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**Dates for your Diary**

**February**

Sun 1st - 6.30pm Methodist Church Evening Service. Rev. Andy Bryer.  
 Tues 3rd - 8pm Golden Lion, Osmotherley Show Dominos Night  
 Wed 4th - 7.30pm Queen Catherine British Legion monthly Meeting raffle and bingo  
 Thurs 5th - 7.30pm Kirby Sigston Village Hall Open Meeting re: Wind Turbines  
 Sun, 8th - 6.30pm Methodist Church Evening Service Mrs. Doris Bottoms  
 Tues 10th - 7.30pm Village Hall, Apple Trees Cider and Calvados Talk  
 Sun. 15th - 6.30pm Methodist Church, Holy Communion. Rev. Geoffrey Bruce.  
 Tues 17th 8pm Blue Bell Ingelby Cross, Osmotherley Show Dominos Night  
 Fri 20th - 7.30pm Village Hall, Osmotherley Film 'Rebecca'  
 Sun 22nd - 6.30 pm. Methodist Church, Evening Service .Rev. Robert Gee.  
 Thurs 26th Feb - 7.30pm Village Hall, Drama Production - ' Busybody'  
 Fri 27th Feb - 7.30pm Village Hall, Drama Production, ' Busybody'  
 Sat 27th Feb - 7.30pm Village Hall, Drama Production, ' Busybody'  
**March**  
 Tues 3rd - 7.00pm Village Hall, Garden Club AGM followed at 7.45 pm by 'Tips & Tricks' with Doug Stewart  
 Wed 4th - 7.30pm Queen Catherine, British Legion Monthly Meeting  
 Tues 24th - Queen Catherine, British Legion Domino Drive  
**April**  
 Tues 7th - 7.30 pm Village Hall, Garden Club' Care & Propagation of Orchids' with Tom Haughton

**Youth Club**

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we will be forgoing the usual activities for an evening of first aid training, carried out by the Red Cross. They are currently running a programme of Rural First Aid training, trying to get as many people as possible in rural areas to have a basic knowledge of emergency first aid. The two sessions will run to the usual times, and the subs for the night will be donated to the Red Cross. All young people are welcome whether regulars at the club or not. The Youth Club runs in the

village hall every Monday night (except major school holidays) and is split into two sessions; Juniors 6.30 – 7.30 and Seniors 7.30 – 8.30. All are welcome, from the age of 6 ½ to 11 junior and 11 to 17 senior, with a fee of £2 per person per session, all money being put back into the club. Any new-comers are always welcomed, as are volunteers. We have a good base of volunteers (though happy to get more) for the junior group however could do with more people to help

supervise the seniors. If you're interested in working with either, please let us know by coming along on a Monday night, or calling Dave on 883162. (This can be used as credit toward Duke of Edinburgh Awards). If anybody is interested in attending a first aid session for adults (free, though a donation is encouraged), please contact Dave (details above) and we can see about organising something

**Royal British Legion - Remembrance Day**

On the first Saturday of December villagers packed the village hall to the welcome sight of festive decorations, buffet, bar and an overloaded table of raffle prizes. This year saw the added attraction of the Osmotherly Jubilee Silver Band, who entertained with an impressive selection of seasonal music, adding to the good cheer and fellowship. Once again much hard work by Legion stalwarts Maureen and James Downey together, with Barbara and Dudley Nimmo ensured success.



Branch Chairman, David Black, commented; "We get enormous support and encouragement from local people, not only from villagers, but surrounding areas, enabling us to raise money for Legion charities. This year we again donated £3,000 to the RBL home, Lister House, situated in Ripon. Everyone has said how enjoyable today's function has been, greatly helped by the performance of the band, and in total we raised £1,092."

Photos: Dudley Nimmo & James

Downey; Silver Band members  
 After the normal January break, Osmotherley Branch begins its activities again in February with the usual Monthly Meeting followed by bingo and a raffle on Wednesday, 4th at 7:30pm in the Queen Catherine Hotel. In March our Monthly Meeting and bingo will be on Wednesday, 4th. In March we will also hold our annual Arthur Taylor Memorial domino drive on Tuesday, 24th in the Queen Catherine at 7:30pm.



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**Osmotherley Area Messenger**

**Osmotherley School**

Happy New Year everyone from all at Osmotherley Primary School. Thanks to everyone who supported the Christmas plays in the village hall and those who came along to the Christingle service. It felt like a real community affair! The service raised over £100 for The Children's Society. This term The Acorns class (KS1) have a theme based around Fairy Tales – they have 'The forest of make believe' in the corner of the classroom which already has a beanstalk growing up on one side and on the hills behind the forest is a castle! I caught the children learning about electricity in their science lesson and they told me that they hope to make the trees have eyes that

flash!!! There is also a trip planned for next month to take the children to "Seven Stories" in Newcastle to meet Catherine Rayner a famous illustrator – and also to take part in workshops based around writing stories. The Oaks Class are working on a theme about "Green Issues". They are looking at how best to reduce their carbon footprint and also what effects global warming is having in other countries of the world. During the term the children will be working together doing drama based around the theme as well as holding a 'Fair Trade' week in March. We have visitors coming in to talk about recycling and also Action Aid are coming to supplement the

children's study of climate change. Later on in the term we are looking forward to working with Jane Thorniley-Walker on an art project based around the theme of global issues that affect us all – such as consequences of climate change. This is a fantastic opportunity for the children to work with a talented artist on a project that will produce a mosaic for the schools front entrance. If anyone would like to come along and help in school – either with one of the special projects we are doing or in the classroom – please don't be shy – come along and chat to either myself or a member of the teaching staff. We would love to hear from you.

