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Happy Christmas from the Editors to all our readers

Come Carol Singing

This year is the **30th Anniversary** of the traditional annual village carol singing around the pubs.

Taking place the weekend before Christmas, this year it will take place on Saturday 19th December. A night for

all who enjoy, the ancient art of wassailing.

The money we raise stays in the village to support those in need. All three churches distribute the cash so this is a very interdenominational event.

Meet 8pm in the Queen Catherine. As always all welcome .

Look forward to seeing you there.

Welcome Pack

Don't forget that we now have a free 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 or you can collect a pack and deliver it yourself. Ten have been delivered this year and all have been well received. You

can see the full Welcome Pack in the Village Hall, Top Shop, Church House, St. Peter's Church, Osmotherley Primary School and Pre-School, Youth Hostel and Camp Site. The Information Sheet, which is part of the Pack, is enclosed with this

December edition of the Messenger. If you notice any errors or omissions, please contact one of the following:

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Village Hall

The annual carol evening will be held on Monday 21st December at the village hall at 6.30pm. After the carol singing, mince pies and mulled wine will be served. There will be a raffle for Christmas hampers. Raffle

tickets will be sold around the village in the weeks leading up to the carol evening.

Please bring your donations for hampers to the village hall supper room on December 19th 9.30 – 12.30.

The hall has a new bookings secretary, Ellen Cross, 883010.

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An inspirational and motivational speaker, recently awarded Pride of Britain Award, Woman of the Year Award, she has achieved many other national awards.

Osmotherley Village Theatre

Gracing the stage at Osmotherley Village Hall from Thursday 5th to Saturday 7th November was the Emlyn Williams play, 'Night Must Fall'. A second production by the recently revived Osmotherley Village Theatre, this was a well-produced piece bringing together a strong cast, under the Direction of Angela Thomsett.

The drama is set in 1935 in an isolated bungalow, where the household is presided over by the overbearing and wheelchair-bound Mrs Bramson. Wonderfully characterised by Diane Stokeld, her cantankerous nature speaks of a personal isolation to mirror the geographical isolation that provides the background to the drama; a world where neither electricity nor telephone have yet been welcomed and a world where the domestic staff must suffer the whims and demanding nature of this cranky old biddy. Throughout, Virginia Cowie as Mrs Terence the housekeeper and Leanne Robinson as the young nervous junior maid Dora, filled their roles admirably.

As with all period thrillers it helps to have a single relative staying with you, in this case, Mrs Bramson's niece Olivia; on the one hand nominal help and support to her supposed ailing aunt, on the other suffering her domineering relative with an air of longing for an escape. Of course, it is the plain definitely bookish and slightly dreamy Olivia's lot to be pursued by a bumbling suitor. Hubert (played in true style by David Wilson) being your classic slightly embarrassing house guest clearly has neither the social skills, nor wit to realise he's on a hiding-to-nothing with Olivia. But, as is remarked, he's 'steady' even if he is 'a bore'. Jane Bamber delivered Olivia to a 'T' complete with a suggestion of mystery about her that builds to the play's denouement.

With the news of the disappearance of a female guest from a local hotel, the outside world encroaches into this slightly dysfunctional household. Inevitable rumour and supposition ensues – has she disappeared or is it something more sinister? And enter Gerard Stokeld's realistic Inspector Belsize 'of the Yard' as well as one of the play's main characters, Dan.

A dalliance with Dora one summer's night, the reason for his arrival as house-guest, the singularly-known Dan ('I'm Dan, just Dan') generates a growing intrigue about him as time progresses - at once curiosity (his coincidental connection with the local hotel helps the rumour mill and tittle-tattle surrounding the disappearance) but increasingly unsettling to the household as he insinuates himself into Mrs Bramson's favour. Barrie Robinson as the broad-Welsh Dan provided a tour de force amidst an entirely credible cast. Is Dan all that he seems? Why always 'just Dan' and nothing more?

The elements of a thriller, having been served up, weave their magic.

Whilst the main characters deserve full credit for delivering Williams' work well, this was an ensemble cast amidst which the smaller parts also shone. Of these, Lynne Mortimer's District Nurse deserves mention, bringing the intended breath of down-to-earth fresh air to this otherwise idiosyncratic household and clearly at ease in a well-delivered character.

