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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Changes to the walking shop

In order to keep this business viable, there will be changes at the Walking Shop over the coming months.

The shop will continue to sell the more specialist footwear items but will stop selling clothing, accessories, second-hand & children's boots.

There will be HUGE reductions on these items during February in order to clear the space. The shop area will be then re-designed to provide indoor and outdoor coffee shop seating alongside the boot area and a food

preparation area installed at the back of the shop. Then the ...

Osmotherley Boot & Coffee Shop

will be open for business hopefully for Easter!

The shop would like to keep as much business as possible in the village area so will be looking for cake, tray-bake and scone makers to supply us from their homes. The owners know there are many good home bakers locally and this would be paid,

regular work. If you are interested in being involved – anything from a batch of scones a month to four large cakes a week will be considered – please contact Fiona by Sunday 12th February on 01609 883818 or email info@osmotherleywalkingshop.co.uk

Fiona finished by expressing her gratitude to the community, saying 'We would also like to thank all in the Osmotherley area who have supported the Walking Shop over the years and look forward to welcoming you to our new venture'



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Village Hall News

Thank you at all of you who supported the first season of our Village Hall Special Events Programme. We raised just over £1,000 through the four events held which will contribute to funding the new heating system for the Hall. Through the help of the Rural Arts subsidy, we staged the 'Manasmitra Indian Evening', 'Flash Mob Choir', 'Jack and The Beanstalk' panto and 'Malina's Dream' puppet theatre, all of which were thoroughly enjoyed and which made the most of our local Hall!

Just over £400 was raised at our traditional Christmas Carol Evening so many thanks to all who organised it, contributed to hampers and showed up to

sing – and of course to the Band who played as perfectly as ever! The date for 2012's event has already been set – Monday 17th December – and the Band booked.

The Golden Jubilee

We're keen to organise village events to celebrate the Golden Jubilee in June. If you have any ideas on what we should do or are interested in helping to run any events, please contact Ellen Cross on 883010 or via OsmotherleyVH@talktalk.net

Watch out for new weekly sessions coming up.....

A **Tai Chi** class will be starting on Wednesday mornings soon. There are also plans for an **acoustic**

guitar session, as well as **floristry** (see details below).

Flowers and Craft

2012, starts on Thurs 9th Feb 6.30 – 7.30 pm The classes will include a combination of floral design and crafting like crochet, weaving, felting etc. Every week there will be two alternatives that people can try and every session the next week's materials will be given in a hand-out. The classes are £6.50 per class or for a block booking, buy 10 get one free. These don't have to be consecutive.
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Parish Council

The January meeting of the PC considered several maintenance issues and also several planning applications as well as concerns regarding the condition of some areas of the public highways. Correspondence has been received regarding surface conditions particularly at the exit of Ruebury Lane onto North End, however it must be pointed out that the lane is not an adopted highway and as such even NYCC Highways have limited scope to tackle problems in this regard.

A planning application has been submitted for 12 affordable 2 storey dwellings off Clack Lane opposite The Cemetery and although Members were in agreement that this scheme should proceed several design points were raised. These included a condition that all walls should be of either stone (locally sourced and not from the Dales) or of brick and that the use of timber cladding should be avoided and not be a visible feature of the works. The Village Design Statement was clear in that roofs should be of a certain material and this detail has been included in the submission for any approval. Landscaping and hedge maintenance was also discussed to help to screen the site and it was Members' opinion that conditions should be attached to the scheme. It should be noted that many Members do, from time to time, need to express an interest when applications are discussed and these are recorded as such in the minutes where appropriate.

Other plans forward included extensions to Westfields Farm, Woodcroft and a property on Back Lane, all were supported with conditions. Works are proposed to a property on North End and this was again supported as was an application to construct an enclosed swimming pool to a property in Kirby Sigston.

