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## Village Hall

**Christmas 'Big Sing'** Sun Dec 9th, 2.00-5.00pm, with a concert at 6pm. Come along and be part of an impromptu choir! After last year's wonderful 'Big Sing' event, Emily Smith and Dave return to teach some festive songs. Music will be all styles, from gospel, rock, traditional and world music. All abilities and ages welcome. Reading music is certainly not required. Pay on the door. Adults £6, Children £3 (under 16's must be accompanied).

**Carol Evening** Mon Dec 17th, 6.30pm. Join us for traditional carols with Osmotherley Silver Band, mince pies and mulled wine. There will be a tombola and a lucky dip for children.

**Pocket Panto - Cinderella!** Sat Dec 29th, 2pm. Pocket Panto are proud to present their Cinderella, following last year's success at Osmotherley with 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. As ever, using a cast of three professional actors, Pocket Panto will be bringing everything you'd expect from a traditional family pantomime, with live singing, dancing and lots of fun! Tickets £ 8, including refreshments. Call 883 721. Performance lasts approximately 1 hour.

## Osmotherley Village Theatre

Local theatre is sometimes criticised for the isolated position of talented individual actors, often let down by the rest of the production. However, the Osmotherley Village Theatre Group, simply does not have that problem. Their production of Helene Hanff's "84 Charing Cross Road" was slick and professional—managing to balance an intelligently cast ensemble, with sound production values.

As the play spans 20 years, it is necessary to have two actors playing each of the main characters of Helene Hanff and Frank Doel. This could have been messy and disjointed, but it was clear that a huge amount of effort had been exerted on continuity. The style and brilliantly realistic American accent of Jane Bamber's First Act performance set the benchmark at a high level. There was no reduction in quality in the Second Act when Diane Stokeld hit the boards running, and immediately convinced the audience that she was simply an older version of the character created in the First Act.

Similarly, David Morris as the younger Frank Doel established a credible understated style which reflected post-war England, hampered by rationing but still clinging to formality, good manners, and a "We'll get by" attitude. This was continued by Jim Whitton in the Second Act, and the transition was seamless. Fiona Thomson, in her directorial debut, should be signed up on a long-term contract. This was one of the finest productions by the Osmotherley Village Theatre Group, and the prolonged ovation by the audience on Friday evening proved that. (*Martyn Stafford*)

*Jane Bamber, Diane Stokeld, Angie Thomsett, Steph Hoyle, David Morris, Dawn Robinson, Graham Berry and Geoffrey Mash .*





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## Parish Council

At the November meeting, Osmotherley Area PC welcomed Nigel Smith, Highways Divisional Manager with responsibility for this part of the County. The ongoing flooding on Clack Lane has troubled both residents and officials alike and despite pre-planning meetings being held no agreement has been reached with the developers, Broadacres. Highways deem that the water is the responsibility of the developer from source to outfall and as such should be dealt with by the developer. Discussions are continuing, with Members pushing for a fast resolution.

Highways' budgets have been slashed over recent years and as a result many small schemes have not been tackled. Although work will be carried out if safety is compromised, there is very little likelihood of any enhancement at any location and some sections may not even be prioritised until next year. Mr Smith went as far as to say that in some instances the road users or the residents will have to address the problem themselves, this may apply to the road down into Foxton which in the eyes of Highways only serves a few residents. Flooding such as occurs at Piper Lodge from the A19 will be addressed by Autolink as the agency for that main road. White and yellow lining is to be improved and will be done in suitable weather conditions. The meeting considered its budget for the next year and decided that the precept should remain as before and also agreed that the Toilets should remain open as at present and that every effort will be made to ensure that there is no interruption to either hot or cold water.

Planning issues concerned a proposal to enlarge a house on South End and Members agreed that there should be no encroachment onto the adjacent lane and that it should be of brick and not be clad in timber. The dilapidated condition of another house on South End is giving cause for concern and the owners have been served with an enforcement notice to effect repairs to it. Members were also informed that a selection process to identify occupiers of the new houses at Westfields will begin in the near future and meetings will take place in late winter.

## RSPB Garden Birdwatch

Join the Big Garden Birdwatch 26 - 27 January 2013. If you like watching birds in your garden, then take part in the world's biggest wildlife survey – the RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch. This is the conservation charity's most important event of the year. It is when people across the country look out of their window and spend an hour of their weekend recording how many birds they see. Last year, over half a million people counted more than 9 million garden birds. The survey information helps the RSPB form a comprehensive picture of how well each species is doing.

