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July

Wed 1st 7.30pm. RBL Monthly Meeting followed by a raffle and bingo, Queen Catherine
Sat 4th 9am. Phoenix run leaves from Village Hall
Sat 4th 1pm. Osmotherley Games, Village Centre
Sun 5th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Rev. Andy Bryer.
Sun 12th 3pm. Pilgrimage at Mount Grace Priory, no evening service at Osmotherley.
Thurs 16th 2pm. Osmotherley School Leavers, St. Peters Church.
Sun 19th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mr Brian Oliver.
Sat 25th 2 - 4.30pm. Pirates' Treasure Hunt from Village Hall.
Sun 26th service at Northallerton Chapel, no service at Osmotherley.

August

Sat 1st 9am. Osmotherley Show, Thimbleby Showground.
Wed 5th 7.30pm. RBL Monthly Meeting followed by a raffle and bingo, Queen Catherine
Sun 2nd 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Rev. Andy Bryer
Sun 9th 6.30pm. Methodist Church Holy Communion. Rev Robert Gee
Sun 16th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mr Norman Clark
Fri 21st 7.30pm. Wildlife Group Bat Walk. Osmotherley Cross.
Sun 23rd 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mrs Margaret Stevenson
Sun 30th 6.30pm. Methodist Church evening service. Mrs Doris Bottoms

Osmotherley School

This is the last article before the summer holidays. We have three children moving on into secondary education. They are all going to the Allertonshire. We have a Year 6 trip planned along with Great Smeaton School to go to the Tees Barrage for a canoeing day. Quite a send off!

Please come along and support our leavers at St Peter's Church at 2pm on Thursday 16th July. The children have produced a play plus there will be singing and lots of other things to entertain you. We also present our end of year prizes, so please do come along.

This month we have had Young Enterprise in school working with the children to

give them an awareness of the world of commerce. The KS2 children have also been to Harrogate to the Countryside Day where we took part in lots of activities including milling flour, we saw different farm animals at close quarters and even saw some dancing sheep. A good time was had by all and we didn't get wet.

The Acorns class had a 'Water Day' where they joined the little ones from Swainby and Potto for lots of different practical activities on a watery theme. If you get chance, have a look at the book and the photos of the day. They had a great time and they learned a lot.

Please don't forget that school is open on Saturday 4th July

and everyone is welcome to have a look round. Also hanging in the hall you can view our fantastic mosaic created by the children with the help of Jane Thorniley-Walker.

I look forward to seeing everyone there and don't forget to buy a school newspaper (produced by the children), they will be on sale at the Games and will contain all the latest school news.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of myself and the staff to everyone who has supported the school this year. It is great to be part of such a fabulous community.

Penny Vernon, Headteacher

James Hill Memorial Trust

Football and Cricket Ground

The grounds and pavilion are available for use by the community for the modest sum of £12.00 per hour. This can be arranged by ringing the booking secretary on 01609 883064. The facilities are there to be used and we would encourage any use compatible with the principal activities of cricket and football.

The grounds are maintained by the trust and we would ask that people respect the facilities and, in particular, do not use the grounds as a dog walking area as this obviously creates health and safety issues for the teams and children using the site.

We hope we can encourage you, your families or your organisation to consider using the facilities in the future and our booking secretary will be happy to help with any queries on availability of the grounds for community events, sporting fixtures, etc.

Don't Forget Osmotherley Games Saturday 4th July from 1pm



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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Osmotherley Website Launched

The Osmotherley website is now ready and will be launched on Osmotherley Games Day. Look out for display boards in the Village Hall or visit www.osmotherley.org.uk

The website 'skeleton' has been developed with the help of Gael Jaffro, a French student on work experience with the University of Teesside. We would like to take this opportunity of thanking Gael for all his hard work.

The site has been designed predominately as a community website with emphasis being given to the various social groups and organisations within the Osmotherley local area. The site includes a bespoke content management system which will allow each

group to maintain their own content.

The website is now a 'work in progress', the main content will be added over the coming months but we are looking for representatives from the various groups to supply content and volunteers to maintain it. The editing facility has been designed to be easy to use, but training will be provided where needed so don't be afraid to volunteer.

Features of the site include easy access to the Messenger (don't worry paper copies will still be delivered) and for those people outside the delivery area, the facility to subscribe to emailed copies. You can also download a copy of the Welcome pack (designed for new residents but full of useful

information), read breaking news and access a community calendar.

