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Dates for your Diary-June

Sun 1st, 6.30pm, Evening Service led by Local Preacher Mr. Brian Oliver.*
Wed 4th, 7.30pm., British Legion Monthly Mtg, Bingo and Raffle, Queen Catherine*
Sun 8th, 6.30pm, Holy Communion led by Rev. Rachel Parkinson*
Tue 10th, 7.30pm, OWLS, Talk on Richmond Georgian Theatre, Supper room*
Sun 15th, 6.30pm, Evening service led by Circuit Superintendent Rev. Andy Bryer*
Sun 22nd, 6.30pm, Evening Service led by Local Preacher Dr. Dorothy Warren*
Tue 24th, 7.30pm, Photography Club Meeting, Queen Catherine*
Fri 27th, 7.30pm for 8pm, Osmotherleyfilm, with "The Lives of Others" Village Hall
Sat 28th from 7.30pm, Summer Disco, Osmotherley Village Hall
Sun 29th: 2.30 pm. Churches Together in Osmotherley, Ecumenical Pilgrimage starting from the market cross, village.centre* No evening Methodist service
*Everyone welcome

Don't forget Osmotherley Games July 5th all offers of help to Alan Woof

Please Note: Article for July issue must be with the editors by Monday 23rd June. There will be no Messenger in August so ensure you get what you need in the July issue
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Joyce Brass would like to thank all those who contributed towards the recent coffee morning for 'Christian Aid' £360 was raised!!!!



Royal British Legion

Strongest and most active village group in Yorkshire is the view of Howard Higgs, newly

appointed, acting President Royal British Legion Osmotherley Branch. Following an extremely full and active life, the former resident of the village is proud and delighted to accept the role and intends to do all he can for the group and RBL.

Born and raised on the Gower peninsular, on leaving school Howard joined a local Bank. At eighteen he registered for National Service, anticipating joining friends in the local County regiment. However, as frequently happened for no apparent reason in those days, Howard was dispatched north to the Lancashire Fusiliers. Following basic infantry training, he was re-mustered to the Education Corps and following appropriate training qualified as a

Sergeant Instructor. Embarking on a troop ship to Malaya he was then attached to the Royal Engineers and enjoyed his time instructing soldiers in map reading and jungle survival. On demobilisation Howard now knew he wanted to be a school teacher and after qualifying undertook many appointments, finishing at Yarm Grammar and made his home in Osmotherley. In addition to work, Howard was active in many spheres of youth development including The Duke of Edinburgh award. He was also effective within village life, being elected to the parish council and becoming Chairman.

In 2000 he joined the local branch of the Legion working closely with David Black the newly appointed Chairman. Very soon membership increased, attracting people who wished to promote the aims of the Legion and also enjoy the social aspects offered. Regrettably ill health forced a lengthy

absence and a move to Northallerton. Now Howard is delighted to be involved again.

Osmotherley Legion is an extremely active and thriving group raising much needed cash for the Legion and providing well supported functions each year. Last year's activities raised £3,000 and a further £3,000 for the Poppy appeal. Membership stands at 70 which for a population of 650 is pretty good. The group have well attended monthly bingo evenings with numbers constantly increasing, even including some who originally scorned the concept. Howard said: "We provide many attractions which people support and, importantly, help us raise cash for our troops in action in far off lands. Lads and lasses who deserve every bit of support we can give".

Further details: **David Black 01609 883193**

welcome your observations. Please make a note of where and when you saw it and if you happen to have a camera with you, take a picture.

Pass the information on to the Wildlife Group c/o Angela Thomsett at The Applegarth (883224)

Wildlife Group - Calling all Naturalists!

The Wildlife Group needs your help.

If anyone is interested in helping with the survey of the natural environment of Osmotherley and Thimbleby, we are collecting information in the following areas: Amphibians & Reptiles; Mammals; Invertebrates; Birds; Trees;

Fungi; Flora (incl. mosses & lichens); Fish & Freshwater life.

It may be in your own garden or on a walk outside the villages but if you spot a hen harrier or hear a nightjar, if you find a lady's slipper orchid (don't pick it!) or anything else of interest, we



Osmotherley Area Messenger

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Osmotherley Post Office Closure

People will by now have heard the sad news of the decision to close the Post Office. Anyone who has taken the trouble to read the conclusions of the Post Office in their report of the area review must be tempted to the conclusion "the review was a sham

exercise". However, the Support Group would like to thank everyone for their support for the campaign, we are just sorry that it was ultimately unsuccessful.

We'd also like to take this opportunity to thank Dave

Burgon and his staff for their tremendous service over the years. The comments given in the questionnaire show just how much everybody appreciates all that they do for the village.

