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Important:

To avoid disappointment All dates, articles and adverts are required by **Monday 22nd October** for November issue. This is necessary to allow sufficient time for printing and distribution.

Dates for your Diary

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, Royal British Legion, monthly meeting followed by Bingo and Raffle, Queen Catherine Hotel. All welcome.
Monday 8th, 7.30pm, Life and Livelihoods in Osmotherley In Times Past, Jennifer Allison, Village Hall, £3 with refreshments.
Sunday 21st, afternoon, Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band and Swale Valley Stompers Concert for Trafalgar Day, St. Peter's Church (see noticeboards for time).
Tuesday 23rd, 7pm, Village Hall AGM, Supper Room, Village Hall. All Invited.
Friday 26th, 11am, Bags To School, Osmotherley School (see page 3).

November

Friday 2nd, 7.30pm, Auction of Promises, Village Hall, £1.50, (viewing 6.30 pm)
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
Sunday 11th, Remembrance Sunday.

December

Saturday 1st, Winter Sparkle Dance, tickets £18.

**Village Hall Annual General Meeting
 7.00pm Tuesday 23 October 07**

This will be held in the Village Hall Supper Room. All are invited to attend – hear what's been going on, tell us what you want of your village hall. Additionally, anyone interested in joining the Committee should contact Hugh Thompson (Chair, 5 Grant Close, telephone: 883479) or any Committee Member – you'll be made very welcome. Affiliated organisations are particularly requested to send a representative.

If you are intending to raise any matter during the "Any other business" item, please register this to the Chair in advance of the meeting. The meeting is expected to last about 30 minutes.

A True Community Spirit– Ann Cation

Although born in Stockton, Ann arrived in Osmotherley at just a few months old and had lived in the same cottage opposite the toilets until her recent death

For over 40 years Ann tended the village loos and will always be remembered for being the world's most famous loo lady, a title she was very proud of and which earned her numerous TV and newspaper interviews, both local and national, even an interview with Angela Ripon didn't sway her. Ann also had a commitment

to keep the village free of litter, which she undertook with her dog Rex and a cheerful smile regardless of the weather.

Ann's community spirit earned her an invitation from the Queen to a tea party at Buckingham Palace and she was awarded many certificates from Hambleton District Council for the 'Loo Of The Year.'

Osmotherley attracts visitors from all over the world and it is a known fact some of them visited just to see the loos, a testimony to this were the

hundreds of messages posted on the board inside. It had also been witnessed on many occasions men nipping into the ladies and vice versa to see if they were adorned in the same way!

The Parish Council is now looking for someone to take over the job of caring for the toilets. This will include opening on a morning and locking at night plus keeping them clean. There is a salary with the position and anyone interested should contact Tim Swales on 883236.



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**Osmotherley Pre-School
 'A charity run by parents for their children'**

Many thanks for all the donations and support given this summer. Despite the rain the BBQ still went ahead and combined with church teas we raised over £1000.

This much needed fundraising enables Osmotherley Pre-School to continue. We still need funding for the rest of the school year, so why not join us at one of our fundraising events.

Winter Sparkle Dance

The Pre-School, Winter Sparkle Dance takes place on Saturday 1st December. Tickets cost £18 and include a drinks and canapé reception, 3 course dinner by a private catering firm, a live band and party till late.

Tickets will be on sale for this very popular event, from mid-October. For

further details contact Sarah Fitzgerald 01609 883508.

Auction of Promises

This event will be held in Osmotherley Village Hall on Friday November 2nd. Osmotherley Pre-School and Friends of School have organised an auction to raise funds for both.

The evening will start at 6.30pm for initial viewing followed by the auction at 7.30pm. We already have over 80 lots and hope to have about 120. Tickets are limited to 100 and cost £1.50 each. The catalogues will be available from October, costing 50p. These include a proxy bidding form for those who cannot attend the event and are available from Tracey on 883572 or the school office.

We have an array of prizes ranging from 2 tickets to the English National Ballet at the London Coliseum winter season; 2 rounds of golf at Whitekirk Golf and Country Club, North Berwick; paintballing; jewellery; meals at local pubs and restaurants; massages and pampering; guttering clearing; Headteacher for a day and much much more.

Please come along and support our event and buy your Christmas presents without leaving the village.

Pre-School Enrolment

We are now taking children from 2 years old on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday mornings.

For further details contact Gill Hunton: 01609 883138

History Evening

'Life & Livelihoods in Osmotherley in Times Past' - A talk by Jennifer Allison on Monday 8th October, 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Osmotherley is famous as a tourist honeypot being one of the most attractive and desirable villages in North Yorkshire.

Look beyond the benefits and problems created by the influx of visitors at the many

interesting features which pose questions about the village in earlier times: Why did people settle here? How did they make a good living? Why is there so little village green? Why have there been so many different places of worship? Why is there no manor house? Why have there been so many pubs?

