

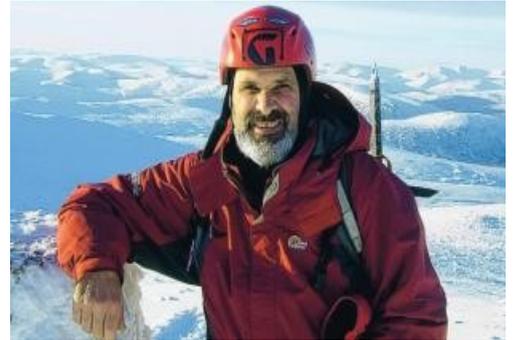


Osmotherley Area Messenger

Issue 29

Alan Turner-sadly died in a tragic climbing accident on Great Gable on 31st Jan 2010. Below are contributions, reflecting Alan's various interests and valuable contributions to this Community -he was an inspiration to many and will be sadly missed.

Alan was a Parish Councillor for over 15 years and represented the Parish of Winton, Stank and Hallikeld on the Osmotherley Area Parish Council extremely well during that time. He was Vice-Chairman under Howard Higgs when I first knew him and became Chairman in 2006 when I joined the Council. When I became Chairman in 2008 he became Vice-Chairman and I very much appreciated his generous help and support. He was always willing to step into the breach at the last minute if it became necessary. Alan was a very enthusiastic and hardworking Councillor and will be remembered, and very much missed, for his clear thinking, attention to detail and organisational skills. He had an ability to see through a problem and to find the answer in a practical and opportune manner. Above all we will all miss his unfailing sense of humour. *Noel Coward*



It was with great regret that I learnt of the untimely death of Alan who had represented the Winton area on the Parish Council for over 15 years and whose knowledge and interest in the area was second to none. Whatever he did he entered into it with an open mind and always considered the view of others even to the extent of researching something even when he felt that it was contrary to his own view point.

He will be remembered by many for his own "pylon" ploughed into a field at the side of the A684 to demonstrate his and the area's opposition to the National Grid and its ultimately successful development. Recently he toured various wind farms to assess their impact before putting forward the Parish Council's case in opposition to the current application to construct 4 turbines literally fields away within view of his own home.

Together with his wife Janet they built up their home and business from very small beginnings, initially with a fruit farm then developing a larger scale egg laying unit and to its present reliance on grain production. He carefully assessed the risks and outcomes of these enterprises and was always able to be at the forefront of new technology without appearing in any way to be other than a modest and caring custodian of the countryside. His interests there were far ranging from being a leader of the Northallerton Young Farmers Club, to having a great knowledge of the environment and the impact that change was having, to establishing a thriving diversification enterprise assessing and certificating when appropriate equipment used by other farmers. His passing leaves a void in the community at large and this will be very hard to fill and we all wish his widow and their family all the support that can be given at this tragic time. *Len Cragg*

Alan was the instigator and chairman of the Wildlife Group, which was set up in response to part of the Parish Plan. As a farmer and keen participator in outdoor pursuits, he was closer to nature and the countryside than many of us and his enthusiasm for conserving and fostering wildlife alongside agriculture was obvious. In his quiet and unassuming way, Alan encouraged and cajoled those of us in the Group to pursue and complete our surveys over the past two years and he was on the point of starting to collate the information we have gathered. We all had the greatest respect for Alan and I can think of no better way of showing that than by continuing the work he had started and completing it. I hope the resulting Wildlife Report will be a fitting reminder of his love of this part of North Yorkshire. *Angela Thomsett*

Alan had always been an outdoor person. As his daughters grew up he had more time for leisure and joined Swaledale Outdoor Club in 1996 to pursue activities that were new to him. He quickly became a strong and competent walker, imparting his farming knowledge to his companions on local hikes. Alan loved mountains and, notably, had climbed 136 Munros (Scottish peaks over 3000 feet). This interest also took him overseas with the club on more exotic trips to Peru, Morocco, South Africa and the Himalaya. His walking skills progressed to encompass scrambling, rock climbing and general mountaineering. He was also a regular cyclist with the club, both on road and mountain bike rides. Most recently, he took advantage of the present cold winter to try his hand at cross country skiing near Richmond which he thoroughly enjoyed. Alan will be dearly missed by his many friends in Swaledale Outdoor Club. *Steve Rogers*



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Donlha and Shirley

The February meeting opened with a one minute silence as a tribute to Alan Turner who had been a member for the past 15 years, but who was so tragically killed when climbing in the Lakes recently. As reported elsewhere he had represented the rural parish of Winton, Stank and Hallikeld where he farmed and had meticulously carried out his many roles These included Chairman and Vice-Chairman, he always had a keen understanding of what was needed for this community.