Although the website is designed predominantly as a community website a section has been reserved to showcase the businesses in the villages and local surrounding area. It is anticipated that this will be a small amount of content per business, but could include links to existing sites. There will also be an opportunity to advertise on the site for a small fee.

There is an opportunity to feedback suggestions, comments, offers of help or requests for adverts, by using the 'Contact' page on the website, or by filling in a card by the display board in the Village Hall on Games Day.

The Editors

Osmotherley Show

Osmotherley Show will take place on **Saturday 1st August** at the Showfield, Home Farm, Thimbleby. There will be activities and exhibits to interest the whole family from showjumping, sheep dog trials, flower arrangements, childrens' art and craftwork and much more.

Entries for the annual fell race to Black Hambleton and back will be taken on the day.

Many trade stands are expected and there will be a visit from the Hurworth Hounds during the afternoon. The day will be rounded off with a Hogg Roast and Disco.

Tickets are available from Anthony Flintoft on

07974 745657

Show website:

www.osmotherleyshow.cjb.net

Lands End to John O'Groats



The Coffee Morning held on Saturday 20th June 2009 in the Village Hall raised £125 in sponsorship and £174.50 for teas and cakes which is fantastic. All the proceeds will go to the Alzheimer's Society. I would like to thank everyone who supported us and in particular Liz Corner, Judith Hallett, Veda Thompson, Angie Thomsett and Pat Elton for helping out on the day. Also thanks to Jill Quinn from the Alzheimer's Society.

'Race for Life' in memory of Margaret Holmes

A small group of Margaret's friends walked the Race for Life in Darlington on June 14th in Margaret's memory and to raise money for Cancer Research UK. Thank you very much to all those who sponsored us - £790 has been raised to date. Any further donations will be gratefully received at 5 Grant Close.

Methodist Chapel Coffee

Coffee is served in Chapel every Saturday 10-12 noon until August 29th.

Community Bus Driver Required

Has anyone the time and the desire to be a bus driver, more volunteers are needed for the Community Bus and if you have the skills please contact Tim Swales.

Bottles wanted!

The Royal British Legion will as usual have a tombola stall at the annual Agricultural Show on Saturday, 1st August. All prizes will be bottles - bottles all types; pop, ketchup, washing up liquid, beer - you name it. Anyone who would like to contribute to the stall should take their bottles to David and Sheila Black at 18 Back Lane.

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 & lettuce always sell well whilst home baking & preserves are particularly popular.

Please bring contributions to the stall from 12 noon or leave them in Roger & Freda's garden during Friday evening or Saturday morning - opposite St Anne's Cottage which is adjacent to the Methodist Chapel.

Parish Council

Osmotherley Area Parish Council continued its policy of taking its meetings to the various meeting rooms available. Its June meeting was held in Kirby Sigston Village Hall where 10 residents of the area were welcomed to the meeting as well as officials from Novera Energy who have applied to build a series of wind turbines in the locality. A short presentation was given and although there have not been any fundamental changes to the application Dan Grierson was able to state that NEDL are considering undergrounding to reach the supply network rather than using overhead transmission. Many speakers from the floor questioned why it had taken so long before any decision was reached but that rests with the planning authority and not with the company due to the fact that at this point in time final responses are still outstanding from the MOD regarding radar interference and from Natural England regarding environmental concerns.

The first item on the agenda was the appointment of a vice-chairman of the Council, this had been held over from the previous month in the absence of Alan Turner, the incumbent, when proposed he accepted the position and he now continues with the role which he has held for the last year. Members also heard that Councillor Tim Swales had been re-elected as ward member for the North Hambleton Ward of the District Council.

Policing or rather a lack of enforcement continues to be a problem because many motorists persist in parking in situations where they either obstruct the highway or on footpaths or even abuse disabled bays and it is considered that this situation should be better controlled. The current situation where there is no Post Office service was also considered but if Post Office Counters are able to overcome their technical difficulties the hosted service in the Village Hall should resume before the end of July.

Over the last two years many residents have freely given their time to preparing a Village Design Statement, they were sincerely thanked for their efforts in getting this project to the printing stage and the document is now being circulated among Members of the Parish Council for their comments. The document when approved is designed to augment the policy of the National Park Authority and will be a very useful tool in helping to determine planning issues in the area.

As well as the usual grass cutting work carried out during the summer months members considered the need to look into the condition of the seats and benches and this will be done in the next few months and they will also consider the need to leave some cut areas uncut in future years to help wildlife.

