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Osmotherley Pre-School

It has been a while since pre-school has given a full account of developments, but I am proud to report that our achievements have culminated in the prestigious award of the Pre-school Learning Alliance *Reflecting on Quality* kite-mark. I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our hard-won success.

Integral to this achievement has been the 'continuing professional development' training that all team members have attended. Lesley is nearing completion of her level 3 qualification in Childcare and Education and both Sally and Trish have attended training regarding 'equality, diversity and identity'. Meanwhile I have

completed my BA(Hons) degree and gained Early Years Professional status.

Previously, I have stressed our commitment to promote forest school education and the importance of re-using and recycling. My pleas for resources have allowed us to stock up with a vast range of materials, allowing us to refurbish our special ReMida Room to reflect *green messages*.

Following on from this, I have just received notification from North Yorkshire County Council that pre-school has been successful in its bid regarding their Quality First Project. This provides us with an innovative opportunity to extend the use of our ReMida Room by involving a local

artist to work alongside the children and help bring their thoughts and ideas alive.

Families and interested members of the community will also have the opportunity to get involved.

An open day is planned for late October. Further details will be publicised, once the date and 'celebrity visitor' have been confirmed.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and committee, we wish our 'class of 2012' every success next year at primary school and look forward to welcoming our new recruits! We still have places available for Sept and new families are very welcome to look around just call in or give Gill Hunton a ring 01609 883138!



Fiona Thomson and Leti Hawthorn invite you to "Macmillan-on-the-Moors" on Fri 28th Sept 10 - 1pm Os. Boot & Coffee Shop

The Coffee Shop will be selling teas, coffees and cakes with 50% of all takings being donated to Macmillan Cancer Support. Exercise specialist in Cancer Rehabilitation, Leti Hawthorn, will be available to provide information and

advice on living with cancer, or supporting someone going through treatment, as well as general exercise and lifestyle tips. £5 from any bookings for consultations will be donated to Macmillan.



Leti Hawthorn is an Advanced Exercise Specialist recently returned to the area and living in the village. She offers health and wellbeing support in your home or workplace. With a specialist interest in cancer rehabilitation, chronic health conditions, back care, posture and function she works compassionately to tailor activity to each person's needs and provide appropriate lifestyle ideas. *One-off sessions £40 for one hour; regular sessions £30 (concessions available on request)* She also offers a range of exercise classes from Fitness Pilates and Freestyle Fitness Yoga to aerobics and conditioning as well as health and wellbeing workshops. Leti hopes to start sessions in the village soon. Contact: *Leti Hawthorn*, Mobile: 07718 315893, Home: 01609 883668, email: healthwithhawthorn@gmail.com



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Parish Council

Flooding and water problems have exercised many minds recently, involving actions from many agencies. The water supply failures of the past should soon be resolved because Yorkshire Water are due to install a backup generator to supply energy should the mains electricity supply fail again. A few residents have been involved in this fight with YW, so thanks for all their efforts.

Flash flooding has caused grief to many and although severe storms cannot be controlled, it is important agencies to ensure drains are capable of removing water as quickly as it falls. Highways are responsible for this and the PC will continue to chase them until all outstanding matters have been resolved. Several footbridges on the Codbeck were damaged as well as the Sheep Wash stepping stones and the authorities will be asked to make speedy repairs to these.

After installing an honesty box at the Toilets about £10.00 is collected every week, at least this will pay for some but not all of the upkeep of this village facility. Recent expenditure has seen the retaining wall at South End rebuilt and also further pointing and repairs to the Cemetery walls as well as installing stronger bollards on North End.

Keith Henderson continues to keep the area looking very tidy. Please can those householders who cut their own grass ensure that the clippings do not go onto the road and into the drains which could cause blockages. On a similar theme if your vehicle is parked preventing the Highways road-sweeper clearing loose chippings it would be appreciated if you were able to tidy up yourself.

Highways have undertaken a comprehensive review of all Traffic Regulation Orders within the County. This involves additions and changes to some of the no waiting zones within Osmotherley as well as elsewhere. Those in Osmotherley affect both sides of North End, full details of these proposed schedules can be viewed on their website (www.northyorks.gov.uk) or at any Library. Any responses must be back to Highways before the 11th September.

