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Important: All dates, articles and adverts etc. required by **Friday 21st September** for October issue

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Dates for your Diary

September

Tuesday 4th 7.30 pm, Talk by Trevor Rogers 'Life & Plants in a Victorian Walled Garden', Osmotherley & District Garden Club, Village Hall

Wednesday 5th, 7.30pm, British Legion Meeting and Bingo, Queen Catherine - All Welcome.

Tuesday 11th 7.30 pm, Business Forum Meeting, Golden Lion Osmotherley

Saturday 22nd 10.00am– 4.30pm, Myers-Briggs Workshop, Village Hall

October

Tuesday 2nd 7.30 pm, Talk by Kelvin Vincent 'Using the Daisy Family to Extend Colour into Autumn', Osmotherley & District Garden Club, Village Hall

Wednesday 3rd, 7.30pm, British Legion Meeting and Bingo, Queen Catherine

November

Tuesday 6th 7.30 pm, Talk by Judy Dinwiddie 'A World of Plants in your Garden', Osmotherley & District Garden Club, Village Hall

Wednesday 7th, 7.30pm, British Legion Meeting and Bingo, Queen Catherine

I'm Not Crazy..... I'm Just Not You!

Do you recharge your batteries by being with people or being alone?

Are you happier to base your decisions on facts or intuition?

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Do you prefer to make plans or go with the flow?

Do you come straight out with your opinions, or do you prefer to think things through first?

If you would like to discover why you think and behave in certain ways, and why others respond to you in the way they do, come along to this workshop in the Village Hall. During the day, you will use the Myers-Briggs Type Indicator® (based on the work of Carl Jung) which is one of the most widely used personality indicators in the world. It is used in a

wide range of settings – education, industry, health services, careers advice, counselling and churches. It can help you to identify your major strengths – what makes you do some things better than others – and can help you make more of those aspects of your personality which may be lying dormant or undeveloped. It can also lead to a greater sense of self-worth and a richer and more realistic appreciation of other people – often a life-changing experience!

Osmotherley Village Hall, Saturday 22nd September 2007, 10.00am. - 4.30pm. £35

To book a place or for more information, contact: **Angela Griffiths, Tel: 01325 335338,**
e-mail: angelagriffiths5@aol.com

Village Cinema–volunteers needed

Is anyone interested in helping to set up a regular film showing in the village hall? There is an opportunity to obtain grant backing to establish a village

cinema in Osmotherley. However, I would need a group of volunteers to help organise the film nights. This would include choosing films,

advertising and running the events. If anyone would like to help in any way please contact **Laura on 883096**

Traffic and Parking

The Parish Council are organising a meeting with NYCC Highways to discuss various proposals for the village. These will include: the installation of

further safety bollards at the entrance to North End; an extension of the double yellow lines to Ruebury Lane and an application for an experimental clearway

on Back Lane. All the above proposals will come to a public consultation prior to any implementation.

Business Forum

A meeting will be held on Tuesday 11th September at the Golden Lion. All business principals/owners running any

type of business in the area are invited to attend, as are all other interested persons. For further information

contact **Michael Read on 01609 883525.**

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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Tim Swales Ltd.

Regrettably, due to petrol supply difficulties and ever increasing costs Tim Swales Ltd. will stop selling petrol, diesel and LPG when the

current supplies run out, which are estimated to be the end of August. All fuel accounts will close on 31st August 2007.

The workshops, M.O.T. testing, car sales, van hire, tyre sales, calor gas and coal, logs, sticks will continue as before.

Osmotherley & District Garden Club

Did you know that Osmotherley has a thriving garden club which is currently celebrating its Silver Jubilee? The club offers members the opportunities to:

- learn from speakers and visits to gardens and nurseries
- pick up local gardening tips from each other
- benefit from bulk purchasing at large discount rates
- enjoy social occasions such as the barbecue & winter party.

Two plant sales are held each summer; one at end of May and the other at Summer Games when the club organises the plant stall in aid of the Village Hall.

As part of the Silver Jubilee celebrations a link has been established with staff and pupils at Osmotherley School so that the children can catch the gardening bug through the thrill of planting and observing spring bulbs and summer flowers grow. The younger children were also looking forward to harvesting

and tasting their broad beans and early potatoes before the summer holidays.

