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Art in The Shed



This annual event in aid of Street Child Africa will be taking place from Saturday 23rd to Monday 25th May, 10.30am – 4.30pm.

Last year, this event raised over £700 through refreshments, donations and commissions on art sales. This year there will be a range of new work from local artists – etchings, mosaics, landscape painting and much more. Whatever your tastes, please come along to have a look and enjoy the refreshments and gardens.

Black Hambleton House, 19 Back Lane, Osmotherley, DL6 3BJ, hosted by Robert and Jane Thorniley-Walker. Open to all.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF VICTORY IN EUROPE DAY (VE DAY) 8TH MAY

Friday 8th May marks the 70th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. This was an event which changed our history and formed the world we live in now. Those who achieved this victory and saved us from tyranny deserve our unending thanks. Regrettably those who sacrificed so much for our future are now few in number and for their sake we should not let this occasion go unmarked.

If you can please come along and support the Royal British Legion on Friday 8th May and join in our two minutes silence at the village War Memorial at 12 midday. Afterwards we will go to the Queen Catherine Hotel for a celebratory drink. Why not come along to that event too and meet our WW II veterans such as Dr Ken Baker who flew in the very last bombing raid of the war in Europe. They and we would appreciate your presence.



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Parish Council

This month the Parish Council received a complicated application referring to the wind turbines between the A19 and Northallerton for which permission was considered 3 years ago. The developers have not provided sufficient information on a number of key areas and the PC have asked for more detail and will be organising future discussions with the Planning Officers.

The operator of the Post Office has threatened to close one of his opening days, however the Post Office Counters have indicated that he would be in breach of his contract and for the time being the facility will remain open on the three days as previously. However, it has been noted that he failed to open on Friday 24th April. Post Office Counters have been notified regarding this. The village can ill afford to lose these opening times but it was further suggested to PO Counters that the ideal solution would be to re-open within Top Shop, to date they have not responded.

This spring Highways have announced that several sections of road are to be re-surfaced including that through Thimbleby as well as down into Foxton.

After over 15 years as an active and effective parish councillor Maurice Drabble has decided to step down. Among many actions he was responsible for detailed work leading up to the Traffic Management Group's input into both the Village Plan and the Village Design Statement. His input will be sadly missed but before departing he was presented with a collection and signed card by all Members at the meeting in recognition of his work.

Summer Games – 4th of July

With no Phoenix race, the Osmotherley Summer Games needs your support even more to make it a success and raise much needed funds for the Village Hall. This year will see a Craft Fair in the Village Hall (featuring new stalls not previously seen in the Hall as well as those from Northdale, Chequered Chicken & Jenny Ruth Workshops), teas in St Peter's Church and other new attractions to be revealed in next month's Messenger.

As well as being there and enjoying the day, are you able to donate any of the following?

- **Raffle prizes** – do you have something you can donate? (Or can you twist the arm of someone else who does?)
- **Books** – ready to pass on your latest read?
- **Tombola prizes** – any unwanted presents or rash purchases to offload (that novelty shower gel or bottle of Blue Nun could be someone else's treasure)

This year we will also have a:

- **Chocolate & Sweet Tombola** – clear out your treat shelf ready for summer?
- **Crockery** – yes Crash the Crock will be there
- **Cakes** – those cups of tea will need something to wash down.

If you can donate any of the above, please contact Lucy Sillars 883069 or Clare Scott 883373.

The Ossy Stomp is back this year – 16th May in aid of Osmotherley Primary School. The Stomp is a 4.5mile circular walk from Osmotherley Village Hall. Registration will be from 12.30pm and the walk will start at 1.30pm. Entry is £2.50 per person and for those who wish to raise extra funds then Sponsor Forms will be available from school or the Top Shop. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Everyone is welcome so please bring your friends and family along to the great community event and help us raise some funds for our school.

Our Chess Club Needs Your Help!

At Osmotherley Primary School we currently have a thriving chess club set up by our student teacher who has now left to complete his degree. It would be a shame if chess club had to be discontinued, so we would love it if someone (or more than one person) would like to come into school once a week for half an hour to run a chess club session from 12.30 - 1pm. If you are interested, please contact the school either by phone 01609 883329 or email admin@osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk.

Moorsbus returns

Friends of Moorsbus and Moorsbus CIC are pleased to announce the re-start of a summer Sunday service calling at Osmotherley.

We are all volunteers and started in 2014 with a service from Darlington to Pickering, funded by passenger donations and the North Yorkshire Moors Association. In 2015 we will also run a service from Redcar calling at Guisborough, Great Ayton, Stokesley, Osmotherley,

Northallerton, Thirsk, Sutton Bank, Helmsley and Bilsdale. The driver will have a lunch break at Stokesley, and then do the whole route in reverse in the afternoon.

This has been made possible by donations from passengers, and from several Parish and Town Councils. We are still fundraising to try to lengthen the season, which will be welcomed by walkers, other visitors, tourist businesses, and residents who like to use the bus.

In 2015 the service will accept concessionary passes, though the County Council may prevent pass use in the future.

Further details will be available locally soon. These services are only possible because of support from many people; please help us if you can. For further information call Eden or Helen on 01751 477216, email us

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To book contact: Helen
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Osmotherley & District Garden Club

The club's annual plant & produce sale will be held on Saturday 23rd May 2.30-4.00 p.m. in the Village Hall with free admission. Perennials, shrubs, annuals, young vegetable plants and herbs grown by members will be available at very favourable prices.

