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Important:

To avoid disappointment All dates, articles and adverts are required by **Friday 23rd November** for December issue. Please include **dates** for January, as there is no January issue.

This is necessary to allow sufficient time for printing and distribution.

History Evening

The Village Hall Committee invited Jennifer Allison to give a talk about the history of Osmotherley on Monday 8th October. It was very well attended and much enjoyed. The following summary of the talk was kindly supplied by Pat Duggan.

She began by explaining the village was on an important historic trade route. The Drover's Road along the Hambleton Hills is Iron Age and shows long stretches of the later Roman building work. The main north to south street on lower ground is still traceable from East Harlsey Castle to Borrowby, parallel to the A19. We heard how there was still evidence in the churchyard of Anglo Saxon occupation. There were signs of early Christianity, a Saxon cross, a Danish hogsback.

Latterly Osmotherley fared very badly under the Danes who would not support William the Conqueror and were fearsomely put down in 1070, "the harrying of the north". However the Normans took over and the Domesday Book records it as a fine area belonging to the king directly and not given over to one of his vassals. Records suggest the village had wattle and daub houses and used a common oven until the use of stone began – only to be destroyed by marauding forces of Scots. Records

Dates for your Diary

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
Tuesday 6th, Business Forum Golden Lion
Wednesday 7th, 7.30pm, British Legion Meeting and Bingo, Queen Catherine
Sunday 11th, Remembrance Sunday.
Monday 12th, 7.30pm, Natural Environment Working Group Meeting—Church House
Thursday 15th, Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting.
Tuesday 27th, Northallerton Villages Forum AGM, Village Hall

December

Saturday 1st, Winter Sparkle Dance, Village Hall, tickets £18.
Thursday 13th, Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting.
Monday 17th, 1.30 pm Osmotherley School Christmas Performance, Village Hall
Monday 17th, 6.30pm Carols round the Christmas Tree
Tuesday 18th, 6pm, Osmotherley School Christmas Performance, Village Hall

also exist to describe how crops failed and cattle died throughout the years 1310 to 1320 because of too much rain. It was worse by 1349 when the black death took away two thirds of the community. Monks were living at Lady Chapel and the Carthutian Order built Mt. Grace. The Catholic Strangeways family had Harlsey Castle so Osmotherley residents fought on their side in the Wars of the Roses. Catherine of Aragon enlarged the Lady Chapel, before her divorce - there was a lot of resentment towards Henry VIII latterly. Osmotherley residents went with the younger Strangeways on the "Pilgrimage of Grace", but it ended in chaos and tears and Strangeways somehow became an Anglican, was given Mount Grace, and most of the village was converted with him. He had managed to give away Lady Chapel to another family member so that has remained as Roman Catholic. The Civil War resulted locally in a faction of Quakers who would not pay tithes to the Anglican Church but by 1689 the pressure lessened and under William and Mary the Meeting House was licensed in Tyneman's Garth. Franciscans Friars were quietly living in the Old Hall in North End until one, a F. Peter Adams, married his housekeeper and caused a stir with his superiors. Surprisingly he continued to

live there but was increasingly interested in the teachings of John Wesley whom he duly invited here to preach on many occasions. The Anglican Vicar got reprimanded for allowing John Wesley to preach in St Peter's and ultimately the Methodist Chapel was constructed.

Mrs Allison explained that wool was the most useful product exported from the village until 1600. After that salted butter, cheese and cattle are recorded as being sent to London, and some even across The Channel. On the return journey the traders brought back raw continental flax, for a cottage industry in linen spinning and weaving here. This craft blossomed when water power made it possible to produce cloth faster and the village became prosperous, workers walking here in 1851 from as far afield as Barnsley. Two church schools and one non-conformist, Board school, were set up recording 60 children at one, with 30 more on the waiting list and in time a complaint went to Parliament that 72 children were receiving no schooling.

After her talk Mrs Allison answered questions and said how much she enjoyed coming to Osmotherley. She is at present tutoring Adult Education classes on Local History and can be contacted via the Northallerton College.

