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Garden Club

The Garden Club meets on Tuesday 7th April at 7.30 in the Village Hall. This month's topic is 'The Care and Propagation of Orchids' and takes the form of a practical demonstration by Tom Haughton, a national judge. Everyone is welcome and sickly orchids can be brought for on the spot advice.

Osmotherley Methodist Church would like to thank everyone who supported the coffee morning. £305 was raised for the Macmillan Nurses.

Dates for your Diary

April

Wed 1st - 7:30pm Royal British Legion, raffle and bingo. Queen Catherine.
Sun 5th - 6.30pm Methodist Church Palm Sunday service. Rev. Dr. Eric Nelson.
Sun 5th - 2-4pm Easter Bunny Hunt.
Tues 7th - 7.30pm V H Garden Club 'Care & Propagation of Orchids' with Tom Haughton.
Sun. 12th - 6.30pm Methodist Church Easter Day. Holy Communion Rev. Alan Powers.
Fri 17th - 7.30pm Village Hall - Osmotherley Film.
Sat 18th - 7.30pm St Peters Church - Organ Recital - Concert by Trevor Bleaze.
Sun. 19th - 6.30pm Methodist Church. Evening Service. Mr. Chris Kirk.
Sun 19th - 2pm Village Hall Spring Clean.
Sun. 26th - 6.30pm Northallerton Methodist Church. No service in Osmotherley.
Sun 26th - 12:30pm Royal British Legion spring lunch. Queen Catherine.

May

Wed 6th - 7:30pm Royal British Legion raffle and bingo. Queen Catherine.
Tues 12th - 7.30pm Village Hall - Ladies Night Out - in aid of Pre-School.
Tues 12th - 10am Village Hall - Coffee Morning - Christian Aid.
Wed 20th - 7.30pm St Peters Church - Organ Recital - Edmund Aldhouse.

Osmotherley is such a wonderful village- now we have to say good-bye. We would like to thank you for your loving kindness. Chris has lived here and run the Osmotherley Walking Shop for ten years, and Kunie has been here for 5 years. Both of us have lots of good memories- including Kunie playing cornet in the Silver band, and the setting up of the Meditation Group in 2004.

The meditation group will continue in the Church Meeting House every Tuesday at 7.30pm - it is an open space for everybody, and we appreciate the church letting us use this room. The new group leaders are Tessa Wright (Swainby) 01642 701172 and Clare Walker (Osmotherley) 883011

We are moving to Scotland - near Inverness, if you have a chance to come please remember that we will be there Tel 01309 676611

Youth Club

We can happily report that things are going well for the youth club. Numbers for both juniors and seniors are good and remaining steady and we are gradually getting more equipment that the young people ask for. As time goes by we are able to include more outdoor activities as the weather improves.

Congratulations to Ben Blythe, who recently won first place in his age group in a competition to design a logo for youth

sector voluntary organisations in North Yorkshire. He won himself an iPod shuffle, and also a collection of art and craft materials for the club. We are on the lookout for more volunteers to help supervise the senior sessions. We are running a bit tight at the moment, with only two of us as 'regulars', and this is causing some headaches when the inevitable crops up and one of us can't make it. We've got plenty of willing

parents to come along and step into the breach, however it would be nice to have some more people to call on. No qualifications necessary, however a good sense of fun, a bit of patience and a willingness to get involved with whatever they're doing will all go a long way. If you're interested, call in one Monday night, or else call Dave on 883162 for a chat.

St Peters Church

There are two notable organ recitals in the programme at St Peter's.

18th April at 7.30 pm, as part of the programme of the Cleveland Organists Society Annual Meeting which is being held in the Church. This concert will be given by Trevor Bleaze who is Honorary President of the Society. The recital starts at 7.30p.m and is FREE. The programme includes popular

works by Bach, Handel, Faure and Wesley. The Second concert on 20th May at 7.30 pm will be the Osmotherley 2009 St Peter's recital. It will be given by Edmund Aldhouse, a very talented musician and organist at Ripon Cathedral. He will bring a varied and fun programme to the village. Keep your eyes open for information on ticket availability, for this not to be missed treat.

On Tuesday 12th May a Coffee Morning in aid of CHRISTIAN AID will be held in the Village Hall, starting at 10.am. This is a chance to enjoy a delicious and leisurely coffee amongst friends and feast on home-baked goodies. There will be raffles and a cake stall. Tickets will be on sale nearer the date, but you can always just roll up on the day.

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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Dramatic revival

Osmotherley Village Theatre performed the group's first production since a much-welcomed revival earlier in the year. The choice of the play Jack Poppewell's Busybody, was well considered for the relaunch, since it appealed to audiences of all ages, with its great combination of mystery and comedy. The action of the play is all set in the private office of Mr Richard Marshall, mysteriously missing from the proceedings until his dramatic entrance at the end of the first half! The office cleaner, Lily Piper, has stumbled across a dead body (twice), presuming it to be her employer, but has the misfortune to lose the evidence, as well as the patience of the police.