Over the past three decades, participants have helped the RSPB discover that populations of house sparrows and starlings have declined while the numbers of blue tits and goldfinches in gardens have increased. Doing the Big Garden Birdwatch not only helps the RSPB track the ups and downs of garden birds, but gives you the perfect excuse to sit down with a cup of tea and enjoy the wildlife in your garden. Taking part is very simple.

Over the weekend, spend one hour counting the largest number of each bird species you see at a time in your garden. Then give your results through our website [www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch](http://www.rspb.org.uk/birdwatch) or by post. You can get loads more information about the Big Garden Birdwatch and a free pack by going on our website or calling the hotline 0300 456 8330. *Sent by Deborah Brown on behalf of Chris Collett, Communications Manager, Northern England Region RSPB Newcastle Office, 1 Sirius House, Amethyst Road, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE4 7YL (Tel: 0191 233 4317, Mobile: 07885 834889)*

**Quakers in Osmotherley:** on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3 pm there is a Meeting for Worship in the Quaker Meeting House at 36 West End. Everyone is welcome and after worship on 16th December there will be a high tea! For more information please contact Leti Hawthorn on 883668 or have a look at our web pages :-  
<http://darl-quakers.gn.apc.org/index.htm>

# Osmotherley School

It has been just over half a term since I started at Osmotherley Primary School and I have had the chance to get to know many more families and members of the local community. Everyone has continued to make me feel very welcome and I look forward to getting to know more of you as we approach one of our busiest times of the year.

Recently in school we have taken part in a joint week, working with Swainby and Potto CofE Primary. The children have had the

opportunity to work with clay, build life-size roundhouses and put together their own village using cardboard boxes. It has been a valuable experience and further develops our collaboration across both schools. I was very proud of the way all of our Osmotherley children worked so well with their good friends from Swainby and Potto.

There are a plethora of activities and events happening in school and two key dates for diaries are the Chocolate Bingo and the Christingle Service.

I have been promoted to bingo caller on Thursday 6th December for our Chocolate Bingo. Doors open at 6:00pm at the Village Hall and we are hoping to have lots of participants. It will be great fun, although I am going to need to learn all of the bingo jargon, as I am a complete novice.

Our Christingle Service takes place on 20th December this year. We will be holding it at St. Peter's and will welcome all at 1:45pm. It is always a highlight of the year and it means so much more to the

children when we have our friends in the community there to share the service with us.

I would like to extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come and see what we are all about at Osmotherley, we have lots to be proud of and I am more than happy to share our vision for education and arrange a guided tour.

David Sims, Joint Headteacher

## New fitness classes

Having moved back to North Yorkshire in June after 25 years in Edinburgh Leti Hawthorn is now ready to start teaching here. She is an experienced fitness instructor with a keen interest in promoting the links between a healthy body and a healthy mind. Her classes are fun, uplifting and unique as she combines her skills in aerobics and conditioning with Fitness Pilates and Freestyle Fitness Yoga.

Classes are designed to improve fitness, function, awareness and confidence and all exercises are adaptable for the individual. Why not come along to the Village Hall in January and have a go?

**Monday 5-6 pm:** Double Decker Aerobics plus Stretch & Relax

**Tuesday 10-11 am:** 50+ Low-impact Aerobics, Conditioning and Stretch

**Tuesday 11.30-12.30:**

Hawthorn Fusion Pilates & Yoga-inspired Mind-Body class

**Thursday 7.30-9 pm:** Triple Decker Aerobics, Core, Stretch & Relax

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Classes start 7th Jan



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Take a break from your Christmas preparations...and join us for our December film – the warmth and beauty of Tuscany awaits!

**FRI 14th DEC:**

**A ROOM WITH A VIEW**  
[1985] [UK] Cert. PG  
113mins

Starring: Judi Dench, Maggie Smith, Denholm Elliott, Julian Sands, Helena Bonham-Carter, Daniel Day-Lewis, Rupert Graves

Light-hearted period drama based on E.M. Forster's classic novel. When Lucy is kissed by an improper suitor whilst in Florence, her Aunt Charlotte rushes her back to England. Though betrothed to a suitable gentleman, Lucy cannot forget her Florence encounter.

