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Osmotherley Pre-school

Ofsted has judged us as good overall with numerous outstanding elements!! The long wait has been worth it and we are absolutely over the moon with the outcome we are described as "recognising children as unique individuals ... "very inclusive" "partnership with parents is outstanding" ... "monitoring young children's progress is outstanding"

..... "involvement in the 'Every Child a Talker' initiative adds significant support to young children's early language development" ... "equality and diversity is outstanding" "well planned outdoor curriculum enables children to take the lead as they explore and learn in a safe yet challenging environment". This quote in

particular recognises the completion of the final phase of our outdoor provision planning - Osmotherley Forest School is now a reality! This is an exciting prospect and sessions are aimed at developing children's confidence and self-esteem through hands-on learning opportunities in the outdoors.

All areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage Framework and KS1 curriculum will be interwoven into games and activities that stem from children's own interests and provide them with sensory experiences that stimulate and motivate learning. We would like to emphasise however, that this is a private arrangement and visits will take place during school time only. It has been a long and

arduous journey and thanks must go to Angie and Michael Thomsett for allowing us to use the Applegarth as our additional site. Our agreement is dependent on sessions and activities being supervised by qualified forest school leaders at all times and, therefore, we would ask that children from pre-school and school do not visit the site, other than to use the public footpath. After a long and arduous journey, Gill Hunton and Sue Armitage have now completed their Forest School training and looking forward to incorporating this inspirational approach into teaching and learning.

Village Theatre

Following on from our successful participation in the Richmond One-Act Play Festival, the Village Theatre's next production will be a pair of one-act plays : "Bookends" and "Bus Stop."

They will be performed in the Village Hall on the 20th, 21st and 22nd May. Further information in the May edition of the Messenger and on the posters.

We are planning a major production for our Winter Season and are always pleased to welcome new members. Please speak to any member of the Theatre or contact Angela Thomsett on 883224.



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Cod Beck Toad Patrol

Is now well under-way,
with large numbers of
toads, frogs and newts
migrating to the
reservoir., after the long
winter.

By 25th March there have
been approximately :-
2057 Toads , 405

Frogs and 158 Newts
Cod Beck is a significant
migration area but
unfortunately many are
killed on the road. In
order to aid their safe
road crossing, and to
monitor numbers -toad
patrols are organised
every evening at dusk. If
you would like to help
please ring Pat Duggan
on 883440 or Steve
Rogers on 883615

Parish Council Bursary

The Parish Council have decided to award a Bursary in recognition of the community and other work carried out by the late Alan Turner and applications should be made in writing to any Member of the Parish Council or to the Clerk before the 8th July 2010.

This Bursary will be awarded to a person under the age of 25 on the closing date who is embarking on a climbing or trekking venture or similar activity and who can demonstrate the value of this activity and who will be prepared to deliver a brief talk or presentation after their return.

The successful applicant will be someone who resides within the parishes served by this Council, namely Osmotherley, Ellerbeck, Thimbleby, West Harlsey, Winton Stank and Hallikeld, Kirby Sigston and Sowerby under Cotcliffe and will receive the sum of £300.00 toward their expenses of the chosen activity.

All applications will be considered on the 15th July and the successful applicant will be notified as soon as practical after that date.

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As the Ward Member for Osmotherley Area on, Hambleton District Council and, North Yorkshire County Council.

I will be holding a surgery on Saturday 17th April 2010 from 10am to 12 noon in the Osmotherley Village Hall Supper room.

If you have any issues you would like to talk in private about, with regard to council business please ring and make an appointment for either the Saturday Morning or an alternative date and time.

Royal British Legion

Youth and Experience Working Together

A Formal affiliation between a Royal British Legion Branch and Army cadets in Stokesley proves to be a success. Osmotherley British Legion branch, and members of the Stokesley Army Cadet Force have liaised for some months and have now entered into a formal agreement to help each other.

Branch chairman, David Black, stated: "The agreement is for our joint benefit. Our members have experience of life and the ability to raise funds, whilst the cadets have youth and energy. In common we have the enthusiasm to promote youth development and support those in the community needing help. In October the lads turned out to help with the Poppy appeal in Stokesley. Although it was a cold day, between 9 am and 3pm they walked the streets and collected a staggering £1,300.

Osmotherley and District Garden

The Club meets in the Village Hall on Tuesday 6th April at 7.30pm. Dianne Nichol-Brown's practical talk 'Growing from Seed' will cover the collection, storage, treatment and sowing of seeds including how to deal with seedlings after germination. As well as picking up helpful tips for the imminent growing season, there will be ample opportunity for individual advice.

Visitors are very welcome.



This month we bring the film voted by our Members as their choice. From a voting shortlist...and some keen voting!...the chosen film is:

‘O Brother, Where art Thou?’

-Friday 16th April-

Starring: George Clooney, John Turturro, Tim Blake Nelson, Holly Hunter, John Goodman

Set during the Great Depression in America's Deep

South, a magical combination of music (incl. ballads, Delta Blues, prison work songs and yodelling), comedy and fantasy in a unique, spell-binding film from the Coen Brothers.

Loosely based on Homer's Odyssey, Clooney, Turturro and Blake Nelson star as three escaped convicts on the run across Mississippi. Along the way they encounter soothsayers, sirens and other archetypes from Southern folklore.

[2001] [US/UK/Fr] 102mins
Cert 12

As usual, doors open 7.30pm; the film starts 8pm.

Guests (who must be 16+ years of age) are welcome; the Guest Fee is £5

For full information and season previews see our website

www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk

Or, contact Laura 883096 or Shona 883237

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Royal British Legion - Lister House

Lister House, Ripon, is one of seven Royal British Legion Poppy Homes in the UK, each catering exclusively for the ex-Service community and their dependants. A worthy cause supported by the RBL Osmotherley branch.