Behind the scenes, from set design to stage production, the skill and attention to detail paid dividends and deserves due credit.

If the mark of a stage production is the quality of cast, characterisation and stage setting, then Osmotherley Village Theatre put together a production they can feel justifiably proud of. It deservedly drew the appreciation of its enthusiastic audiences.

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The children are beginning to get very excited about Christmas! We have two Christmas productions underway, the Oaks class are performing "Christmas Around the World" and the Acorns are performing "Jesus' Christmas Party" There will be lots of singing, some dancing and brilliant acting too, so please come along and support us. Everyone is welcome, but we do ask that children are accompanied by an adult. We are performing on Monday December 14th at 6pm and Tuesday 15th at 1.45pm, in the Village Hall.

Please also come along and support our Christingle Service in St Peter's Church on Thursday 17th December at

2pm in aid of Christian Aid. There will be some traditional carols to sing along with and it will help remind us of the real meaning of Christmas.

I would also like to thank anyone who has been involved in producing a 'Posada' for school – it was presented to the children by Jackie Brown and Win Bailey, the children will be using it as part of their preparation for Christmas.

I promised to let everyone know how the children got on at the Cross-country event at the Allertonshire. We took the whole of Oaks class along to race against teams of children from the other small schools in the Allertonshire Cluster. I

say small schools – some of them are twice and three times our size – but we still did extremely well. The Year 3 and 4 boys came second overall and the Year 5 and 6 boys came third! This means that the Year 3 & 4 boys have qualified to take part in the Thirsk SSP Cross Country Finals on 10th December. Well done everyone!

At the time of writing we have not yet been to the Climate Summit in Ripon Cathedral, but the children are all geared up and ready with their message that they wish to give to the politicians and climate scientists there. It's really quite a privilege to be taking part.

Our healthy living week went

well last week and the children have learned a lot as well as having lots of fun! We looked at lots of different ways we can make sure we stay healthy and safe. Middlesbrough Football Club came to do fitness sessions with all pupils and everyone enjoyed the smoothie-making session with North Yorkshire County Catering. The infants joined their peers in Swainby for "Super-Challenge Day" where they made models of superhero vehicles, completed obstacle courses and baked scrummy superhero snacks to eat on the day.

Please don't forget to visit our website where you can find up to date information on what school have been doing.

Parish Council

There has been a reported increase in thefts from both dwellings and vehicles with items including small tools and the police are to be asked to attend the December meeting to try to address concerns raised by this activity. Thefts have even included a tradesman's vehicle being taken from outside a property where work was taking place.

There have been several incidents of flooding, some caused by leaves blocking gulleys, but some due to water leaks and these are to be investigated by either Highways or Yorkshire Water as appropriate. Prompt reporting of these to the authorities will always help, particularly during the winter months when frosts could render footpaths or roads hazardous. A section of the village culvert was temporarily repaired a few years ago and a contract has been given to Winton Construction to open-up the affected section of the hidden culvert on North End green in order to line the channel with plastic pipe to ensure that tree roots do not cause any blockages in future years.

Recent planning applications which were supported, include a garage at Stonedykes, a side extension at Keystone and an agricultural building at Little Bridge Farm, Ellerbeck. The proposal to develop a wind turbine site between Winton and Kirby Sigston was heard recently by Hambleton District Council and due to major radar shadow concerns voiced by the MOD this was deferred until more facts are available to allow a decision to be made.



This month we bring seasonal cheer! Starring Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell:

'Gentlemen Prefer Blondes'

Friday 18th December

Lorelei and Dorothy are just "Two Little Girls from Little Rock", lounge singers on a transatlantic cruise, working their way to Paris, and enjoying the company of any eligible men they might meet along the way, even though "Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend."

A warm hearted social satire, with a dazzling (and funny) double act from Marilyn Monroe and Jane Russell

[1953] [US] Cert.12 91mins

Come along and enjoy a movie legend! And a great classic film...the Village Hall will be decked out for the occasion!

As usual, Doors Open 7.30pm; the Film starts 8pm.

Guests are welcome subject to seat availability. The Guest Fee is £5. (Guests must be 16+yrs of age)

www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk

And into the New Year you can look forward to:-

'Gosford Park'

Friday January 15th

Set in an English country house, Gosford Park, a weekend house party turns unpleasant when one of the guests is found stabbed to death. The police investigation exposes secrets and indiscretions amongst the hosts, guests and staff.