The ever-astute Lily, brilliantly played by Angie Thomsett, is not one to leave a mystery unsolved, and puts her mind to the task of 'helping', or even leading the enquiry. The main source of the comedy in the play is the dynamics of the relationship between Lily and Superintendent Harry Baxter, played with great timing and understated humour by Jim Whitton. The comic element is heightened by the fact that the pair were previously acquainted and Lily is quite unprepared to be daunted by the now self-important superintendent. There is a perfect balance between the cynical and unenthusiastic 'Arry and the determined, jovial, and quite incorrigible Lily. The acting by the two

main actors was superb, particularly given the fact that they were on stage almost continuously through the play. The cast was universally strong and it was good to see some new recruits to the group, including David Morris, David Wilson, Kerri Williams, and Giles Pinkney. The play was a lot of fun to watch, and I suspect quite a bit of fun to act! The producer, Barry Robinson, also new to the group, must be congratulated on all his hard work in bringing the production together, particularly given its coinciding with the birth of his first child - calling for a double congratulations to himself and partner Leanne.

A note from Osmotherley Village Theatre

All of us involved in the last Village Theatre production would like to thank everyone who supported us in various ways but most importantly by coming to see the play and being a great audience. Although we all enjoy the rehearsal period and the camaraderie, there would be no point if we didn't have an

audience to entertain and the support of so many of you has been wonderful. We intend to produce another play in late Autumn but also to hold a couple of theatre-related events over the coming months - watch out for announcements in the Messenger. Meanwhile, if anyone was inspired to come and tread the boards you are more than welcome to come and join us.

Please contact Angela Thomsett on 883224.



Osmotherley Area Website

After the success of the Messenger newsletter the Communications Group are now looking to develop an Osmotherley Area website. This is not to replace the paper-based Messenger but will run alongside it. We already have excellent examples of websites for

particular parts of village life e.g the Village Hall (www.osmotherleyvh.org.uk). It is planned that the Osmotherley Area website will link to these existing sites, as well as providing space for all other groups e.g. youth club, garden club and businesses etc., should they wish. We would

like resident's input into what features the site should include. If you have any ideas or belong to a group that wish to be linked to the site, or have a presence on the site then please contact the editors (contact details on back page of Messenger). All suggestions welcome.

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Business Meeting

The Business meeting scheduled for April 7th has been postponed and will now take place early in May when we hope to have a speaker to discuss the subject of financial borrowing in these difficult times. More details in next Month's Messenger or contact Michael Read 883525

The wildlife group

is meeting on Monday 6 April in the Village Hall Supper Room at 7.30pm. We are planning our survey work of birds, mammals and plants for the coming year and more help is always needed. The meeting is open to all and anyone who would like to become involved is encouraged to come along. For more information contact Angela Thomsett on 883224 or Alan Turner on 882310

Do you buy fuel oil ?

The Thimbleby buying group has been very successful in obtaining excellent rates on heating oil by collective buying. It operates very simply, just log into the group by ringing Tony Huck on 883140 or you can e mail info@technicalp.co.uk You will get the current rate and a contact name, tel number & email address. Once you are registered you can order your own oil by phone or e mail. You will be invoiced and you pay directly. Once you are registered you will receive a monthly e - mail advising prices please try and give a weeks notice, it only works if we are reasonable and allow the supplier to consolidate deliveries where possible.

Parish Council

The March meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council heard that the open meeting called to discuss the possibility for a site for a Village Car Park had proved to be extremely controversial and there was much opposition. The initiative to investigate had been taken due to the fact that 84% of respondents to the Parish Plan had been in favour of trying to alleviate parking problems in the village and that demand still existed. Unfortunately many attending the meeting had been extremely vitriolic towards this development and towards those who had expended time and effort in trying to find a solution to the problems caused by this lack of parking. This behaviour was deplored by members of the Parish Council who agreed in principle to support the initiative to explore the possibility of a car park for the village.

Highways difficulties continue to be a cause for complaint, these include the fact that the bollards erected to protect the public, the cobbles and the footpaths are constantly being damaged by HGVs and repairs are frequently required to them. There are also reports of cars being damaged by other vehicles scraping past when insufficient space is left and the Police have been requested to attend the next meeting to see how this problem can be resolved. Water continues to pour from a leak in an underground supply and at present an impasse has developed before this can be resolved. The Parish Council now wish to be appraised of other material evidence before any decision can be taken to determine any liability.

During a recent inspection of the Churchyard it was noted that many of the Headstones are in danger of falling and these will now be laid down to prevent any accidents occurring. Children could be placed at risk and this exercise is also a request to ensure that children are discouraged from playing in the Churchyard. The "Dalesman" has recently interviewed Keith, our Caretaker, for an article about village caretakers and their responsibilities and this article is to be published in that magazine during the summer.

Planning applications considered included an extension to a property on North End, but because it was reported that work had already started before the application had been submitted a site visit was required and therefore any decision will be delayed until the April meeting. Several additional facts have come to light regarding the hours of operation at the Thimbleby Clay Target Centre and because of this it was proposed that no comments would be passed to the planning department at Helmsley until it had been possible to meet with the operators and carry out a further evaluation of their proposal.

British Legion

Once again Osmotherley British Legion members have willingly worked to raise cash to sponsor Stokesley Army Cadets to donate funds to St. Dustan's – the charity for blind ex-servicemen and women.