Maintenance issues commented on the current preparations for snow and that the salt bins would now be filled by the parish and not by Highways. Tree works have been completed to a good standard and the same contractor would be appointed should any need arise in the future. Many of the seats and benches are in need of repair and it is to be hoped that a good Samaritan from the area may step forward to carry out any repairs needed, just ask any Parish Councillor for details.

A tender exercise is to go out seeking suitable contractors to rebuild the low retaining wall on the southern side of South End. Again on South End it was reported that a chimney at a property appears to be in an unsafe condition and the opinion of Building Control is to be sought before any action can be taken. A property adjoining Winton Bank has recently changed ownership and HGVs are being kept there and damage is being caused to the grass verges. This matter will be taken up with Highways as well as with the District Council.

Renewable energy events/news

Community Renewable Training

When? Friday 3rd March

Where? Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Northallerton

What time? 10am – 4pm

Speakers include:

Andrew Cooper, Energy Saving Trust - 'How to make the most out of your Solar PV'

Will Richardson, Yorwoods - 'Wood fuel – energy that grows on trees'

Peter Jones, North York Moors National Park Authority – 'The ebbs and flows of community hydro, Whitby Esk Energy'

We will have time at the end to discuss how we want to involve renewables in our community. Residents of Husthwaite are invited along too. If you would like to come along to this free event (lunch is provided) please contact me on 01904 554408 or email

rosie.hughes@energypartnership.org.uk

Friends of Osmotherley School



Hosted Service

Friends of Osmotherley school are having a Ceilidh on Saturday 25th February in Osmotherley Village hall at 7.30pm, Tickets cost £10 each and include Pie and Peas, Bar available. Tickets available from Vicki on 07867573868 and Tracey on 07972401915,

A reminder of opening times

Osmotherley Village Hall: Mon 9.00—12.00pm,
Wed 1.00—4.00pm,
Fri 9.00—12.00pm

Swainby Village Hall: Tues 9.15—12.45pm
Thurs 12.45—16.15pm

Osmotherley School

This term the children are hoping to gain the 'Green Flag Award'. We have been working towards this award for the last two years and we have applied for our assessment and are awaiting the date. This award is a national award that recognises work schools are doing around sustainability locally, nationally and globally. We have an eco-committee of children who

have worked hard and with the help of Mrs Edgeworth, have led the initiative in school. They are to be congratulated for the all the extra they have given to make this possible.

We have some exciting themes this term! The Acorns class are learning about 'Medieval Days and Knights!' and there are already dragons adorning the classroom! The Oaks class have a theme entitled: 'Earth, Wind and Fire!' As part of this the

children will be taking part in a photography project and we hope to have an exhibition of the work for all to see. The science involves visiting a Planetarium and working with a real astronomer using the Bradford University Schools telescope!

This term we also have our Year 6 residential visit to East Barnby. All the children

from both Osmotherley and Swainby will be going along with their peers from the other small schools in the area to enjoy a week of outdoor action packed activities.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported the Education Sunday Service on Sunday 22nd January. It is wonderful to see the school and the community working so closely together!

Osmotherley and Area Oil Cooperative

Are you interested in saving money on heating oil? The Oil Cooperative for Osmotherley and surrounding villages has now nearly reached 200 members. By pooling our requirements we are able to negotiate a lower price for oil – previous orders have been 3-5p per litre lower than prices offered to individual

customers.

How does it work?

Every other month the Cooperative Coordinator emails members asking for order amounts. The coordinator phones round various companies for prices based on the total volume, and places the

order. The oil is delivered on an agreed day or days, and the supplier leaves or sends each member a bill for their own oil. The bill is payable direct to the supplier within two weeks by cheque or credit card.

Members only order when oil is required – they don't have to order oil each time.

Future order dates

The next orders will be placed on 29th March, 31st May, 26th July and 27th Sept 2012.

Contact

Interested in joining, or want more information? Give Ellen a call or send an e-mail.