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Remembrancetide

Remembrancetide is the name now given to the period of remembrance for fallen service men and women who gave their lives in the two World Wars and subsequent conflicts. Contrary to popular perception, Remembrance Sunday and the Poppy Appeal are not just about World Wars I and II, we remember and support all ex-Service personnel. The local Branch of the Royal British Legion will be holding a number of events during this period and we would like to draw villagers attention to these.

First there is the Poppy Appeal which is of course a national one. Last year the district (Osmotherley, Harlseys, Inglebys, and Siltons) raised £3,013 and we hope to match that figure this year. Please give generously and support our local collectors who will be coming round from Saturday 27th October onwards. We really do need to support our ex-Service community, especially when we see on an almost daily basis the plight of British dead and wounded from Afghanistan and Iraq. Sadly the much vaunted "Covenant" between the Nation and the Armed forces is more evident in its breach than observance and helping the

grieving and wounded all too often falls on charities such as the Legion.

The Poppy Appeal is our main source of income which enables us to carry out our welfare work. We should be clear; if our servicemen are required to risk their lives for their country we should support them and this does not mean we are supporting the Government or the war.

Our Poppy Appeal Collectors will be selling small wooden crosses alongside the usual Poppies. If you wish to remember a relative or friend who served in the Armed Forces and died in that service or subsequently, you may wish to buy one of these crosses and place it in The Field of Remembrance which will be located by the War Memorial. This Field will be dedicated at a short service to be held at 11:45am on Sunday, 4th November and all are warmly invited to attend.

The Legion will hold its usual monthly meeting followed by bingo and a raffle on Remembrance Sunday this year falls on the 11th November, the "real" date for the event (formerly known as "Armistice Day") because it was at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the



11th month that the guns fell silent and that most bloody of conflicts, World War I came to an end. There will be the usual Parade and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial at 11am. We hope to receive the same outstanding support we had last year from villagers and we are grateful to the Silver Jubilee Band for agreeing to play for us. This will be followed by a Service of Remembrance in St Peter's after which members and their families will repair to the Golden Lion for lunch.

During the Parade there will be a temporary road closure around the village centre with alternative routes via School Lane and Back Lane. Could we also ask that those villagers who normally park their cars close to the War Memorial to remove them just for the 30 minutes or so of the Parade (10:45am to 11.15am).

Osmotherley Area Parish Council– notes

The September meeting heard that recent antisocial behaviour in the vicinity of Cod Beck reservoir has resulted in Police confiscating alcohol from groups of persons and on one occasion a group was handed over directly to Cleveland Police custody. In addition to the antisocial behaviour in excess of 130 fixed penalty tickets have been issued this year to motorists who have continued to flout the Clearway restrictions on the road to Sheepwash.

Currently the Cemetery is being given a facelift by rebuilding the front walls which will give an improved access and later the other three walls will be repointed or rebuilt depending on their condition. Other issues such as pruning the shrubbery and the possible removal of a path are to be discussed with the District Council. The water leak near the War Memorial continues and Yorkshire Water have investigated and repaired valves and pipe work. The matter is now in the hands of Highways.

Planning matters included reconsidering the application to build two dwellings on the site of Ryde's Garage on West End. Much of the concern centred on access and the need to protect the neighbouring lane to the Friends Meeting House and the planners were also asked to ensure that the recommendations from the Parish Plan that any new build has provision for at least 2 parking spaces per dwelling was considered. An application to extend an equestrian facility at Middle Farm Thimbleby was considered with the main criticism being the need to consider the parking needs of the potential users of such a business.

Some hedges in the area are becoming very overgrown and are posing a hazard to all road users, pedestrians and horse riders as well as vehicles. The hedge from Bog Hole towards Foxton Mill is one example where action is needed and the owner there is to be asked to attend to it without delay.

October Meeting

Many items currently under consideration by the Osmotherley Area Parish Council result from the recommendations of the Parish Plan which was published late last year. The appointment of a Caretaker has proved to be very successful and everyone agrees that he is doing a very good job. Future tasks will include repairs to signs and notice boards and as winter arrives there will be the need to spread salt where Highways come up short. The Parish Council is also most pleased with the production of the Newsletter and the way that it can help to influence and inform residents and businesses of the needs and activities in the whole area covered by the Council.

