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Missing – large black cat ‘Stealth’ - last seen in the Oswaldene area about 2 weeks ago. He is quite large, all black with no white markings. He is timid and likely to crouch and hide if approached. If you see him, please ring Jenny Jackson on 883443

Ossy Stomp - Sat 12th May 2012

Don't forget that the first ever Ossy Stomp is being held on Saturday 12th May. The start will be from the green in front of Queen Catherine Row (look out for the gazebo) - please come here for instructions on how to register. Registration begins at 9.30am with the start scheduled for 10.30am. Please try to come along by 10 o'clock so that we don't have a last minute rush.

You will need to wear appropriate footwear (likely

to be muddy in parts) and clothing suitable for the weather forecast for the day. Please also bring any food or drink you might want as there will only be limited emergency supplies at checkpoints. A rough map and route description will be provided to all entrants on the day, however we strongly suggest carrying a relevant OS map, especially for those on the 9 mile route or not familiar with the local footpaths.

Entries are still being taken at

Top Shop and the Osmotherley Boot & Coffee Shop and you'll be given a sponsorship form on entry. We are trying to raise as much as possible for the Community Minibus, however sponsorship is not obligatory. Sponsor money can be deposited at the Boot & Coffee Shop during normal opening times once collected.

Most of all we look forward to seeing you all on the day, and having a fun day with all the family involved.

Village Hall

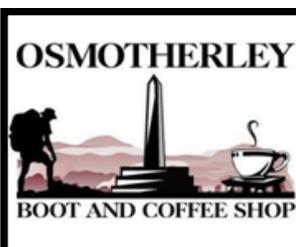
As many regular users of the village hall will be all too aware from bitter experience, the heating system in the village hall is, to coin a phrase much in vogue, not “fit for purpose.” We are, therefore, pleased to announce that after much consultation, extensive work will be undertaken over the summer months (when use of the hall typically declines) to improve the insulation, improve the windows (which will be double glazed and draft proofed) and new infra-red heaters will be installed. We can all look forward to a

winter where we won't have to sit wrapped up in our winter woollies when using the hall. For anyone wanting to know more about the proposed modernisation plans, a public meeting will be held in May, date to be confirmed, where you will have the opportunity to hear the proposals in detail and ask any questions.

For all domestic gods/goddesses who haven't already cleared your diary for **Sat 19th May**, the annual spring cleaning event for the village hall is planned from 10am – 12noon. If you can

spare a little time, all help getting the hall ship-shape and shining will be gratefully received. Marigolds, tea and biscuits provided.

On the subject of cleaning, with the use of the hall increasing, regular users will hopefully be pleased to note we have increased the frequency of cleaning for the hall. If you have concerns about the quality of the hall/ suggestions for improvement, please let us know and we will do our best to help. David Wilson, Secretary, Village Hall Committee. 883096



Open 10 – 4 Wed - Sun serving great coffees, teas, hot chocolate, sandwiches and delicious locally made cakes.

The Boot Shop display area is currently being re-designed and will be open again soon. Zamberlan & Brasher footwear care items are available to purchase in the coffee shop whilst boots & shoes can be seen by ringing 883818. Telephone & Internet sales are unaffected by the changes. We look forward to welcoming you.

Top Shop Meat

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can be placed and
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Parish Council

Parking concerns were high on the agenda of the Osmotherley Area Parish Council meeting held in April, particularly inconsiderate parking in narrow roads and across the bus stop. This was drawn to the attention of the Police who attended one incident and were able to issue an enforcement notice. The Police reported that there has been an increase in the number of auto crimes and of opportunist break-ins to dwellings as well as of anti-social activity at the Cod Beck area and they have promised to raise their profile here. Alongside the parking issue is the need to ensure that once contractors start work at the new housing development on Clack Lane that they do not obstruct any of the entrances opposite this building site.

