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Summer Games -3rd July

Once again we do hope that you will come and support the games on 3rd July. Lets hope for weather similar to that which we enjoyed last year! Games open at 1pm, with the usual **Stalls, Village Teas Children's Entertainment, and other Activities**

The village centre will be closed off from 1pm - 7pm, with the traffic management following the same route as previous years – Back Lane and School Lane. Please do not park in School Lane – traffic cones will be put out to make the lane a no waiting/ parking road to ensure emergency service vehicles can access all parts of the village.

Many people do a lot of work to ensure that the games are successful and raise significant funds during the day. If you would like to add your

support, you will be most welcome, even if it's only for an hour. Please contact Tony Hutchinson (883842) or alternatively visit the Queen Catherine on Tuesday 29th June between 7pm and 9pm where a **free drink** is available for those pledging their support!

In a slight change to last year there is to be no programme. However, event timetables will be posted throughout the village on the day.

There will be members of the Summer Games committee present in the village hall on the **evenings of Tuesday 29th and Wednesday 30th June, and Thursday 1st July**, between 7pm and 9pm, to receive any donations for the tombola and bric a brac stalls. If you are unable to bring items to the village hall

please place them on the pavement outside your house and they will be collected on the evening of **Thursday 1st July after 6pm**.

I am sorry that some of the events, which have been such a success in the past, are no longer on the events calendar. Insurance companies will no longer provide cover for these, and the reason for that is quite simple – nationally there are too many injuries and claims. Whilst we can all argue on the merits of today's society, we have taken the approach that "if it cannot be insured, it cannot take place".

The games continue to raise a lot of money, as well as providing a day when the whole village comes together. **Phoenix runs** start from village **9am**. Please come along and have a great day.

Osmotherley Show - 7th August

103rd Osmotherley Show

Osmotherley & District Horticultural & Agricultural Society

Once again we will hold our annual show at Home Farm, Thimbleby by kind permission of Mr & Mrs A Shelley.

There are a wide range of classes and attractions at the show - why not have a go and enter?

Classes include flowers and flower arrangements, fruits and vegetables. There are lots of children's classes from artwork to cooking. If you attend the local Osmotherley school you

will already be participating in some way. We also have classes for grown-ups, including cookery, produce and photography. These are all classes you pre-make and pre-enter your item. Local farmers why not enter your spring barley or heads of wheat.

Other classes at the show are Heavy Horses, Cattle & Sheep and many Horse and Pony classes including Show Jumping and the Carriage Driving. You can also have a go at the Fell Race or bring your dog to the Dog Show or Gun Dog Scurry. Watch out

for the sheep shearing demonstration and sheep dog trails.

Entries can be handed in at Church House, Osmotherley on Tuesday 27th July 7pm-9pm or by post. A schedule of classes is available from The Secretary, Nambour, East Harlsey, Northallerton, DL6 2BL. (01609) 882752, or in Top Shop, and the local pubs.

The Show rounds off in the evening with a Dance and Hog Roast. For more details - contact Mike Read on 883525 or check out the website

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Parish Council

Osmotherley Area Parish Council held its Annual Assembly during the last week of May to which representative of Highways and the National Park were invited. Mr Nigel Smith of Highways was asked to tackle the question of winter road treatment and the condition of road surfaces following the prolonged spell of frost and snow. He explained how it had not been possible to carry out treatment to all roads all the time because resources were fully stretched and finances do not run to the levels that many rate payers might expect. He stated that lessons had been learnt from this and that they are already preparing for next winter by starting to stockpile salt and also by carrying out consultations with all who wished to put forward ideas and constructive comment to try to ensure that services can be maintained and as many situations as possible will be accommodated. He also stated that repairs to potholes and other surface erosion would cost well in excess of the previously budgeted figure but all work would be considered with due priority.

Road safety is an important issue and many residents spoke of particular concerns, all of which were noted and will be followed up. These included the current use of the Bullamoor to Jeator Houses road as a rat run and also safety concerns on the A684 from Ellerbeck and though Winton which suffers from frequent accidents and blockages. North End is frequently obstructed by parked vehicles impeding emergency vehicles and it is hoped that the Police will make this a higher priority. Speeding in Osmotherley is also seen as needing to be curbed, perhaps more hens may be the answer here.

Mr Chris France, the newly appointed Director of Planning at the National Park Authority spoke and admitted that there is no such thing as a one view suits all applications and that he will consider the specific needs of localities where planning and other considerations need to be determined. He welcomed the production of the Village Design Statement and indicated that it is to be considered in its present form at the next park planning committee meeting before going forward for public consultation. The Chairman, Mr Noel Coward thanked all who had been involved in the development of the VDS document.