Was Osmotherley always busy and 'in touch' or was it cut off and remote from other settlements? Local historian Jennifer Allison, making a welcome return visit to Osmotherley, will help us to appreciate what influenced the structure of the village.

Entrance £3.00 at the door. Refreshments will be available. Organised by the Village Hall Committee

A Big Thank You

Thanks to those 6 people who responded to last months request for help with the village prescription delivery scheme. This will allow the scheme to continue.

And Again

Thanks to those 7 people who volunteered to help run and support the proposed village cinema. A start-up meeting is planned soon.

Free Gift

Along with this months messenger you should receive your free Parish Councillor contact leaflet, detailing who your councillors are and how they can be contacted.

Want to place an ad in the Messenger? Then please contact one of the editorial team with the details

Street Child Africa Garden Party

A BIG THANK YOU!! The local committee of Street Child Africa would like to thank all those who gave so generously towards the Osmotherley garden party in August – there was a terrific local response.

Despite the appalling weather, all managed to stay dry and the party made a profit of just under £1,000. Jane and Robert Thorniley-Walker received a letter from the Street Child Africa thanking all those who gave donations and attended

on the day. The charity stressed that ‘such commitments of support are vital to our success, as the numbers of street children in African cities and towns continue to grow at an alarming rate’.

Resounding Success of Bike Clinic

There was a very good turnout at the bike clinic held on Monday 17th September in the Village Hall. While two hours seemed to be a bit too short a time to fit it all in, everybody got what they came for and there was a good atmosphere – everyone seemed to have fun.



Photograph courtesy of Hambleton District Council

Angie Preston PCSO from North Yorkshire Police did a sterling job with her electric engraver (despite making the place sound like a dentist’s surgery!), and working non-stop marked a total of 17 bikes. The property marking kit was Supplied by the Hambleton Community Safety Partnership and is kept by the Police for marking a wide range of items - anyone wanting to have bikes or property marked should contact the Local Neighbourhood Policing Team on 0845 6060247 or email

HambletonNPT@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk. Having your bicycle postcode marked, with a sticker to show the fact, will deter thieves and make it much more likely that it will be returned to you if it is stolen, an increasing problem in the area of late.

Steve Cowley from Cowley Cycles, Northallerton, also worked non-stop on a range of bikes, from tandems through to state-of-the-art stunt bikes with everything in between. He took away 14 bikes and returned them by the end of the week with a clean bill of health and some peace of mind for their owners on the safety of their mounts. Only two bikes were beyond economical repair (the author’s included) but a number of new tyres, brake blocks and gear wires will now be lapping up the miles.

Many thanks for their help in organising, publicising and running the event go to: Cowley Cycles; North Yorkshire Police; Hambleton Community Safety Partnership; and of course everyone who came along. Also: Robert Thorniley-Walker for his help with clearing up the hall and with temporary storage; and Chris Stamp, for the loan of a trailer to help get the bikes to Northallerton.

Further events are planned for Spring 2008 and maybe more if such a high demand continues. Watch this space.....

David Morris

Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band

The Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band celebrated its 30th anniversary this year.

The band will be joining the Swale Valley Stompers and the church organ for a Trafalgar Day concert in St Peter’s Church on 21st October further information telephone 01609 882216.

The band performs at many functions in and around the village, throughout the year. This summer we have also played at the Police Open Day at Newby Wiske, and twice on Saltburn bandstand.

Rehearsals take place every Wednesday (7:30 – 9:30pm) behind Tim Wood’s garage on

North End. New players of all abilities are always welcome.

For further details please contact Geoff Ayling 01609 74818 or Paul Marriott 01609 883789.

Osmotherley School

We are all back in school now and are looking forward to the finishing touches being made to the new parts of the building to allow us to occupy them fully. The playground which is now around the back of the building is a real bonus and a lot bigger than we all thought it might be. The children have been involved in deciding which markings they would like on the playground and I have been promised that these markings will be going down at half-term.

We would like to invite the village to our official opening which we are planning to

hold as soon as the weather warms up after Christmas. The children will be involved in the planning of that too nearer the time. I do hope that everyone will come along and support us. I will let you know as soon as we have a date.

This term the younger children are doing a topic called “Ourselves” which includes thinking about healthy eating and how babies develop. The older children are learning about the Second World War and what life was like for people living here during the war. The children would really

love it if there is anyone locally who would be willing to come into school and talk to us about their experiences so please either give school a ring (883329) or pop down and introduce yourself if you feel you could help.

If anyone has any unwanted clothes then please bring them down to school on Friday 26th October at 11am to support our Bag2School appeal. It’s one way of recycling unwanted fabric!

The children are currently practising for Harvest in the Barn and look forward to seeing you there.

Royal British Legion

The local Branch will hold its Monthly Meeting in the Queen Catherine Hotel at 7:30pm on Wednesday, October 3rd. This

will be followed by bingo and a raffle and all villagers and visitors are welcome to attend.

Next month will see the annual poppy appeal and Remembrance Sunday on the 11th.

Email the Editors

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