Ellen Cross, and Tristan Sillars - 01609 883010

osmotherleyoil@gmail.com



**Fri 17th Feb
Village Hall**

WHALE RIDER

**(2002) - New Zealand
Cert PG 101 mins**

Starring -Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene, Vicki Haughton

On the east coast of New Zealand, the Whangara people believe their presence there dates back a thousand years or more to a single ancestor, Paikea, who escaped death when his canoe capsized by riding to shore on the back of a whale. Since then, the Whangara chiefs, always first-born, always male, have been considered Paikea's

descendants.

11 year old Pai believes she is destined to be the new Chief. But her grandfather, Koro, is bound by tradition to pick a male leader. Pai loves Koro more than anyone in the world but she must fight him, and a thousand years of tradition, to fulfill her destiny.

Doors Open 7.30 pm, Film starts at 8pm

Bring your own refreshments.

Guests Welcome -£5

(16yrs and over)

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Articles for March by Wed 22nd Feb

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Dates for your Diary

Feb

Wed 1st 7:30pm. Queen Catherine Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

Sat 4th 7.30 pm. in St Peter's Church, concert

Sun.5th 2.30 pm Osmotherley Methodist Church led by Rev. Andy Bryer

Thurs 9th 6.30-7.30 pm. Flowers and Craft Village Hall

Sat 11th 2 -4 pm. Afternoon Teas Friends Meeting House

Sun.12th 2.30pm. Osmotherley Methodist Church led by Mrs Rowena Webster

Tues 14th Osmotherley Show AGM, Church House, Osmotherley

Fri 17th Doors open 7.30 pm. Film at 8 pm Village Hall Osmotherley Film 'Whalerider'

Sun.19th 2.30 pm. Osmotherley Methodist Church Holy Communion led by Rev. Robert Gee

Sat 25th 7.30 pm. Village Hall **Ceilidh** Tickets- £10 to include Pie and Peas

Tues 28th 8pm. Osmotherley Show Dominoes, Golden Lion,

Sun. 26th 2.30pm. Osmotherley Methodist Church led by Mr Edward Dennison

Please note new times for February - 2.30pm for Osmotherley Methodist Church.

March

Fri 3rd 10am - 4pm. Community Renewable Training Hambleton Civic Centre

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

Sun 11th (after morning service) St Peter's Church Annual General Meeting

Tues 13th 8pm. Osmotherley Show Dominoes Queen Catherine

Wed 21st 7:30pm. Royal British Legion Arthur Taylor Memorial Domino Drive Queen Cath.



BARNES Explorer Scout Unit

Afternoon Teas

14:00 - 17:00

Saturday 11th February

Friends Meeting House Osmotherley



In aid of the Unit Funds and the Baas Educational
Trust's School, India. <http://www.best-bets.org.uk>

News from St Peter's

There was lots of singing and Christmas celebration over the holiday period. The crib service on Christmas Eve left standing room only! A Midwinter's sleep-out raised almost £500 towards the project to provide access for the disabled.

On Sunday 22nd Jan we celebrated Education Sunday (we know that is not the real date but for various reasons that is when we held it!). Bishop Martin joined us for the occasion which was themed "Going for Gold" and he presented medals to the young people who were there.

In the afternoon a Service to mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity was held in the Methodist Chapel and was attended by a good representation from the various churches in the village.

There will be a concert in St Peter's on Saturday 4 Feb 2012 starting at 7.30pm. This year's concert will have music and entertainment for all given by Friends of St Peter's. An interesting and diverse programme, featuring young instrumentalists with violin, oboe, clarinet, organ and piano, together with singers

and songs for all to enjoy. Refreshments will be available in the interval and entry is free but with retiring collection to support Music at St Peter's.

Jake our first organ scholar has now come to the end of his apprenticeship year and Chris is at the beginning of his - we thank them both for the contribution they make to our musical life.

Just an advance notice - the Church's Annual General Meeting will be held in St Peter's on Sunday 11th March after the morning service and will be open to everyone on the Parish Roll.