The Cemetery has now been handed over to parish control and the day to day running will fall to a small number of Parish Councillors. Di Swales has been appointed as Burials Clerk and all requests for services will need to be forwarded to her either by phone (883320) or in writing at 32 South End. It is the intention to carry out repairs to the walls and tender prices will be obtained to ensure that this work proceeds satisfactorily, that the current spoil heaps left from past burials are removed and that the path at the top side is removed to permit spaces to be used along that side. A major concern is that many of the memorials are unsafe, some have already needed to be laid over and all now wish to see relatives of the deceased carry out repairs to their graves to ensure that no accidents occur at any time. Please let us know in advance because there is a desire to ensure consistency of workmanship and materials used for both repairs as well as for future designs.

Osmotherley & District Garden Club

Summer Games, Plant & Produce Stall

As in previous years, Osmotherley & District Garden Club will be organising this stall. Donations of surplus plants such as perennials, house plants, vegetables & herbs would be very welcome.

Early produce such as rhubarb, gooseberries, artichokes and lettuce always sell well whilst preserves and home baking such as biscuits, scones and individual fancy cakes are particularly popular. All proceeds support the maintenance and development

of Village Hall amenities. Please bring contributions to the stall from 12 noon onwards or leave them in Roger and Freda Stevens' garden during Friday evening or Saturday morning - opposite to St Anne's cottage which is adjacent to the Methodist chapel.

Osmotherley Pre-school - Beach Party

The pre-school are holding a Beach Party in the Village Hall on Saturday 17th July, 7.30pm - midnight (ish!). Buffet dinner, bar, disco and cocktail hour.

Tickets £10 available from Sharon Pitts (883465), Vicki Morton (883168) and pre-school. Join us for a fun night, fancy dress optional but

expected (it may be the only chance you get to wear your summer wardrobe!).

Osmotherley Village Theatre

Readers of the Messenger and observant people in the village would have been aware that the OSMOTHERLEY VILLAGE THEATRE put on a production of two one-act plays in the Village Hall from the 19th to the 22nd May. Those who came thoroughly enjoyed the evening but attendance was very poor indeed. We averaged only about 25 people per night.

When the Parish Plan survey was collated, a large number

of respondents said that they would like to see the return of the Village Theatre. WELL, HERE IT IS! We know that everyone is busy these days and other things sometimes get in the way and we also know that amateur dramatics (even something as good as the OVT) is not everyone's idea of a good evening out; but we cannot continue to produce plays without an audience to support us.

It takes 8-10 weeks to rehearse a play; costumes have

to be made or borrowed; performance licences have to be paid (can be up to £270 for 3 nights); add to that the cost of making the set and paying for the hire of the hall and you will see that the costs can be considerable.

In the hope that the Village Theatre can continue after all the hard work to get it going again, a questionnaire has been inserted into the Messenger and it would be very helpful indeed if you would take the time to complete it and return

it to one of the points indicated or hand it to any member of the theatre. We don't want to see the decline of live theatre in Osmotherley again but as they say – **“Use it, or Lose it.”**

Please tell us what you would like to see – or even tell us that you have no interest whatsoever. Any feedback will be helpful. We look forward to hearing from you.

Angela Thomsett -
Osmotherley Village Theatre

Osmotherley School

Congratulations to the joint Osmotherley and Swainby Tag Rugby team that took part in the Thirsk Area festival. The team came second! An excellent achievement – well done and thanks to Mrs Allison and Mrs Deighton (and Duncan the coach)

The Acorns class are really getting out and about and are

practicing their outdoor skills. Last time I popped into the classroom the Gruffalo was on the loose and the children were sorting out how to help him make friends with the other animals in the forest!

The Oaks class have been to the Mercer art gallery in Harrogate to take part in a portrait workshop as a forerunner to their creating a

portrait gallery to include art works in the style of Andy Warhole amongst others. School and pre-school are holding a joint open afternoon on Thursday 15th July – please come along and support us – there will be lots to see! Thanks to everyone who has supported school this year – as many of you have – it is very much appreciated.

The community computer class was over subscribed and we are looking into a possible re-run next term – depending on funding!! And finally **please** come along and help Year 6 celebrate their successes at Osmotherley School before they move on to the Allertonshire! All are welcome at St Peter's Church on Thursday July 22nd at 2pm.

Osmotherley Bikes and Cricket Equipment

The Osmotherley area has free use of a selection of bicycles and extras. Borrowers are just requested to carry out any maintenance they find necessary and to collect from Back Lane unless noted otherwise. None of the bikes are suitable for rough terrain.