Autumn meeting dates are: **Tuesday 4th September, Tuesday 2nd October and Tuesday 6th November.**

See 'Dates for your Diary' for meeting details. Also in November, members can order seeds at a very large discount on catalogue prices.

Pat Elton

Free Bicycle Health-check & Postcode

Worn out tyres? Brakes not working? Funny squeaking noise? Can't find the time (or be bothered) to cart the bike into town? Now is the time to get it checked over – for free! One evening in September (date to be confirmed), an expert from Cowley Cycles in Northallerton has agreed to be on hand to give your bike a free health check at the Village Hall. If it needs work

and can be done in a reasonably short time it will be done there and then. If not, a quote for repairs will be given and free transport will be arranged to take the bike to Northallerton and return it to Osmotherley, or your house if possible, within a few days (subject to numbers). Whilst you're there, North Yorkshire Police will be on hand with their postcode marking kit. In the

event of you having your bike stolen, postcode marking will make it much more likely that you'll get it traced back to you and returned.

Please keep an eye on the notice boards for the posters which will confirm the date and time. If you'd like to be emailed when it's confirmed, please send a message to dave@hdmorris.fsnet.co.uk or call **David Morris on 883162** for further info.

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Parish Council Meetings

July meeting

Consideration was given to an application to construct a block of either Offices or small Workshops at The Woodyard. Outline planning approval for this use had been given 4 years ago, the current plans indicate how the layout and how access off Clack Bank. Members were basically in agreement with the proposal but further time will be needed to consider how the application will fit into the site and what impact it may have on the infrastructure, particularly regarding drainage and traffic access.

Water continues to pour out of the leak near to the War Memorial and this needs careful assessment before any major works can be carried out. In the meantime Highways will again be asked to ensure that the roadway gulleys are kept free and that the run off does not flow all the way down the village as is happening at present. If the leak has been caused by tree roots it will probably be necessary to bring in a root boring machine to cut through the drain and clear the obstruction and even to reline the drain to try to prevent a similar occurrence.

The poor summer weather has meant that there has been fewer reports of illegal camping and of lighting of fires in the vicinity of the reservoir but a few persistent offenders continue to cause problems. Many have in fact been dispersed further afield to areas such as Hazel Heads or even further into the National Park, however the Police will continue to tackle this problem as well as attending to the current crop of burglaries and thefts. Some young people from the Village are causing a nuisance to residents and the Police will shortly be making visits to their parents to try to ensure that further anti-social behaviour is prevented.

The National Trust have recently submitted a planning application to revise the layout of the car parks at Sheepwash and if approved this work will commence later in the year. Their objective is to be able to better manage the area and to limit the environmental impact but this can only be achieved by all parties working together. Additional roadside signs have been put up along the Clearway from Cote Ghyll to Scarth Nick and these should help to keep the road clear, particularly to allow the Moorsbus and the Emergency Services to reach the car parks and to turn in safety.

The Caretaker, Keith Henderson, is busy keeping the Village Greens, the Churchyard and Play Area spick and span and will, time permitting be carrying out work on some of the verges in the other Villages in an effort to keep everywhere tidy. In a wet year like this his task has not been made particularly easy but all considered that his efforts are proving worthwhile. Some work is still needed in Thimbleby but Highways have delayed our efforts to achieve the desired effect although they have promised action in time for the 100th Osmotherley Show in August.

August meeting

Police had had to attend to an incident where an elderly lady was attacked and robbed but fortunately due to the prompt action of residents and the Police 4 arrests were made very shortly after the attack. Other recent incidents have involved youths camping near Sheepwash who had BB guns confiscated from them. Members were well pleased with the Police response to these incidents. Road safety was discussed and it was recommended that discussions are opened with Highways to try to ensure that vehicles do not continue to obstruct footpaths and that the no waiting areas within the Village are extended because there is a danger that the Emergency Services may not be able to gain access when needed. Preparatory work will soon start in Ellerbeck to install a 40mph scheme for that village which lies on one of the most dangerous routes in North Yorkshire.