Fundraising is ongoing for a replacement mini bus and all monies raised as a result of the Oddy Stomp will go to this cause. Consideration has been given to marking the forthcoming Queen's Jubilee and in discussion with the Gardening Club a sum of money will be set aside to purchase a large selection of white spring flowering bulbs and also some trees to commemorate the event.

Concerns have been noted over disruptions to water supply during electrical supply failures in the area. Yorkshire Water have been pressed to ensure that they have a robust contingency energy source available and in working order to prevent any long-term disruption to these essential supplies.

RSPB -Make Your Nature Count



At this time of year, there's no better place to be than in your own back garden. The flowers are blooming, the bees are buzzing and the newly born wildlife are filling the air with snuffles, tweets and chirps. With so much going on, now is the perfect time to enjoy the sights and sounds and do your bit for nature by recording everything you see. The conservation charity, the RSPB, is asking everyone to take part in its 'Make Your Nature Count' wildlife survey, which runs from June 2 to June 10. Although similar to its more well-known Big Garden Bird-watch, this survey not only asks you to count birds but also other wildlife such as hedgehogs, squirrels and deer. Taking part in the survey will help the RSPB to build an important snapshot of summer wildlife in our gardens and find out which species are thriving and which might need our help. Last year, 80,000 people took part in the survey across the UK and this year the RSPB is hoping for even more. In 2011, the survey revealed almost half of UK gardens had baby blackbirds and 33% had regular sightings of bats and frogs. Further information about the survey can be found at www.rspb.org.uk/naturecount where an online survey form can be downloaded from June 2. Alternatively, a survey form can be also be ordered over the phone by calling 0300 456 8330 until June 6th.

Art in the shed

This will be the third year of the well-received open studio event to raise money for the charity 'Street Child Africa'. The exhibition will include a range of work from local artists. There will be art and craft to buy on the day, as well as tea, cakes, and local cider.

The event will take place over the bank holiday weekend, 2nd-4th June, opening between 10.30am and 3.00pm, at the studio to the rear of 19 Back Lane, Osmotherley.

Osmotherley & District Garden Club

Don't miss the annual Plant & Produce Sale Saturday 26th May 2.30 – 4.00pm, Village Hall

The event provides a wonderful opportunity to purchase perennials, shrubs, annuals, young vegetable and salad plants, and house

plants—all at approximately 50% of commercial prices. There will also be a selection of home made cakes, fancies, bread and preserves.

Admission is free and light refreshments will be available. It is advisable to come early to avoid disappointment.

Osmotherley School

This term has started like a damp squib – rain, rain and more rain! A little different from the weather just before the break! Still I guess the gardens need it! At school we would like to be able to get out to play! So fingers crossed things will improve. The Acorns class started the term with a visit to Saltholme as part of their Forest School curriculum. Although it rained nearly all day the children told me that

they had a wonderful time and learned loads!!

This term the whole school theme is the Olympics. We will be working up to the real games in the summer holidays by learning all about the history of the games, about the athletes taking part and taking the opportunity to learn about some of the different countries the athletes come from. The Oaks class have already started their own version of the Olympic games – and the first

medals have already been awarded.

As part of the theme we have a joint week with Swainby & Potto CE (aided) and Archibald School in Middlesbrough for a health and fitness week. We have lots of sporting activities planned at the different schools and all the children from both our schools will be involved.

We are also planning to celebrate the Queen's

Diamond Jubilee and we also have 'Young Enterprise' coming to school again to help the children appreciate the world of work.

For those who like forward planning, our Leavers Service in St Peter's Church this year is on Thursday July 19th in the afternoon. Please put the date in your diary and come along and support the children.