Litter at Sheepwash and near the reservoir remains a problem and collection costs are escalating, the Clerk was asked to write to the landowners concerned, Yorkshire Water and the National Trust to try to seek assistance to resolve the problem.

And finally, a correction to last months report which should have read that a car park for between 40 and 60 places could be needed rather than "upwards of 60 places" as stated.

Wildlife Group

The wild life group is organising a bat walk through the village on Friday 21 August starting at 7.30pm from the cross. This will be led by a member of the Yorkshire Bat Group and is open to all. Wear suitable warm clothing and bring a torch. Come along and learn more about these secretive creatures.

The next meeting of the wildlife group will be on Monday 3 August at 7.30 in the Village Hall Supper Room and new members are always welcome. For more information contact Angela Thomsett on 883224 or Alan Turner on 882310.

News from the Village Hall

Post Office

The Post Office tell us that they have identified a new Sub Postmistress to take over the Village Hall Post Office and that they hope to have it operational again in early July. Please do support it when it reopens - if we don't use it we'll lose it altogether.

Village Hall Booking

In the last Messenger, we said that the new Booking Secretary has been provided with a mobile 07887 808212 which will be passed to a deputy when she

is away (so you should always be able to get a response).

Unfortunately we gave the wrong number in the last Messenger. The correct number is as above. And apologies to the extraordinarily polite and long-suffering gentleman in East Sussex who actually does possess the number we gave! Sorry. Please use Angela's home number 01609 883262 as the normal contact and only use the mobile when there is no reply after a couple of tries.

Summer Games Catastrophe

One of the most popular events - Crash-a-Crock - is in trouble! We have lost our supply of crocks, and are endeavouring to find a replacement. In the meantime, please can anyone who has old crocks (no jokes please) to spare please give to the people who will be collecting bric-a-brac etc in the week before the games, or bring them to the games on the day.

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RBL Putting Fun into Fundraising

Once again Osmotherley villagers enjoyed a social gathering in June and cheerfully donated money to their British Legion branch in support of serving and former service personnel.

Osmotherley residents, Maureen and James Downey and Barbara and Dudley Nimmo have been friends for 30 years, and since Barbara and Dudley moved into the village three years ago, all have worked tirelessly to raise funds for the village branch of the Royal British Legion. But,

they don't just shake a collecting tin. Their aim is to provide value and great enjoyment for everyone. In June, for the second year, the foursome staged a summer social event in the village hall. As well as providing a well stocked cake and produce stall, there were drinks with light refreshments. The added attraction of the Osmotherley Jubilee Silver Band, who entertained with an impressive selection of music, greatly added to the good cheer and fellowship for everyone.

Residents of Osmotherley,

turned out in force to support this latest effort staged by the Downey/Nimmo foursome and other enthusiastic helpers. It was obvious that the eighty people who attended enjoyed themselves and £650 was raised for Legion charities.

Branch Chairman, David Black, commented; "We get enormous support and encouragement from local people, not only from villagers, but surrounding areas. This year we hope to once again donate in the order of £3,000 to the RBL home, Lister House, situated in Ripon."

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Pirates' Treasure Hunt

Ahoy there mates! Put on your best pirate outfits and join in the fun on Saturday 25th July 2pm - 4.30pm from the Village Hall. Follow the skull and cross bone clues around the village to find the hidden treasure but be careful as Long John Silver or Black Beard could be just around the corner, ready to steal your loot!

Entry is £1 per child and includes a special pirate scroll map and bag of golden coins for

each child who successfully completes the trail. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon too so make it a date in your diary. All proceeds go to Osmotherley Pre-school.

Coming Soon -Scarecrow Fete

Sunday 20th September 12pm - 4pm around the village. Make and exhibit your own individual scarecrow then enjoy the walk around the village to view other entries and judge the best. Entry £3 per scarecrow - entrance forms available from the shop or

pre-school with further details. The winner will receive a cash prize and the coveted title of Osmotherley Scarecrow Champion 2009! For those without garden or exhibit space an area outside the hall will be available on the day to show off your hard work so put on your thinking caps and lets make Worzel Gummidge proud!

Call for Recipes

Do you have a recipe or a twist on an old family

favorite that others may enjoy? If so, the pre-school need you! We are looking to compile a Village Recipe Book in time for Christmas and would love your contributions. Please submit any recipes together with your name and address directly to the pre-school or alternatively do it on-line to the email address above.