Village Hall

Well, as summer (hmmm?) begins to draw to a close, hopefully we can all look forward to warmer, less draughty accommodation in the Village Hall. Work on improving the heating and insulation was paused for further consultation, but is now scheduled to start on 23rd September. The work will modernise existing heaters, add infra-red heaters to boost the temperature quickly when needed, and will provide heating in all compartments of the building (which is not currently the case). All this will be achieved with a reduction in the carbon footprint of the building, due to efficiency gains – can't be bad. It is anticipated that there will be an inevitable disruption to service for a brief time whilst the work is on-going, for which we apologise, but it will be worth it.

On behalf of all Village Hall committee members, we would like to extend a huge thank you to the probation service and Simon Cross for their splendid efforts in repainting the hall. Thanks also to Ellen Cross for her tremendous efforts in procuring grant funding to refurbish the kitchen/kitchen area of the supper room – work on this is anticipated to be completed by the end of the year, but more news to follow.

So, a rosier future is in prospect for all users of the Village Hall – thanks as ever for your support.

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Osmotherley & District Garden Club
Gardeners' Question Time –
Tues 4th Sept 7.30pm Village Hall

Visitors are welcome to join members when the two panellists will be Simon Cross (Northdale Horticulture) and Helen Hays (garden design consultant).

Summer Games

We were fortunate to be blessed with good weather on the day and the event was quite well attended and seemed to be enjoyed by everyone. The takings were a little bit down on last year and due to some exceptional expenses the overall 'profit' will be less than last year. Regarding expenses, due to problems with the police no longer being willing to supply

traffic cones, we took the decision to purchase some, which will make us more self-reliant in future. We have also decided that some of the tarpaulins for the stalls will need to be replaced as they are damaged. We found ourselves desperately short of helpers this year, to the extent that some of the attractions such as

the target golf and strong man could not take place and raffle ticket sales were down due to not having people available to go round selling them. We really need more people to help on the day and the committee will be looking at ways to recruit more volunteers. More information will be given in October's edition of the 'Messenger' about the

amount available for distribution and arrangements for the AGM which will be held early in November. Finally, thank you to all those people who did help with the organising, setting up and running of the Games and to everyone who attended and helped to make it such an enjoyable day.

Summer Games Committee

Improving the Access at St. Peter's Church

The path and the porch steps at St. Peter's Church have been tricky for a number of years and now we plan to improve the access. This takes into account some recent changes in the regulations relating to disabled access and it will benefit everyone. The plans show the changes in detail but basically the steps will be moved about two metres towards the gate and will have a handrail. A larger paved area will be created

outside the porch and will extend smoothly into church. Thus anyone coming to Church from West End along the path through the churchyard, either on foot, in a wheelchair, or with a child in a buggy or pram, will have no steps to negotiate. The paved area outside the porch will make turning in and out of church straightforward. As the church is several feet above School Lane finding a satisfactory solution has been

quite a puzzle and because we are a listed building within the National Park it is not going to be cheap – estimates of cost are in the region of £15,000. Grants have been applied for and some money has already been raised as follows:

Midwinter Sponsored Sleep-out £500; Pancake Lunch £500; Grant from Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust £1250; Grant from All Churches Trust £400;

Bridge Event £280.

We are however hoping that we can also count on local generosity as we undertake this improvement which will be of benefit to the whole village. Please contact the Churchwarden, Daphne Brown, if you have a fundraising idea or would like to make a donation to the project. (Donations from taxpayers can be Gift Aided to increase their value by 25%)



Contact us on :- osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk or by contacting Shona Padbury 883237; Laura Wilson 883097; Chris Relton 07971 863332

This month sees the launch of our new Season 2012/13. After another popular and very well received season which concluded in June, we've been hard at work sourcing a varied, interesting and, we're confident, enjoyable programme to bring you next. Our first film on 21st Sept will be the popular recent release **'The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel'**; Others include the best of French cinema, **'Sarah's Key'**; a Hollywood classic, **'Twelve Angry Men'**; and a strong favourite with our audience, **'Room With a View'**.