In 1988 the home relocated into a specially designed building in Southgate Ripon and over recent years has been extensively modified and adapted. In addition to en-suite private bed-sitting rooms for each resident, communal areas include a range of lounges of various

sizes, a club room and bar, dining room, café and private chapel. In addition to the accommodation, there is a fully equipped and staffed physiotherapy department and a hydro pool. There is also a wing with accommodation especially designated for dementia care.

Members of the RBL Osmotherley branch have supported Lister House for many years, donating £15,650 in the past nine years. Last month a cheque for a further £2,000 was presented, demonstrating members continuing dedication to the Home.

Friends of Osmotherley School

Friends of Osmotherley School are holding a **Chocolate Bingo** event in the Village Hall on Wednesday 28th April from 6pm to 7.30pm. Admission is 50p and bingo books £1 each.

Light refreshments will be served. Everyone in the village both young and old are very welcome to come along and join in. So for all you seasoned bingo players, and those new to the game come along and have some fun.

Naturally we are looking for chocolate prizes and if anyone has any unwanted chocolate (if such a thing exists!) donations to the school after 20th April would be very welcome!

Table Top Sale
The Friends of Osmotherley School are planning a table top sale in the village hall in June, anyone interested in taking a table (£10 each) please contact Alison on 772445

Pre-school - Fund-raising Events

Our pre-school relies heavily on fundraising and has to raise, on average, at least £3000 each year in order to survive. This year's events are kicking off with the annual **EASTER BUNNY HUNT** which will be held on Sunday 11th April, 2-4pm, starting

from the Village Hall. Follow the mystery trail around the village to win an Easter treat. Entry £1. Tea and cakes available in the hall throughout the afternoon.

We will also be holding a 10 mile **SPONSORED WALK**

on Saturday 8th May in aid of the pre-school and Zoe's Place Baby Hospice. The walk begins and ends in the village and anyone who wishes to join us is very welcome. (Departure time to be confirmed!) A sponsor form can be obtained from the pre-

school.

Watch out for the **BEACH PARTY**, which will be held on Saturday 19th June. Dust off your grass skirts, Hawaiian shirts and join us for dinner and disco in the Village Hall. Watch this space

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Dates for your Diary

April

Thur 1st 7pm. -Maundy Thursday – St Peter’s Church Service followed by a watch until 10pm. (This is a time for quiet prayer and meditation)
Fri 2nd 3pm. Good Friday - St Peters’ Church Service
Sun 4th 10.30am. -Easter Sunday - St Peter’s Church Service of Eucharist
Sun 4th 6.30pm. Easter Sunday Holy Communion. Rev. Robert Gee. Methodist Church
Tues 6th 7.30pm. Dianne Nichol-Brown's practical talk 'Growing from Seed'. Village Hall.
Wed 7th - 7.30pm Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting sand Bingo Queen Catherine
Sun 11th 2-4pm. Easter Bunny Hunt in aid of Pre-school
Sun. 11th 6.30 pm Evening Service . Dr. Jenny Bywaters. Osmotherley Methodist Church
Fri 16th 8.00pm. Osmotherley Film “O brother Where art Thou”. Village Hall
Sat 17th 10am - 12 noon. Tim Swales - Surgery. Village Hall Supper Room
Sun 18th 10.30 - 12.30am. Village Hall Spring Clean
Sun 18th - St Peter’s APMC Meeting after 10.30am service
Sun 18th 6.30pm .Evening Service Mrs. June Anderson Osmotherley Methodist Church
Sun 25th 6.30pm.Circuit Service at St. James Green, Thirsk. No service at Osmotherley Methodist Church
Sat 25th 12.30pm. Royal British Legion Spring Lunch. Queen Catherine
Wed 28th 6 - 7.30pm. “Chocolate Bingo” in aid of Osmotherley School. Village Hall
Wed 28th “Churches together in Osmotherley” group. Meeting room at the Monastery

May

Sun 8th – Sponsored Walk from village – in aid of Zoe’s place and Pre- School
Sat -5th - Village Hall Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid
Sat 29th 2.30 - 4pm. Plant & Produce Sale. Village Hall
Thur 20th – Sat 22nd Osmotherley Village Theatre “Bookends”, and “Bus-Stop”. -Village Hall
Sat 29th 7.30pm. Concert in St Peter’s with American concert organist Carlo Curley

St Peter’s Church

The APCM (the Church's Annual Meeting) will be held on Sunday 18th April after the 10.30 Service. This meeting is open to everyone though only those on the Parish Roll will be entitled to vote.

There will be a meeting of the "Churches together in Osmotherley" group on 28th April in the meeting room at the Monastery. This is a very friendly group so do come along if you would like to become part of the ecumenical life of

Osmotherley.

Advance notice of two forthcoming events:

Saturday 15th May a Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid will be held in the Village Hall. We would welcome all visitors and any donations for the cake stall would be gratefully received

On Sunday 29th May at 7.30pm there is to be an evening of entertainment in St Peter's given by the famous American concert organist Carlo Curley. He

has been called the Pavarotti of the keyboard and is a dazzling performer not only of the classical repertoire but also of popular tunes as well.

Finally we want to send rather belated good wishes to Freda Garrett who celebrated her 90th birthday on 31st March.

She does untold work for St Peter's but also in many other spheres as well as keeping a kindly eye on her wide and varied circle of friends.

Village Hall -Spring Clean and Summer Games

The annual spring clean is on Sunday 18th April from 10.30 to 12.30am.

Please come along and join in if you have half an hour to spare.

The Summer Games Group have started preparations for this year's games and are always happy to welcome more volunteers both in organisation

and running events on the day. Please get in touch with Tony Hutchinson or Dave Morris if you'd like to get involved.