Matters of importance covered by the meeting included various safety issues in Osmotherley, in particular the need for repairs to be carried out to fencing along Quarry Lane and the need to prevent further water leaks which could potentially be an ice hazard. Following the prolonged cold weather Highways were to be asked again to replenish the salt bins and heaps and Broadacres have been approached to find out why they have failed so far to carry out a duty of care to the mainly elderly residents with the provision of gritting in this private estate. The condition of various roads was discussed and Highways will be asked to carry out improvements where needed, this includes Chester Lane in Kirby Sigston as well other locations which have already been drawn to their attention.

Progress on the handover of the Cemetery from District Council responsibility to a Parish matter is slow due to the need to seek indemnities regarding any possible contamination as a consequence of a recent fuel leak and also because there is a need to ensure that any unsafe memorials do not present a hazard in future.

The only planning application concerned Vane House and this was supported because it was felt that the proposed works would greatly tidy up the site and that it would also mean that vehicles could be parked off road alleviating parking and access for all. To date there has not been any information given by Hambleton regarding the wind turbine application, because they are still waiting for a report from the MOD.

Village Hall

New policy for purchase of equipment for affiliate organisations

We've introduced a new policy to support purchase of equipment for regular hall users. This has been discussed at recent meetings and is open to organisations affiliated to the village hall. This includes the school, pre-school, Grasshoppers, theatre group, Catholic church, garden club, youth club and table tennis clubs. The policy is available on the village hall notice board and to affiliated groups at our monthly meetings. Our next meeting is March 16th 7.30pm in the supper room.

Heating issues and searching for a volunteer

We are aware that there have been problems with heating the hall during the cold weather and discussed the issue with hall users at our last meeting.

Some users have told us they did not do not know about the booster switch in the kitchen. This has to be pressed 3 times to switch the heating on for two hours. As well as using the boosters, it is important to keep the stage curtains drawn because the stage/loft is a heat sink. Users are asked to come an hour before their event starts to put the heating on. The user information notice in the hall explains how to use the heating. Users should seek advice from

the people on the contact list if they want a run-through on how it works.

Hall users have reported that the boosters appear to be cutting out. As well as ensuring the heaters have been cleaned and serviced, we will look into upgrading the heating system.

We hope that the planned new loft will help with this heating issue. The loft will reduce the heat sink effect of the staged area and provide better storage for equipment. We are still looking for a volunteer to oversee the work. This involves getting estimates, finding a contractor to do the work and supervising the work. If you can help contact Dave Morris 883162

Osmotherley and District Garden Club

The AGM will be held in the Village Hall at 7.00pm on Tuesday 16th March.

Following wine & cheese refreshments, Joe Maiden the renowned no-nonsense 'dirt

under the finger tips' gardener will share his tips & tricks for great results and bumper crops acquired during 40 years in horticulture. His light-hearted and informative style attracts Radio Leeds peak audience

each Sunday morning when the programme is broadcast live from Joe's plot near Harrogate. There will be plants for sale from his own nursery.

Osmotherley School

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On January 14th and 15th OFSTED came to call to inspect the school. It was a full two day inspection and our inspector, Mr John Paddick, put us through our paces! As with all inspections, it was a stressful time with everyone endeavouring to show the inspector what a special school our school is! At the end of the two days Mr Paddick fed back to a small group of governors and his comments reflected what a wonderful school Osmotherley School community is! He expressed his pleasure in being part of our school community for the two day visit and congratulated everyone on how wonderfully well they get along together.

The school was awarded a 'good' grade with some 'outstanding' features which

included safeguarding (how well we protect the children), how well we care for and guide and support pupils, how effective the school is at promoting equal opportunity and tackling inequality and how safe the pupils feel.

Please go onto the OFSTED website and read the report. We are very proud our school!

The children have continued to work on their project based around sustainability and part of this work has included providing support for the people of Haiti in the form of fundraising. The children, with the help of the adults both in and out of school came up with ideas for fundraising and these were put into practice. These included a cake stall, a second hand book sale and a sponsored hair cut! We

managed to raise over £400! Well done and thank you to everyone who supported us.

The 'Premier' for Romulus and Remus the movie is in the final planning stages as we go to print. This project has really developed the ICT skills of both staff and children. The results of their labours will soon be available on our website so keep checking!

The Acorns study of Osmotherley is fascinating and the children are finding lots of different ways of researching the history of their village.

Preparations for the trip to East Barnby for Year 6 are well underway and we will report on our experiences in the great outdoors in the next edition!

Osmotherley Village Theatre

Success at Richmond !!

The Village Theatre entered the One-Act Play Festival at the Georgian Theatre, Richmond, with a short play by Alan Ayckbourn, "Between Mouthfuls". We were up against stiff competition from 13 other groups from Durham, Darlington, Northallerton and elsewhere

but we were delighted to be awarded two cups - one for Best Set Design and the other for Best Stage Management. We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at the Dress Rehearsal in the Village Hall and also all those who generously lent us props or helped out in other ways.

We plan to put on a production

in May and then a more major event in November so look out for further news on these.

Anyone who would like to come and join us on- or back-stage, please get in touch with Angela Thomsett on 224. We are a very relaxed and friendly group and welcome new members.