**Apple Trees, Cider and Calvados**

These will be the subjects of an event in the Osmotherley Village Hall on Tuesday 10th March at 7.30pm. Fr Rainer from the renowned Ampleforth Orchards will give a presentation and will advise on cider-making and the species of fruit trees that might be suitable for your garden. Techniques and

equipment for domestic local production will be discussed. There will also be an opportunity to taste the recent local ciders. The villages of Swainby, Osmotherley, Ampleforth, Hawnby and Ingleby Arncliffe all presented excellent ciders at the tasting of the 2006 vintage. This charity event will be in aid of disadvantaged children of

Teesside, many of whom visit Osmotherley for an annual picnic, and will help continue the work of the late Penny Pinkney of Swainby. Tickets £4. Reservations from Robert Thorniley-Walker, 01609 883311 RTW@Structural.org.uk or Giles Pinkney, GilesPinkney@hotmail.com

**The Return of the Village Theatre**

Yes, The Village Theatre returns to the village hall with a star-studded cast in "BUSYBODY" a comedy murder mystery by Jack Popplewell on Thursday 26th, Friday 27th and

Saturday 28th February at 7.30pm. Tickets will be on sale from the 9th February at the Top Shop - make a note in your diaries and be sure to reserve your tickets in good time. This is bound to

be a sell-out! Whatever you are doing, cancel it and come along for a great night out. for further information contact Angela Thomsett on 883224.

# Parish Council Notes

## December

The meeting was held shortly after the heavy snowfalls earlier in the month and heard how so many in the community had responded positively to the inconvenience caused rather than just blaming the snow. The Village School was able to stay open because of a small group of staff who kept going and a grateful thank you is due to their efforts as well as to the Queen Catherine Hotel for providing the dinners for all these staff and those children who did make it in that day.

Thanks were also given for the efforts of Keith Henderson, the Village Caretaker who made it into the village before 7.00am and kept going shovelling snow from footpaths and spreading salt on the cleared areas. Members agreed that he had made a tremendous effort and his work throughout the year at the many tasks has made a real contribution to the community as a whole.

Following the Remembrance Day Parade and Service an allegation had been made that the Clay Target Centre at Thimbleby had not fallen silent that morning. Many members of that Club wrote, emailed or called to point out that they indeed do observe the silence and they were given a full apology from the Chair in recognition of this as well as the contribution they make as a business and when holding events which raise funds for many well deserving Charities.

This time of year brings the need to consider setting a precept for the next years and because of the need to provide funds for additional drainage works should the culvert become blocked again and to maintain extra sections of the cobbles it was agreed to seek an additional £2,000 above last years figure. The Council has been able to gain funding from a variety of providers, particularly for the maintenance carried out by the Caretaker but this additional kind of maintenance is essential to ensure that the Villages are kept tidy and it is always hoped that there will be some reserves left over which can be utilised for other activities.

The Village Design Statement will shortly be ready for consideration in draft form and also the Footpaths and Bridleway surveys have now all been completed. These surveys were tabled and after Members have had the opportunity to read through the recommendations it is anticipated that these can be forwarded to the National Park Authority and to NYCC for them to make the improvements which have been identified.

There have been several instances of late where inconsiderate motorists have parked their vehicles in a way which obstruct footpaths and the entrances into the passageways. Please can all ensure that they consider the needs of those on foot, those with pushchairs and those who are less able than themselves. There is no need to park on the cobbles so please don't do it.

## January

When Osmotherley Area Parish Council met earlier this month they heard that Alan Woof who had been a member of the Parish Council for many years and had also been Chairman of the annual Summer Games for the past 6 years had decided to step down following a major change to his business interests. Members wished him well for the future as well as thanking him for all of his efforts, particularly fund raising for many deserving causes within the community. His resignation means that there is now a vacancy for the Parish of Kirby Sigston and anyone who wishes to be considered in this capacity must apply to Hambleton District Council countersigned with the names of ten electors of that Parish.

Kirby Sigston also featured highly on the agenda of the meeting because the full plans to erect 4 wind turbines have been received along with a vast quantity of supporting data and reports. Because this subject is both complex and contentious a special meeting of the Parish Council has been called to discuss these details. This open meeting will be held in Kirby Sigston Village Hall on Thursday 5th February at 7.30pm when a representatives of the planning department of HDC and also the developers have agreed to be present.