Tandem – suitable for two

adults or older child. Efficient and easy to ride if at the rear, but takes some practice on the front.

Electric bike – easy ride to Northallerton and back (40 minute each way) or further. It takes the effort out of up-hill cycling and no licence required.

Folding bike – very useful

around town or to take on the train. Kept at South Parade close to Northallerton railway station.

Tag along – two available but one needs attention. Allows a child peddling along.

Trailer – useful for shopping and medium weight loads.

Cricket equipment for young people is also available. This includes a variety of cricket balls from plastic to leather, wicket keeping and batting equipment (gloves, pads and bats) for 8 year olds upwards.

For further details, contact Robert Thorniley-Walker 883 311.



Our second full season of film reached its finale last month. Since September, we have welcomed Members and Guests alike to a fine array of films. Great film, enjoyable social occasions, our Season has been another success! The feedback from our audiences has, once more, been

incredibly positive - take a look for yourselves: see our website where this and details of our season can be found.

To our Members especially, we thank you for your support throughout the Season. It wouldn't have been possible without you. To those who

have joined us as Guests, we hope you enjoyed the occasion and thank you for your support. Work is underway to bring you a new season of film, starting in September. To be advertised later in the summer. We hope to welcome back our Members when we launch the new season

and to those of you who enjoy film but haven't yet had the 'Osmotherley Film' experience, why not discover what you're missing out on!

Stay tuned for more news to come! – you know we'll serve up another great season for your enjoyment.

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Articles for September by 25th August



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Dates for your Diary

Osmotherley Games - Tuesday 29th, Wednesday 30th June, and Thursday 1st July, between 7pm and 9pm, to receive any donations for the tombola and bric a brac, Village Hall Thursday 1st July after 6pm.- Items will be collected from outside your house Tuesday 29th June between 7pm and 9pm claim a **free drink** by pledging your support on Summer Games day, Queen Catherine.!

July

Sat 3rd July - Summer Games - Village Centre

Sun 4th 6.30pm. Evening Service Mrs. Kathryn Walker. Methodist Church
Wed 7th 7:30pm. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo. Queen Catherine
Sun 11th 12.30 Church House - Church Teas
Sun 11th 6.30pm Evening Service. Mrs. Doris Bottoms. Methodist Church
Thur 15th - Osmotherley school /PreSchool open afternoon
Sat 17th 7.30pm. Village Hall Beach Party in aid of Pre-School
Sun 18th 6.30pm Evening Service Mr. Brian Oliver . Methodist Church
Sun 18th 2pm Ecumenical Pilgrimage, St Peter's
Thur 22nd - Osmotherley School Leavers Party
Sun 25th 6.30pm. Evening Service . Rev. Ian Johnson. Methodist Church

August

Sun 1st 6.30pm. Evening Service. Rev. Andy Bryer. Methodist Church
Sat 7th - Home Farm - Osmotherley Show, Dance and Hog Roast
Wed 4th 7:30pm. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo. Queen Catherine
Sun 8th 6.30pm Evening Service. Mrs. Rowena Webster. Methodist Church
Sun 15th 6.30pm Evening Service . Local arrangement. Methodist Church
Sun 22nd 6.30pm. Holy Communion. Rev. Andy Bryer. Methodist Church
Sun 29th 6.30pm. Evening Service. Dr. Jenny Bywaters

Village Design Statement

The Village Design Group has been working on a Village Design Statement (VDS) for Osmotherley and Thimbleby since 2007. The VDS describes the distinctive character and surroundings of Osmotherley and Thimbleby and includes guidelines for future development based on an assessment of their character. It is hoped that the VDS will be used by residents, businesses and organizations when considering alterations to buildings, new buildings or services in and around the villages. The intention is that the document will be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document by the National Park Authority and

become part of the Local Development Framework. This would mean that the guidelines in the document are a material consideration when planning applications are decided.

The Design Group consulted residents on an initial draft of the VDS during November 2009 and has now produced a final version of the draft document. A formal period of consultation is being arranged by the National Park Authority in order to enable the document to be adopted as a Supplementary Planning Document and this will run from 5th July to 16th August 2010. It is not intended to circulate a copy to each household but

copies of the draft document will be available for inspection at the Top Shop, from the Parish Council or at the Authority's offices in Helmsley and can also be viewed on the Authority's web site www.northyorkmoors.org in the Planning section. Comments on the draft document can be made by letter, on the comments form copies of which will also be available at the Top Shop, or by email to policy@northyorkmoors.org and must be received by 16th August 2010.

If you have any queries, please contact Barry Hearsey or Sarah Housden on 01439 770657.

A reminder to our readers that there will be no newsletter in August. We hope you have a lovely summer -from the editors.