Last year the Stokesley ACF detachment learnt of, and entered a team, in an endurance challenge which takes place annually in the Scottish Highlands. The event is based on an event faced by soldiers who aspired and volunteered during the war to become commandos. On arrival at an isolated railway station they were informed that they had to run the final eight miles to their barracks in two hours, each carrying 40 lb of equipment.

The Stokesley lads, together with cadets from the Catterick detachment, entered a team last year and tackled the same challenge as those of the commandos, under identical conditions – same route, timescale and weight-load also obtain sponsorship. As well as giving a creditable performance on the day, they also raised the creditable sum of £2,700 which was donated to St. Dustan's the charity for the blind ex-service personnel.

On learning of the challenge members of the Osmotherley RBL Branch held an evening bingo session in the village and presented the lads with a cheque for £207. When news was received that the cadets were repeating the challenge this year, members immediately organised another bingo evening which again resulted in handing over the sum of £200.

David Black, RBL chairman, said: "The news that these lads are tackling a tough physical challenge, once again, and raising cash for an ex-service charity supporting the elderly, made our members only too pleased to help and support them. It goes to show that there are members of the younger generation willing to work hard to help disabled ex-service people. As a Legion branch, our fundraising is regulated, but we decided as a group of friends to hold a bingo session and give the proceeds to the lads."

1st April - Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting, raffle and bingo. Queen Catherine at 7:30pm. Stokesley Army Cadet Force will be in attendance to report on participation in the Commando Memorial March.

26th April - Royal British Legion spring lunch. Queen Catherine Hotel, 12:30pm.

6th May - Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting, raffle and bingo. Queen Catherine at 7:30pm.

Osmotherley Pre-School

COMING SOON – LADIES NIGHT OUT!

Join us for a Ladies Night out in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12 May at 7.30. Wine, nibbles, raffle and the opportunity to shop 'til you drop at stalls from Silverdaze Jewellery, Phoenix Cards, Partylite Candles, The Body Shop, Virgin Vie make-up, Queen Bead scarves, bags & belts, Roots Farm Shop, The

Pampered Chef and Forever Living Aloe Vera products. Come along, catch up with friends and enjoy an evening of fun. All proceeds to Pre-School. Tickets £3 (include glass of wine) available from Vicki Morton (883168), Sharon Pitts ((883465) or Pre-school.

On Sunday 5th April , 2-4pm, Osmotherley Pre-School are

holding an **Easter Bunny Hunt**. Pick up a map and entrance form (entry £1) from the Village Hall and join in the mystery trail around the village to find the hidden bunnies. All completed entry forms will receive a surprise Easter gift and refreshments will be available in the hall. Come along and join in the fun!

Osmotherley School

Easter is fast approaching and then we will be into the summer term. The year 6 children have been to East Barnby and had a wonderful time working outdoors. Working with other Year 6's who they will be going to Allertonshire has proved a very valuable experience for them all! The Willow structure is now in place in the school garden. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who came along on Saturday morning to help with the digging

and weaving. A lot of the children got involved and have done a fabulous job! We are now looking forward to finishing the term with an art project involving a local artist which will adorn our reception area. The children will be designing a mosaic which depicts our place in a global community and the issues that we must consider as members of the global community.

The children are also going to be involved with the wildlife group – helping with their local mammal project. We are starting next term with a visit from some live bats! The children will be able to see them and possibly handle them – quite an experience! I would like to wish everyone a Happy Easter and look forward to welcoming everyone to our 'Open day' on Osmotherley games afternoon in July - details to follow.

Village Hall

Continuing with our policy of running an affordable-to-hire Village Hall and mindful of the credit crunch, we will not be increasing our hire charges this year. We'll be holding the annual Spring Clean on Sunday 19th April, 2pm, please come along

and help us. Free tea and cakes of course! Why not come along to Table Tennis on Wednesday evenings? The Club meets from 8-10pm and everybody is welcome, regardless of age. (Children please bring parent). We have 3 good tables and a small but keen

regular membership. A charge of £1 per evening is levied to cover costs. Call Moira Pearson on 883362 to find out more or just turn up. Coming shortly – Summer Scarecrow Trail. More information next issue.



We are happy to announce that, Osmotherley Film is now live on the web! Information about us and our Season of film, including previews and what our audiences have thought, can be found at: www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk Last month saw another successful evening, with the 'Motorcycle Diaries' as the star. This month on 17th April sees another acclaimed film: **'And When Did You Last See Your Father?'**

Set in Yorkshire, this is Blake Morrison's moving and candid memoir of his father in the weeks leading up to his death. When Arthur Morrison is diagnosed with terminal cancer he has only a few weeks left to live. Morrison travels back home to stay with his mother in the village where he grew up, visiting his father at the hospital where he had spent so much time with his own patients as a GP. As his father's condition

deteriorates, Morrison contemplates their shared experiences, the intimacies and irritations of their relationship. Following his father's death, Morrison questions the nature of the bond between them, articulately expressing the contradictions, frustrations, love and loss bound into the complicated relationships which most of us have with

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