Some of the bollards purchased to protect the Thimbleby grass verges have now been erected and it is hoped that the remainder will soon be in place and that they will give a uniform appearance to the street scene there, as well as affording protection to these verges. A planning application for a new build dwelling in Thimbleby has been refused by the National Park on the grounds that it would detract from the street scene and that it would also make it extremely difficult to refuse similar applications in other locations and would consequently be contrary to Design Statement criteria.

## Welcome Pack

Don't forget that we now have a Welcome Pack for newcomers to the village, so if someone moves in near you, give one of us a call and we will deliver a pack. Six have been delivered since the beginning of November and all have been well received. The Information Sheet, which is part of the pack, was delivered to you with the November Messenger and will shortly be updated so if you noticed any errors or that we missed something please contact one of the following:- Veda Thompson(883479) Elaine Shepherd (883477) Sean Costello or Jane Naish(883297)

## Grassroots Grants Scheme

The Government's groundbreaking **Grassroots Grants scheme** has now declared itself open for business and calls on small local voluntary and community groups in North Yorkshire to come forward and get their hands on this funding. Whether it's helping local clubs get hold of new kit, coaching new volunteers or simply giving the village hall a fresh lick of paint, Grassroots Grants aim to make a real and immediate difference to the work of North Yorkshire's small and local community groups. If you live in Hambleton, Ryedale, Scarborough or Selby District Council areas then please contact York and North Yorkshire Community Foundation, Primrose Hill, Buttercrambe Road, Stamford Bridge, York, YO41 1AW. [www.nynycf.org.uk](http://www.nynycf.org.uk) Tel. 01759 377400 or email: [office@nynycf.org.uk](mailto:office@nynycf.org.uk).

## Welcome to Nick and Sandra at the Q C

The editors of *The Messenger* invited new owner, Nick ..., to share some of his initial thoughts about village life with the newsletter and to tell us a bit more about himself, his family, and his future plans for the pub.

For Nick and Sandra, moving to Osmotherley, to run and live in their own pub, was an opportunity that they could not miss. Nick had been contemplating a very different life plan six months before – but in the end emigration to New Zealand did not have the same appeal as a new life in Osmotherley! After a long and successful career in the pub industry, first as a Brewery Sales Manager, and then as owner of a number of businesses in the Teesside area, Nick has built up

knowledge which he is very much looking forward to putting to use in his new venture.

'This is exactly the kind of pub I wanted' Nick enthused. He has never wanted to live and work in the same premises before, but the Queen Catherine seemed a different prospect – somewhere he and his wife, Sandra, as well as their grown-up daughter, Sarah (and not forgetting Sam the dog) feel that they can make a home as well as a business.

We talked to Nick about some of his plans for the pub, and he is very clear that he has no intention to alter the unique character of this village pub. Nick stressed that 'people shouldn't fear any of the changes I have in mind'. The couple will certainly be adding

their personal touch in updating decorations and modernising the bar area, but their modifications will aim to build on the Queen Cath's existing strengths. Beer drinkers will be pleased to hear about the plans for more speciality beers on offer. Other plans include using the lobby area for a possible 'Movenpick' ice-cream unit, take-away bar meals, and 'elevenses' for walkers!

The owners already value the great community spirit in the village and aim to get to know as many villagers (and their dogs) as possible over the coming weeks and months! The very popular fortnightly jazz nights on a Sunday will soon be alternated with blues music by the 'Tees Hot Club', so from March 1, there will be live music every Sunday to suit all musical tastes.

## Village Hall

The annual **Carols-Around-the-Christmas-Tree** was a fine evening, seemed to be enjoyed by the many present, and raised £360 for Village Hall funds. Thanks to Osmotherley Silver Band for the inspirational music, to all who helped, and for the gifts that went into the Prize Draw hampers.

We still need another 3 people to make the trial run of **Indoor Bowls** viable – anybody interested please phone Danny Manging on 883670. Failing this, we will set it aside for the moment and return to it in the autumn.

The new committee had a get-together dinner in the Queen Catherine in January which gave us the chance to celebrate Dorothy Carr – our **Unsung Hero** who cleans the hall each Wednesday. Thanks for another year of keeping us clean and shipshape Dorothy.



January saw our largest turn-out yet, enjoying the wonderfully atmospheric adaptation of 'Snow Falling on Cedars'. This month, February, is 'Classic' Film month! The vote went out and the film chosen by the Osmotherley Film Membership is the early Alfred Hitchcock classic **'REBECCA'** (1940) starring Laurence Olivier and Joan Fontaine. This, Hitchcock's first US film, won an Academy Award for Best

Picture, and brings Daphne du Maurier's gothic ghost story to the big screen. Married after a whirlwind romance, Fontaine becomes increasingly troubled by the spirit of wealthy husband Olivier's dead wife, Rebecca. Their housekeeper Mrs. Danvers, is never far from the scene but is it imagination, paranoia or are darker forces at work? [130mins B&W Cert: PG]

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February, Village Hall. As usual, Doors open 7.30pm; film starts at 8pm. Guests are welcome. The Guest Fee is £5 (and subject to seat availability) For further information about Osmotherley Film, tel. Laura 883096; Members enquiries Shona 883237 or email [osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk)



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## Conservative Supper

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