We aim to continue with the vibrant mix of film and styles, including the best of British, that has pleased our Members throughout previous seasons. All films will be shown in the Village Hall, transformed into our own intimate cinema. Doors open 7.30pm; films start 8pm. The dates for our films, all Fridays, are:

SEPT 21	FEB 15
OCT 19	MARCH 15
NOV 16	APRIL 19
DEC 14	MAY 17
JAN 18	JUNE 21

How do you get to enjoy all this? : JOIN US FOR THE SEASON!

This is the only way we can guarantee being able to bring you the season: without sufficient members, we are unable to operate a season. **10 films** (including one voted directly by our members) **£ 35. !!** Great value for great film!! (and still at 2008 prices!)

Membership Forms and Season Previews will be available on our website and also in Top Shop. Completed

Membership Forms can be delivered to our collection point in Top Shop or to our Membership Secretary, Shona Padbury, Larkhill, West End.

Last season brought the benefits of enhanced projection equipment, a huge installed cinema screen and new sound system. Audience reaction to our films was amongst the best yet! Help us to have another successful season!! **We look forward to welcoming you to Season 2012/13**

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Dates for your Diary

Sun 2nd - 6:30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Rev. Robert Gee.

Tues 4th - 7.30pm Village Hall Garden Club – Gardeners' Question Time

Wed 5th -7:30pm Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo.

Sat 8th - 11am Lady Chapel – Festival of Our Lady's Birth

Sun 9th - 6:30pm - Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Mr Brian Oliver.

Fri 14th - 7pm St Peters Church A VILLAGE HARVEST celebration

Sun 16th - 6:30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church Holy Communion led by Rev. Andy Bryer.

Fri 21st - 7.30pm Village Hall – Osmotherley Film The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel

Sun 23rd - 10.30 am St Peters Church Harvest Festival

Sun 23rd - 6:30pm Methodist Church HARVEST FESTIVAL led by Rev. G Peacock

Fri 28th - 10 -1pm Osmotherley Boot and Coffee Shop Macmillan Coffee Morning

Sun 30th - 6:30pm Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Rev. Andy Bryer.

Oct

Wed 3rd - 7:30pm Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo.

Tues 2nd - 7.30pm Village Hall - Garden Club - Culinary herbs – Paul Turner

Sat 27th -Poppy Appeal commences

Nov

Tue 6th -7.30pm Village Hall Garden Club - Plant hunting in Yunnan – Helen Jones

Osmotherley Methodist Church would like to thank all who supported our Saturday Coffee and Chat mornings during the summer. We had a very enjoyable time with plenty of chat.

Churches Together

This is an organisation designed to give us all a better insight into the different denominations here in Osmotherley. We meet two to three times a year and foster co-operation between the churches and we also organise various events including Advent and Lent talks, a Soup Lunch for Christian Aid, a big Harvest Celebration and Christmas cards for everyone in Osmotherley, Ingleby Arncliffe and East Harlsey. The Committee is not formally elected and anyone interested can come to the meetings and we will welcome them. The next meeting is on Wednesday 10th Oct at 10.30am in the Methodist Chapel. Do join us then. Harvest Celebration. For a number of reasons the familiar "Harvest in the Barn" is undergoing change. This year we shall

hold Village Harvest celebration in St Peter's Church on **Friday 14th Sep** at 7pm. There will be all the familiar features of past celebrations including a major role for the children at the village school and music from the Silver Band. The collection will be shared between "Farm Crisis Network" and Lara House in India (long supported by the school).

This will be followed by a Harvest Supper in the Village Hall. The spread will feature many local products. Please put the date in your diary. In St Peter's Church on Monday evenings the Revd Trevor Lewis will host a "meet the vicar" session from 6.30 to 7pm and this will be followed by Evening Prayer. A traditional Harvest Festival Service will be held at 10.30am on 23rd Sep. Offerings of produce

will be donated to local charity - so please be generous.

The Church Tea season is now over and Church House is reverting to the sale of second-hand books thanks to Joyce's efforts. The poor summer led to some disappointments, though the spectacular teas have been as delicious as usual. Huge thanks are due to all who organised, baked or helped wash up. The Methodist Church will hold a Harvest Festival Service on Sunday 23rd Sep at 6.30pm. The Preacher will be Rev Graham Peacock. The Service will be followed by supper. Our Lady of Mount Grace. There will be a Mass for the Benefactors in the Lady Chapel at 11am on 8th Sep to mark the Festival of Our Lady's Birth.