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Members have again enjoyed voting for the film to be shown at the 'Members Choice' film eve in April. Votes are being tallied as the Messenger goes to press and the result will be announced at this month's film evening. Such excitement and anticipation!!

This month's film:
'I've loved you so long'

[2008][France] Cert.12A
117mins, (French Subtitled)

A moving study of love, loss, isolation and the slow rebuilding of a life and relationships. Juliette has just been released from prison and goes to stay with her younger sister, Lea. They have not seen each other for 15 years and over the weeks and months, gradually come to understand

one another and are reconciled with the past. Fine performance from Kristin Scott Thomas in the leading role for which she won Best Actress, European Film Awards.

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Celebrity Organist coming to Osmotherley.

On Saturday 29th May the American celebrity organist Carlo Curley will provide an evening of entertainment in St Peter's Church, Osmotherley. starting at 7.30 pm as part of his UK tour. The evening will include popular works for the organ which will provide a dazzling and enjoyable time for young and old. Tickets will be £8.50 including programme (children under 15 free)

Dates for your Diary

March

Wed 3rd, 10am Lent Talk. Dr Jenny Bywaters. Methodist Chapel

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

Sun 7th, 6.30pm. Holy Communion. Rev Robert Gee. Osmotherley Methodist Church

Tues 9th 8pm. Osmotherley Show Dominoes. Blue Bell, Ingleby Cross

Wed 10th, 10am. Lent Talk. Dr Jenny Bywaters. Methodist Chapel

Sat 13th, Conservative Association Annual Supper. Village Hall –Tickets Mike Read 883525

Sun 14th, 10.30am. Joint Mothering Sunday Service at St Peter's. No evening service at chapel

Tues 16th, 7pm. Osmotherley and District Garden Club AGM. Village Hall

Wed 17th, 10am. Lent Talk ,Dr Jenny Bywaters. Methodist Chapel

Sun 21st, 10am -12noon. Spring Coffee Morning. Osmotherley Methodist Chapel.

Thurs 25th, 7pm. Talk on Methodist Sri Lanka Mission, Dr Jenny Bywaters. Methodist Chapel

Sun 28th, 6.30 pm. Evening Service Mrs Chris Lawson Osmotherley Methodist Chapel

Tues 30th 7:30pm. Arthur Taylor Memorial Domino Drive. Queen Catherine Hotel

April

Thurs 1st, 7pm. Communion followed by watch. St Peters Church

Fri 2nd, 2pm. Good Friday Church Service. St Peter's Church

Tue 6th, 7.30pm . 'Growing from Seed' , Dianne Nichol-Brown. Village Hall

Wed 7th, 7:30pm. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo. Queen Catherine

Sun 18th, Church AGM after 10.30 Service. St Peter's

Sun 25th, 12:30pm. Royal British Legion Spring Lunch. Queen Catherine.

Prescription Delivery Scheme

Last month, we announced the ending of the present voluntary scheme at the end of April and introduced the alternative free scheme offered by Day Lewis Pharmacy. We have now been informed that Mowbray House Surgery itself intends to set up a prescription delivery service to the village

in May. The service would deliver prescriptions to the Top Shop each Thursday between 4 and 5pm. These prescriptions MUST be requested by Tuesday of each week. The launch of this service will depend on a reasonable number of villagers requesting it.

So there are now two options

available;

1). To register with Day Lewis and have your prescription delivered to your address each Thursday or

2) Register with Mowbray House Surgery direct and collect your prescription from the Top Shop each Thursday late afternoon.

Churches Together

As a result of the collection at the service for Christian Unity and the sale of cakes at St Peter's that day a cheque for £135 has been sent to the Haiti Earthquake Appeal.

There will be a series of Lent talks on Wednesday

mornings. 24th Feb., 3rd March, 10th March and 17th March under the guidance of Dr Jenny Bywaters in the Methodist Chapel . These will start at 10am and will provide food for thought at this season as well as coffee and biscuits.

Dr Bywaters will also give a talk on Thursday evening 18th March at 7pm. in the Methodist Chapel on her experiences during her visit to wartorn Sri Lanka on behalf of the Methodist Sri Lanka Mission.

St Peter's Church

We were honoured to welcome the new Bishop of Whitby who took the Eucharist Service on Sunday 7th February.

On Maundy Thursday, 1st April there will be a Communion in the Church at 7pm followed by a watch or vigil until 10pm.

Anyone is welcome to take part in the watch for as long as they feel ready.

There will be a Service at 2pm. on Good Friday 2nd April and on Easter Sunday the Eucharist Service will be at 10.30am.

The APCM (church's AGM)

will be held in St Peter's on 18th April after the 10.30am Service.

There will be Lent lunches in Knayton Village Hall on 25th Feb and 11th March at 12 pm - 2pm at £3 per head for soup and a roll. Where will also be a tradecraft stall and exhibition.