The Traffic group is busy looking at additional ways to protect village features including the cobbles as well as endeavouring to put pressure on those who persistently park vehicles on footpaths and other similar areas which should be for the sole use of pedestrians. It is to be hoped that the Police will be more proactive in discouraging those who are persistent offenders. The Business Forum which was set up following the Parish Plan is becoming more active and will hold their next meeting at the Golden Lion on the 6th November. Another meeting that has been booked is the Northallerton Villages Forum AGM which takes place in the Village Hall on the 27th November and will consider funding opportunities among other items.

The National Park are now in the later stages of producing their Local Development Strategy and the village is now giving much thought to producing a Design Statement which will become an important part of the planning process. The recent Government White paper proposes many changes to planning law and without a dedicated design statement many of the unique local features could lose some of the current protection afforded to them.

Further areas undergoing improvement include the Cemetery which is currently managed by the District Council who wish to hand it over to the Parish, however the whole fabric of the site needs some repair and additional space must be found to allow its continued use. The Pound on North End is now a listed heritage site and a suitably qualified contractor needs to be found who can carry out the required repointing of its walls. Despite work being done to trace the water leak near the War Memorial no real progress has been made and Highways will shortly try to replace the damaged gully near the bus shelter which may help to identify the source of the problem. After nearly 20 years of lobbying Ellerbeck will have its 40mph speed restriction from the 22nd of October.

Planning matters included a proposal by the Catholic Church to convert some land at the rear to a car park, this was welcomed because if approved should help to reduce congestion on North End at the time that services are taking place. The National Trust have submitted a plan to extend the large parking area at Sheepwash and to close the small one near to the footbridge, whilst this closure is not welcomed the ability to control activities at the main site should assist the Police when dealing with the all too frequent antisocial activities which are unwelcome at the best of times.

The District Council will soon introduce kerbside recycling to give residents increased opportunities, they have also indicated that during Christmas week there will not be any bin collections and revised dates have been published which show that the next collection after the holiday period will be 2 days later than the normal day.

Osmotherley School

The children have had a hectic and rewarding first half to the autumn and are now beginning to prepare for their Christmas performances. This year there will be two performances - the junior children are performing 'The Snow Queen' and the infants

are performing 'The Bossy King'.

The performances take place in the Village Hall on Monday 17th December at 1.30pm and Tuesday 18th at 6pm. Please come along and support us. There will be a retiring

collection for a local charity and refreshments will be served by the 'Friends of School' Tickets will be on sale in December and can be obtained from the school

Osmotherley Village Theatre

Wouldn't it be good to have live theatre back in the village again? In the responses to the Parish Plan questionnaire, many of you said that you would like to see the return of the Village Theatre. Well, now is your chance to help make that happen.

For it to work we need a good pool of talent and a willingness to commit to two rehearsals a week for the 8 - 10 weeks before a play.

It would be great to welcome both past members and newcomers to the village. Go on - give it a try - you might

surprise yourself and you will certainly be helping to get performances up and running again as well as having a lot of fun along the way.

Please would all those interested get in touch with Angela Thomsett before 25th November on 883224.

Natural Environment and Parish Plan

The Parish Council is now leading a working group to carry out actions identified in the Parish Plan linked to the natural environment. Anyone interested in becoming

involved with this will be most welcome. There are many tasks to do, in particular a footpath survey and wildlife audit need to be carried out. An open meeting is to be

held on Monday 12 November 2007 in the Church House at 7.30pm. Please come along. For further information please contact Alan Turner on 882310.

Osmotherley Show

After the success of the show this year, even without sheep, cattle and working dogs there are a number of photographs available from John Dodds.

www.highview-photography.co.uk

The picture shown is an example of his work.



Winter Sparkle Dance– Tickets

Saturday December 1st, 7.30pm until midnight. Tickets cost £18 and include a cocktail and canapé reception on

arrival, 3 course dinner, a live band and dancing! For tickets please call Sarah on 883508 or Tracey on 883572 or call into

pre school. All profits will go to support your local charity run pre school. Everyone welcome!

Prescription Delivery Scheme

Thanks to the "Messenger" for advertising our request for volunteers to help with this scheme, we have recruited 10 new helpers which not only means that we can continue this service but also the duty will only come round to each volunteer once every 3 months. Thank you all.

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