoted to the England job) was as unexpected as it was unpopular

amongst the squad of players he inherited.

Less a football film than a study of the characters and personalities involved. Sheen brilliantly captures the essence of Clough and turns in another stellar performance

**Doors Open** 7.30 pm, Film starts at 8pm

Bring your own refreshments.

Guests Welcome -£5

(16yrs and over)

Contact Shona 883237/Laura 883096/Chris 883518

**Yorkshire Water** As you probably recall, many DL6 and YO7 residents were without water in excess of 5 hours on 14th January 2012. Under Yorkshire Water's Customer charter: *Where we interrupt your supply for planned or unplanned work for more than 5 hours, we will provide alternative supplies and take reasonable steps to inform you of their location. Otherwise you may claim £20.* On the basis that they failed to provide alternative supplies, domestic customers of YW in the aforementioned postcodes can claim their £20. It is not paid automatically. To claim your £20 telephone 0845 1 24 24 24 or use the online contact us form at [www.yorkshirewater.com](http://www.yorkshirewater.com). Remember to specify how you wish to receive your claim (Cheque or if you pay by Direct Debit - Electronic transfer) As per their customer charter ,customers have 3 months from the date of the incident to make their claim- so the deadline is 14th April 2012

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# Dates for your Diary

## March

Sun 4th 6.30pm Service Methodist Church led by Rev. Michael Webster.  
Tues 6th 7.00 pm Village Hall Gardening Club AGM, followed at 7.45pm illustrated talk by Shaun Passman – Renovation of East Rounton Walled Garden  
Sun 11th 6.30pm Service Methodist Church Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Gee.  
Tue 13th 8pm. Osmotherley Show Dominoes Queen Catherine  
Fri 17th 7.30 pm Doors open Village Hall 'The Damned United' Osmotherley Film  
Sun 18th 10.30am Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's .  
Fri 23rd 7.30 pm Village Hall - Easter Food and Drink Fair , raising funds for pre-school  
Wed 26th 6.30pm Village Hall –photography exhibition/performance/puppet show.  
Osmotherley School  
Sun 25th 6.30pm Service Methodist Church led by Mrs Iris Smith Worship Leader

## April

Tues 3rd –7.30pm Village Hall Talk on propagation by Steve Hickman Village Hall 7.30p.m  
25th—27th Village Hall J.B.Priestley's WHEN WE ARE MARRIED- Osmotherley Village Theatre

## May

Sat 12th 10.30am – Village Centre – Ossy Stomp.  
Sat 26th 2.30pm - Village Hall Annual Plant & Produce Sale

# Cultural Olympiad 2012 Bell Ringing

As part of the Cultural Olympiad celebrating the London Olympics 2012, artist Martin Creed is asking as many people as possible all over the country to ring as many bells as possible as quickly and as loudly as they can for 3 minutes at 8am on Friday 27th July.

This should result in a joyous, and probably cacophonous, sound and it

would be wonderful if the people of Osmotherley joined in the celebration. You may not be running the 200 metres or cycling round the velodrome, but you can make a glorious noise!

Hand bells, door bells, bicycle bells, church bells, sleigh bells, cow bells, schoolbells, Village Hall bell, last orders bells and dinner bells.

If we can get enough people

together to have 3 minutes of legitimate noise-making in the centre and all over the village, we can register our event on the "All the Bells" website and have it marked on the map.

Those interested, young and old, please get in touch with Angela Thomsett at The Applegarth, to register your interest.

## Osmotherley Oil Cooperative :-

January saving with the Cooperative was 3p per litre ( 55p as opposed to 58p average quote)  
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## Mothering Sunday -18th March

Everyone loves Teddy bears. If you have a much loved teddy, however battered and bruised, or even a very new smart one we would love to see him ( or her? ) at our service on

The Mothering Sunday service which will take place on Sun March 18th at 10 30am at St Peter's Osmotherley and there will be lots of bears! This will be a service for the whole community - there will be contributions from local children and something special for everyone who attends. The service will be followed by light refreshments .

Everyone is welcome - including your teddy!!  
We look forward to seeing you  
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## Osmotherley Summer Games Presents

### Ossy Stomp

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Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2012, 10.30 a.m. start.

Entry £5 adults, £2.50 children.

More info in next month's Messenger...