There will also be a selection of home baking and preserves and the opportunity to purchase light refreshments.

Celebrations @ Community Coffee Morning

The Coffee Morning held on April 14th was a truly memorable occasion. We were joined by Tim Swales, Chair of North Yorkshire County Council and Adel Wilson - Stronger Communities.

Two cheques towards the Community Bus Appeal were presented to Tim - £850 raised from the winter soup lunches and £450

from the 50 plus club. A cake depicting the community bus and donated by a kind Osmotherley resident, was enjoyed by all present. Music was provided courtesy of Mike Hunter and Peter Edmonds and excellent coffee and cake was on hand throughout the morning.

From your generous support, a donation of £75 was made to Osmotherley Grasshoppers

and a Baby Belling cooker was donated to The John Paul Centre in Middlesbrough

The next Community Coffee Morning will be held during Christian Aid week on Tuesday, May 12th — we look forward to seeing everyone

Membership information, contact 883237, 883518, 883096, or email: osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk



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irreverence with a bit of Bollywood thrown in for good measure!

Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm.

Guests welcome (must be 16+ years of age): guest fee £5.00 For further information, see our website.

50s+ Club - April lucky winners: £25.00 Ann Blowman; £12.50 Pam Jefferson
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Dates for your Diary

May

Sun 3rd - 6.30pm. Osmotherley Methodist Church. Service

Sun 3rd - 10.45am. Quaker Meeting for Worship

Wed 6th - 7.30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion meeting and bingo.

Fri 8th - 12am - Queen Catherine. RBL gathering to celebrate 70th Anniversary of VE Day.

Fri 8th - Queen Catherine. Summer Games Race Night

Tues 12th - St Peter's Church. Community Coffee Morning

Sat 16th - 12.30pm Registration - Village Hall. Osmotherley Stomp

Sun 17th - 6.30pm. Osmotherley Methodist Church. Service

Sun 17th - 4pm. Quaker Meeting for Worship

Sat 23rd - 2.30 - 4.00pm Village Hall Garden Club Plant & Produce Sale

Sat 23rd / Mon 26th - 10.30am - 4.00pm 19 Back Lane. 'Art in the Shed' exhibition

June

Wed 3rd - 7.30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion meeting and bingo.

Tues 9th - 9 - 11.30am - St Peter's Church. Community Coffee Morning

Sponsored Walk for St. Peter's

The Rev. Trevor Lewis is doing a 34 mile sponsored walk around all the churches in the Osmotherley and Hillside Parishes Benefice. The proceeds will be divided between the Bungoma Project in Kenya that he supports and St Peter's Church. He would be happy if anybody would like to join him in this project. For more details contact Trevor on 01609 882937.

Ian Houghton's wife Mel King will be ordained in York Minster on 5th July and will then serve as Curate in Brompton, with Welbury and Rounton. We all send her our best wishes and some of us hope to be there as there is a special bus from the Benefice. Sadly we were not successful in our grant application to assist with repairs, but we will be reapplying as soon as the grant fund is open again.

OVT – Under Milk Wood

No-one could accuse Osmotherley Village Theatre of not being adventurous. Recent productions have extended its repertoire well beyond the normal fare of amateur drama groups. In staging Dylan Thomas's "Under Milk Wood", OVT has continued its progressive phase and this trend was clearly welcomed by the full audiences.

"Under Milk Wood" was originally commissioned by the BBC as a radio play for voices. Stage actions inevitably play a lesser role to the delight, humour and poetry of the spoken word. As such, in interpreting the script for the stage, the director has complete freedom in how to portray the lives of the residents of a small Welsh town over a 24 hour period. Huge admiration must go to the director Fiona Manners who had cleverly translated the words into the actions of the

dreamers, townspeople and ghosts without diminishing the brilliancy of the text.

From the beginning the audience is invited to look and eavesdrop into the night-time dreams and day-time thoughts of ordinary people. Di Stokeld, as one of the two narrators, was outstanding as she led us through the snapshot episodes of town-life. We were also guided by Captain Cat (Gary Greening). He even introduces the playground singing of the town's school children (a recording of Osmotherley School pupils).

A notable feature of this production was how a cast of 24 so successfully managed to play the 52 parts, with the need for rapid changes to costume and character. Actors even with the smallest parts made the most of their opportunities, coming to life with their small-talk, gossip and dreaming. It is difficult to single out individuals

among a strong cast but in particular, there were delightful cameo roles played by Gerry Stokeld as the unrequited lover, the thin smile of Giles Pinkney whilst intent on poisoning his "pokerbacked nutcracker" wife (Angela Thomsett), the starchy twice-married widow (Lynne Mortimer), Annie Fewster examining herself in the mirror and Mike Cantelo as the splendid idler "Nogood Boyo".

With a minimal stage setting, the production team under Bob Manners came up with the most imaginative way of projecting images onto a back screen to display the ghost sailors and ghost women, and brilliantly timing their voices to converse with the living on stage. Other visual images, lighting and the sound-effects of town and country were spot-on.

Yet another triumph for a really talented village theatre group.