Zooniverse—a report from Pat Duggan

Zooniverse is home to the Internet's largest, most popular and successful citizen science projects. It's major online project "Icehunters" has just come to an end and the data that hundreds of people like me have sifted through is being used in papers to be

submitted next month. The brave little New Horizons Space Probe is battling its way towards Pluto at the moment and its final message possible from Earth will redirect it to send back photographs of only one of the KBOs (Kuiper belt objects) that have been

identified in the Icehunters project. I have been credited as co-discoverer of 9 of these icy snowballs. They orbit our Sun way out beyond the orbit of Pluto. The project was also to identify more variable brightness stars and to mark rocky asteroids that

appeared as treble streaks on the images. I personally scanned nearly 29,000 images of starfields showing only as tiny white dots to find my 9 KBOs! You really would never guess what's out there above us!



Friday 18th May

ORANGES AND SUNSHINE

[2010][UK] 101mins Cert.15
Starring: Emily Watson, Hugo Weaving, David Wenham

The true story of Margaret Humphreys, a Nottingham Social Worker, who uncovered one of the most significant social scandals of

recent times: the forced migration of children from the United Kingdom to Commonwealth countries (mainly Australia) together with the appalling abuse and hard labour many suffered at the hands of the institutions entrusted with their care. Almost single-handedly, against overwhelming odds and with little regard for her own well-being, she succeeded

in reuniting thousands of families, brought authorities to account and worldwide attention to an extraordinary miscarriage of justice.

A film that takes us from the streets of Britain to the towns and country of Australia; a story that remains current and provides powerful narrative.

Full previews are available on our website.

Doors Open 7.30pm, Film starts 8pm

Guests welcome (Must be 16+ yrs) Guest Fee: £5

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Dates for your Diary

May

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

Sun 6th - 6.30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Mrs Chris Lawson

Sat 12th - 11am -2pm -Village Hall Soup Lunch Traidcraft Stall and a raffle

Sat 12th - 10.30am(arrive by 10) Green in front of Queen Catherine Row - Oddy Stomp

Sun 13th - 6.30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Rev E Nelson

Fri 18th - 8pm Village Hall Osmotherley Film 'Oranges and Sunshine'

Sat 19th -10 -12 Village Hall Spring Clean

Sun 20th - 6.30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church Holy Communion led by Rev Robert Gee

Sat 26th - 2.30 - 4.00pm Village Hall Annual Plant and Produce Sale

Sun 27th -6.30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Rev Kathie Heathcoat

June

Sat 2nd to Mon 4th—10.30am-3pm 'Art in the shed', 19 Back Lane, Osmotherley

Sun 3rd - 10.30am St Peter's Church Diamond Jubilee Songs of Praise

Wed 6th - 7:30pm Queen Catherine Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo"

July

Thurs 5th - 7.30 pm St Peter's Church Summer Organ Concert

Coffee and Chat mornings in the Methodist Chapel begin on Sat June 2nd , 10 am till 12 noon
(They are weekly until August 25th)

Churches Together

A Soup Lunch will be held in support of Christian Aid on Saturday 12th May in the Village Hall from 11.am to 2.p.m. There will be a variety of homemade soups served with bread rolls and tea or coffee. There will also be a mouth-watering cake stall, a Traidcraft stall and a raffle. Tickets will be £3.

St Peter's Church news:

Preparation for Confirmation classes will run for young people and adults. Young people of years 5 - 9 will be held in St Peter's Church on Sunday afternoons starting at 2.45.p.m. commencing on

Sunday 22nd April until June (late entries may be accepted). Adult classes start on 3rd May at 7.p.m. at Orchard House, Ingleby Arncliffe. Any adult who has been confirmed but would like to develop their Christian knowledge is also welcome to attend.

For further information please contact the Rev. Trevor Lewis on 01609-882937

Organ concert: There will also be a summer organ concert on 5th July 2012 at Saint Peters church Osmotherley starting at

7.30pm. Francesca Massey - a very talented young organist from Durham Cathedral will be giving a dazzling and entertaining concert for all. Tickets are £8 and children are free. There will be interval refreshments

To mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee there will be a Songs of Praise Service at St Peters Church on 3rd June at 10.30am. This will include hymns requested by those coming.