“This is incredibly fresh and arresting film-making: moving and amusing, swooningly romantic and socially ferocious.” – The Guardian

Break into the new year with an evening of film

**FRI 18th JAN 2013:**  
**ALBERT NOBBS**

[2011] [UK/Ire] Cert. 15  
113mins

Starring: Glenn Close, Mia Wasikowska, Aaron Johnson, Janet McTeer

Albert Nobbs has been working in a smart hotel in 19th-century Dublin for most of his adult life but all is not as it seems. Without

disclosing too much and spoiling the surprise, the film gives a fascinating look at the position of women at the time, struggling to lead independent lives in a patriarchal society. Excellent period detail.

The Village Hall.  
Doors Open 7.30pm; Film Starts 8pm

Guests welcome (must be 16+ years of age). Guest fee (payable on the night) £5.

For further information (including previews and trailers) see our website or contact Laura 883096, Shona 883237, Chris 883518

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## Dates for your Diary

### December

Sun 2nd Osmotherley Methodist Church NO SERVICE –see below

Sun 2nd – 4.30 pm St Peters Church Advent Sunday - There will be no Service in the morning but there will be a wonderful Candlelit Service at 4.30pm with marvellous music.

**Wed 5th - 7.30pm Queen Catherine Hotel, Royal British Legion Meeting and bingo**

**Sun 9th 2.00pm-5.00pm Village Hall Christmas Big Sing**

Sun 9th 6.30 pm Osmotherley Methodist Church service led by Mrs Rowena Webster

**Fri 14th - 8pm Village Hall – Osmotherley Film ‘Room with a View’**

Sun 16th 6.30 pm Osmotherley Methodist Church CAROL SERVICE led by Rev. Robert Gee. Mince pies to follow.

**Mon 17th - 6.30pm Village Hall Christmas Carols**

Sun 23rd Osmotherley Methodist Church NO SERVICE

Sun 23rd 10.30am - St Peters Church Carol Service

Mon 24th 6pm St Peters Church- Crib Service

11.30pm - St Peters Church Midnight Service with the Revd John Blakesley.

Mon 24th 3.30pm - The Lady Chapel, Osmotherley - the Mass of Christmas

11.30pm - Our Lady of Mount Grace, Osmotherley - carols, then Midnight Mass

Tues 25th 10.30am - Our Lady of Mount Grace

Wed 26th 11am - The Lady Chapel

**Fri 28th 2pm Village Hall, Family bingo and raffle - the Royal British Legion**

**Sat 29th- 2pm Village Hall – Cinderella Pocket Panto**

Sun 30th Osmotherley Methodist Church NO SERVICE here. 10:30am service at

Northallerton Methodist Church led by Rev. Andy Bryer.

Sun 30th 10 am - Ingelby Arncliffe A Benefice Service in All Saints

### January

**Fri 18th – 8pm Village Hall – Osmotherley Film ‘Albert Nobbs’**

## Royal British Legion

We would like to thank all villagers for their wonderful support during

Remembrancetide. The

Parade and Act of

Remembrance was watched

by 215 people which lifted our

spirits and made it all

worthwhile. 30 villagers took

the opportunity to plant a

Remembrance Cross in the

Field of Remembrance at the

War Memorial, a record

number. Although at the time

of writing we are still

counting monies collected for

the Poppy Appeal it is clear

that support has been

generous with £1,639 so far

in. Many thanks indeed.

*David Black.*

## Churches Together

Sun 2nd Dec there is an Osmotherley Village Advent Carol Service in St Peters.

This is a candlelit service with well known Advent hymns and carols. There will be a large choir to help with the singing and raise the roof! The service ends with

refreshments of mulled wine

and mince pies! All are

welcome and it starts at

4.30pm just as it is getting

dark. Start your Christmas

celebration on Sun 23rd Dec

and share in this service of

lessons and carols at 10.30am

in St Peters. If you have a

favourite carol, then contact Mike Hunter on

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or on 882216 with your

requests. For young and old

this service will tell the

Christmas story through

words and music. There will

be coffee, tea and light

refreshments after the service.

We rejoice that the work in

making the Church accessible

for wheelchairs and

pushchairs is now complete

and in use but it is hoped to

have a grand opening soon -

watch for notices. Many

thanks are due to Mrs Pat

Duggan who held a Coffee

Morning on 22nd November

in aid of the project and raised

over £150.

There will be a meeting of the

PCC on Weds 6th December

at 7.70p.m at Washing Beck

Cottage Thimbleby.

Churches Together are

holding three Advent talks on

Wednesdays 5th 12th and

19th December in the

Methodist Church at 10.30

am. All are welcome.

For Quaker meetings, see p2