The Pound situated near the top of North End has been listed as grade 2 by English Heritage and Members decided that they should seek ways of ensuring that it is preserved and maintained for the benefit of all to see. Further improvements to the village cobbles were called for and a specification will be drawn up to return some of these blocks to their former state, but it was stressed that work of this nature is expensive and must be prioritised in order that all get value for money. The Village Caretaker has been well received and Members reported that he has already made a difference to many areas which previously went unattended. Residents of Thimbleby wished that the same could be said for some Highways work carried out there where a verge has been reseeded.

Plans to construct 12 small business or office units at the Woodyard were considered and assuming the developers are able to landscape the area and install effective drainage and security this will be welcomed because the need to encourage business development had been a recommendation in the Parish Plan. The Environmental Assessment produced by the developers considers these points and it is hoped that the project will be able to go ahead. Another planning application sees the demise of a business near the village centre where it is proposed that a garage is demolished and replaced by two dwellings at West End. Members considered that this could be supported provided that all materials for the new build matched the surrounding conservation area and that there was no continuation of any commercial activity after completion.

Other plans included the subdivision of a dwelling on North End which has already been extended and an extension to a farm house at Sowerby under Cotcliffe, these were all supported by Members as was the change of use of outbuildings at a Kirby Sigston dwelling to permit the owner to develop his mail order wine business.

Summer Games Report/Village Hall

Once again, Alan Woof and his merry band of helpers have given us another 'stonking' Summer Games; some would say, one of the best Games ever. Some new entertainments as well as the old favorites, helped along by the excitement of the Phoenix Race, excellently organised as usual by Gerry Orchard (and with a record breaking entry this year). So many thanks to Alan and Gerry and their many helpers.

Summer Games gives a load of fun for the village, a good day out for visitors, and (got to have the jargon) a real community bonding event. However, it also serves another vital function, in that the proceeds provide funds for the Village Hall.

Even with all the volunteer effort, last year the Village Hall cost £3,834 to keep ticking over, paying for things like

electricity (£1,190), water, insurance (£1,065), cleaning, etc. Income was £4,266. This left £431 to pay for repairs and maintenance, which average about £1,800 a year – so you can say we earned about £1,400 less than we needed to break even*. And that's without thinking about improving the hall (we are about to increase the insulation, for which we have got some grant aid). Costs rise each year, and in particular we expect a big rise in electricity shortly. To offset this a little the Committee will be making a small increase in hire charges shortly, the first for 3 years. We intend to remain a "relatively cheap village hall" to encourage business.

So you can see that Summer Games income is terribly important to the Village Hall, as without it we would have great difficulty surviving. We are fortunate

that previous years have allowed us to generate some capital reserves to act as a backstop against major bills, and/or a bad year's income. This year's Games seems likely to have raised a massive £3,500, and we are investigating the possibility of using the money to create a loft above the stage. This will create much-needed storage, and significantly improve the insulation and hence comfort of the building.

So thanks again to Alan, Gerry and all who helped. But thanks also to all who attended and spent money – rest assured it has gone to a good cause!

Hugh Thompson, Chair, Village Hall Committee.

(*detailed accounts are available from the Treasurer, Colin Elton, 883267).

Voluntary Prescription Delivery Scheme

A group of volunteers has been working for the last year or so to deliver prescriptions to the village for those who are entitled to free medicine. This scheme helps those villagers who might otherwise find it difficult to collect their prescriptions from the surgery

in Northallerton.

Each Thursday a volunteer collects the prescriptions from Mowbray House Surgery in Malpas Road and delivers them to the Top Shop from whence they are collected by patients.

This very worthwhile scheme is in danger of discontinuing due to lack of volunteers. Would you be willing to help? If so please contact **David Black** at 18 Back Lane or telephone **883193** and help a dwindling band of volunteers to keep this scheme alive.

Osmotherley Show Report

The 100th show went ahead despite the first visitors being the police, who came to check that we did not accept any livestock because of the foot and mouth cases in the south. It meant we had to cancel all sheep and cattle classes, which had record entries this year. The sheep dog trials, the

gundog scurry and the sheep shearing demonstration also had to be cancelled.

The rest of the show was a huge success with gate takings well up on the previous years. The two new classes for driving horses and the fell race went ahead as planned,

although the fell race had to be altered to avoid sheep meadows. The dance in the evening was supported better than ever before, with excellent food and dancing continuing well into the night. More about the show and pictures next month.

British Legion
Bingo and raffle
Wednesday 5th
September 7.30 pm
All Welcome

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