Post Office Support Group

New Post Office Service in Village Hall

As you will by now know, the Post Office in the Top Shop is to close at the end of June. The Village Hall Committee deeply regret this, and are united in condemnation of the government and Post Office policies that have caused it. We see the closure as short-sighted and damaging to the village. We applaud the wonderful service that Dave and his team have given to the village over many years.

Early on in the PO review

deliberations, the committee were approached by the PO "Would we consider hosting a service if the Top Shop PO were to close?". Our reply was that we would, with reluctance, but only if and after any closure decision was taken.

Following announcement of closure, we have met with the Post Office and agreed in principle that they can operate a service from the Village Hall. This is planned

to start in early July opening: **Monday 9-12;**
Wednesday 1-4;
Friday 9-12;
The committee will act as landlord for the Post Office, and any PO enquiries should be directed to the new Subpostmaster Bob Chaytor, tel: 01609 773358. (Bob also runs the Romanby Post Office). However, do please contact any member of the committee if you have suggestions as to how the

Village Hall could improve facilities.

We share the anger of the village, but would encourage people to use the new service, as otherwise it will close and we will be left with nothing.

Even more important, please support Dave Burgon in his continuing business in the Top Shop, who now needs your business more than ever.

Future of The Top Shop

The Post Office is due to close on the first of July. I wish to thank all the people who fought to save it. I was overwhelmed by the amount of support and the kind comments. I would especially like to thank Mike Thomset for the wonderful presentation he gave at the public meeting and all the work he did in preparation for the appeal.

I intend to keep the shop open for as long as it is viable. I would urge you all

to use it or lose it. It has become obvious from the answers to the village plan questionnaires that a number of people do not know the wide range of goods available from the shop.

We are stockists for the following companies.

Yorkshire Dales Meat:- suppliers of all types of locally produced meat. Note we stock a range of their products and can order any other products you may require from them.

Danby Bakery:- producers of hand baked bakery products. These are delivered three times a week and are best ordered in advance.

Brymor Ice Creams:- We stock a range of their ice creams in 500ml and litre tubs. A full range of flavours and sizes are available to order.

Lowcote Farm Snilesworth:- suppliers of free range eggs. We can also order their quality Lamb.

J M S Fruit and Veg:- Successors to Eric Hoare. We can supply a wide range of fruit & veg to order in addition to our limited stock.

We also stock a full range of grocery products, frozen foods, pet foods, newspapers and magazines, in fact you will be amazed at our range of goods. Just ask. We also deliver if required.

Give us a try.

Dave Burgon, Top Shop

"Osmotherley, Branch Royal British Legion

will hold its monthly meeting in the Queen Cath on Wednesday, 4th June at 7:30pm. Followed by bingo and a raffle, open to all.

Last month's "snowball" was £95!!"

Carpet Bowls

Danny Manging has been exploring the possibility of running a Carpet Bowls club in the hall, and it looks to be on if there is sufficient interest from people.

Danny (883670, daniel.manging@btconnect.com) will be taking a group to see a local club in action in July. If you are interested please call Danny.

The Walking Shop has now changed hands. A big welcome to the new owners Ian and Fiona. See next months Messenger for more...

Tim Swales

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Osmotherley Area Parish Council

The Annual Assembly was held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th May and was opened by the Vice-Chairman Alan Turner who welcomed all and introduced the agenda. The Clerk gave a resume of the previous year's activities many of which were generated by the publication 18 months previously of the Parish Plan. This has enabled better access to funding streams including the Village Improvement Scheme and the Caretaker grant meaning that additional work has been possible to keep the area tidy as well as improving the Play area and parts of the Cemetery. Major funding has also been obtained from HDC whose funds have assisted in the purchase of a flail mower to carry out work in the harder to reach areas of the parish.

The water leak near the War Memorial took a long time to cure and was only achieved after a contractor was brought in to assist. The next leak near the Pound will pose a bigger problem and is outside the financial capability of the Parish Council and assistance will be needed from other agencies. The working groups all reported on their progress, Robert Thorniley-Walker indicated that the Village Design Group are working towards compatibility with the new criteria set down by the National Parks draft design. He also gave thanks to the impetus driven by the group's Chairman, Noel Coward and hoped that the document would be available later this year.

Maurice Drabble spoke on the activities of the Traffic Group who are seeking to make the streets and roads safer for all users including finding ways to solve the current problems at the exits from School Lane and the difficulties faced by users of Back Lane. Monitoring of Clack Lane has been carried out by the Police and they have found that current speeds meet with the safety criteria and hence they are not able to recommend any changes at present.