Excellent period piece with a starry cast of mainly British actors and which won the BAFTA for Best British Film.

(2001) Cert.15 137 mins

For full details of our film season and information about Osmotherley Film, see our website.

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Dates for your Diary

December

Wed 2nd - 7.30pm, Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo, Queen Catherine
Wed 2nd - 10.30 am, Church House, Advent Meeting
Sat 5th - 12pm, Village Hall. Royal British Legion Yuletide drinks and nibbles
Sun 6th - 6.30pm, Methodist Church Evening Service. Mrs Chris Lawson
Sun 6th - 1-5pm, Village Hall Christmas Extravaganza in aid of School
Wed 9th - 10.30am, Church House - Advent Meeting
Wed 9th - 7-9pm Talk by Jasvinder Sanghera, Golden Lion.
Sun 13th - 6.30pm, Methodist Church. Doris Bottoms worship leader
Mon 14th - 6pm, Village Hall - School Christmas Production
Tues 15th - 1.45pm, Village Hall - School Christmas Production
Wed 16th - 10.30am, Church House Advent Meeting
Thurs 17th - 2 pm St Peters Christingle Service
Sat 19th - 9.30am - 12.30pm, Supper Room - donations for Christmas Hampers
Sun 20th - 10.30am, Holy Communion St Peters Church
Sun 20th - 6.30pm, Methodist Church Carol Service. Rev Robert Gee
Mon 21st - 6.30pm, outside Village Hall - Carol Evening, Mulled wine & Grand Hamper Draw
Thurs 24th (**Christmas Eve**)- 3.30pm, Christmas Mass at Lady Chapel
Thurs 24th (**Christmas Eve**)- 6pm, Crib Service, St. Peters
Thurs 24th (**Christmas Eve**) - 12am (Midnight), Midnight Mass at Osmotherley Monastery
Thurs 24th (**Christmas Eve**) - 11.30pm, Midnight Mass at St Peters
Fri 25th (**Christmas Day**) - 10.30am, Mass at Osmotherley Monastery
Fri 25th (**Christmas Day**) - 4pm, Service led by visiting group, St Peters
Sat 26th (**Boxing Day**) - 11am, Mass at the Lady Chapel
Sat 26th (**Boxing Day**) - 3.30pm, Mass at the Lady Chapel
Sun 27th - No service at Methodist Church
Sun 27th - 10.30am, Mass at Osmotherley Monastery
Wed 30th Village Hall Christmas Family Bingo - Royal British Legion
Thursday 31st (**New Years Eve**) - Midnight Mass at the Lady Chapel

January

Fri 15th - 7.30 pm Osmotherley Film -'Gosford Park' Village Hall

Royal British Legion

Saturday 5th December will see the annual "Yuletide drinks and nibbles" hosted by James and Maureen Downey in the Village Hall. There will be a small auction and the Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band will be there to entertain you - all this for a small donation! Legion members and friends of the Legion are most welcome to attend.

Christmas Family Bingo will be held in the Village Hall on

Churches Together

Churches Together in Osmotherley are preparing for Christmas with three Advent Meetings which will combine a friendly opportunity to get together and a chance to share some thoughts on the meaning of Christmas. These meetings

Wednesday 30th December. This is very much a family event and children in particular are welcome (with special prizes laid on for them!). Come along for an afternoon of fun. Bring your own refreshments.

January. please note, there will be no Monthly Meeting and bingo in January. The next such event will be on Wednesday, 3rd February.

Poppy Appeal. The appeal has

seen a bumper year in the District. We have raised some £5,009 which includes £1,591 collected in Stokesley. This still means that the local villages of Osmotherley, Harlsey, Ingleby and Siltons produced over £3,400. We are grateful to all who contributed and especially to our volunteer collectors, many of whom are not even members of the Legion. Well done!

will be held in Church House in Osmotherley and will start at 10.30 am. The first will be held on Wednesday 2nd December and will be hosted by Mrs Doris Bottoms, the second will be on Wednesday 9th December hosted by Miss

Jackie Brown and the third on Wednesday 16th November hosted by Mrs Joyce Lythe. We look forward to seeing many of our friends on these occasions.