The Business group continues to meet regularly and works as a forum to identify and then seek solutions to problems, one item having been the way that business rates are applied to empty properties or businesses.

The majority of footpaths have been surveyed by the Natural Environment group and they are also drawing up a plan for a Wildlife group, all enquiries in this regard to Angie Thomsett.

Tim Swales thanked the Editorial team who have continued to produce an excellent Newsletter, advertisers are welcome to contribute. Among other amenities to be introduced will be a Community Mini bus and it is hoped to start a Youth Club, as well as a Neighbourhood Watch scheme. He introduced Amanda Madden, the Rural Housing Enabler whose brief is to identify housing and sites and who will assist with the deliberations needed to make these things happen.

There were two invited speakers for the evening, Janine Morley of the National Park and Edward Harland a freelance facilitator who both spoke on Climate Change and Transition and Sustainability of Communities. Edward first spoke about the tipping points, many already have been reached leading to a 0.7 degree change annually, in turn leading to an increase in extreme weather activity and a consequent migration of flora and fauna towards the poles.

Janine followed this with examples of practical and ingenious steps taken by some communities including initiatives to ban the use of plastic bags, carbon trading projects and hydro electric generation where small communities can become self sufficient with their energy needs. Many small towns and villages have set initiatives in motion by making a statement of risks and taking charge of the effects on society. Shared problems lead to a shared solution and she stated that only by taking charge of any risk could controls be felt by society.

The National Park Authority has a need to promote a sustainable community and have the expertise to assist where schemes are identified including the use of hydro or wind power, or biomass heating schemes. At present no scheme will be allowed to detract from any protected area of the landscape but as time evolves needs and perceptions will also change. This area has an abundance of natural resources and despite the fact that a major biomass plant has been already established on Teesside there is scope for other schemes of varying degree.

Refreshments were served and all enjoyed a constructive discussion of the points raised.

Michael Howdon would like to say a

BIG THANK YOU

To all those who sponsored him in the London Marathon. He raised the fantastic sum of £2034 for Stroke Association



The Osmotherley Film launch season continues in the village hall on Friday 27th June with "The Lives of Others." Winner of an Academy Award, European Film Award, and nominated for a Golden Globe, this critically acclaimed psychological and political

thriller gives a fascinating insight into the lengths the East European government went to in order to keep tabs on the lives of the population in the 1980's.

Doors open at 7:30pm with the film starting at 8pm. Free

admission to members, £4 for other guests, subject to availability.

Please note this film is subtitled. Any enquiries or to find out more about Osmotherley Film, ring **Laura or Dave on 883096.**

Osmotherley School

This term the children from both classes have been out and about looking at their local environment and finding out about their village. Perhaps you have seen them!

As a school we are planning an art project with Rural Arts North Yorkshire and we are hoping that members of our community will come along and take part. It is very much in the planning stage at the moment with an application for an Awards for All grant to help fund the project.

We are hoping to work in ceramics to create a multi-cultural mural for the wall in

the entrance hall of the school. The children were given a selection of different materials to work in and the consensus was for ceramic.

Some of the workshop sessions will be held during school time and some after school to allow as many people as possible to take part. So please – if you are interested – let us know. We do not have dates yet – but as soon as I do I will let you know.

We were very proud to be asked to represent the small schools cluster in the area

High 5 netball competition held this month. The team won their cluster tournament and now have to play against the winners of various other local tournaments. They will be up against some tough opposition as all the other teams are chosen from schools much larger than ours – but I am sure that they will do their best!!!

Please come along and support our leavers on Friday 18th July at 10.00am. They will be showing off their talents in St Peter's Church – along with all the other children. Everyone is welcome!



We did it!! We rode 140 miles

C2C Cycle Ride

over 3 days and will have raised approximately £2000 by the time all the sponsorship money is in. The money will be split equally between pre-school and the primary school. We would appreciate it if funds could be handed over as soon as possible. Lots and lots of thank

yous to people, far too many to mention individually, so a huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents, friends, relatives, residents and businesses in the village and the Northallerton area!

Gill Hunton & Julie Allison

Summer Disco

Did you know that this year Pre-School will be approx 30 years old? To celebrate we are holding a Summer Disco (Disco-Dinner-Bar) on Saturday 28th June from

7.30pm, in Osmotherley Village Hall. Tickets are **£12 per person** which includes a privately catered buffet. If you would like to purchase any tickets please contact **Sarah on**

883508 or 771743 or buy them from Pre-School. Due to catering needs we will need to finalise numbers by June 22nd so please buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment.

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Osmotherleyfilm

Congratulations to Osmotherleyfilm on getting the regular shows going – it looks like you have a hit success on your hands.