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**Please Note:**

There will be no January issue. Articles for February to the editors by January 25th.

## Dates for your Diary

### December

**Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th**, Two shows, 11am and 1pm, A Medieval Christmas Show, Adults £5, tickets only, bookings essential, Mount Grace Priory.

**Thursday 13th**, Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting.

**Monday 17th**, 6.30pm, Carols Around the Tree, Village Hall.

**Friday 21st**, 8pm, Carols Around the Pubs, Meet Queen Catherine.

**Monday 24th**, 6pm, Carols by Candlelight, St. Peters.

### January 2008

**Thursday 17th**, Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting.

For Church dates see page 2

## Kerbside Recycling Scheme

The following information has been reproduced from the Hambeton website and information leaflet, just in case you accidentally threw yours out.

Your recycling box and bag, along with a collection calendar, where practicable, should have been delivered in October/November. Collections to the majority of the district started week beginning 19th November. Half the district will be collected on green bin weeks and the other half on black bin weeks. We will try to keep collections on the same day as your wheeled bin days.

**Please note** - Only those households that receive a calendar with the box and

bag delivery will receive the service week commencing 19 November. The minority who do not receive a calendar will be included in the service at a later stage. Also due to restricted access, residents in Back Lane and Grant Close who originally were expected to be included cannot as yet be offered the service. The kerbside scheme will replace the existing blue bag scheme run by Yorwaste - please follow the new collection calendar you will receive with your box and bag.

Your box and bag need to be placed at the edge of your property (the curtilage) or at your designated collection point e.g. village centre from 7.30am. Your

blue bag and box will be replaced when worn or damaged. Alternative recycling facilities will remain to be available at Tim Swales garage.

- Please rinse containers and bottles and remove tops. Labels can be left on.
- Any contaminated boxes and bags will be left with a label saying why the recyclables are contaminated.
- If you live in a flat, alternative arrangements may be made. Individual circumstances will be looked at.
- Please try to keep your materials separate in the box so we can recycle safely and quickly. Please do not include any plastic bags.

Blue Box		Blue Bag	
<b>Yes Please:</b> Glass bottles and jars Plastic bottles only Food and drinks cans Tins and aerosols Pet food cans/tins Biscuit tins	<b>No Thanks:</b> Broken glass, Pyrex Window and mirror glass Glass milk bottles Light bulbs, Drinking glasses Foil and paint cans Trays of any sort Yoghurt pots or tubs	<b>Yes Please:</b> Newspapers and magazines Paper and brochures Leaflets and junk mail Office paper Catalogues, Junk mail Non-window envelopes Shredded paper, Wrapping paper	<b>No Thanks:</b> Cardboard, Yellow Pages Telephone Directories Birthday Cards Plastic wrappers Paper-based drinks cartons Window envelopes Cardboard of any type

## For The Attention Of All Dog Owners

Sadly the incidents of dog fouling in our lovely village are once more on the increase.

Areas particularly affected are the Chapel Ginnell and the Cleveland Way Public Footpath from Back Lane running adjacent to The Garth and West End from the Old Police House down to No 38.

While it is appreciated that most dog owners are responsible and pick up after their pets, a small minority are being very selfish and leaving it to others to clean up. Surely no one relishes the thought of dog mess on the bottom of their shoes, their children's shoes, pushchair wheels and subsequently their carpets.

May we remind dog owners that it is an offence to allow their dogs to foul the footpaths etc and failure to comply can incur a penalty of £1000.

The owners who do not pick up after their dogs know who they are – for the well being of the whole village please pick up after your dogs from now on.



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# Osmotherley Area Messenger

## Carols around the Christmas Tree

The Village Hall Christmas carols around the tree will this year take place on Monday 17th December, and once again we are grateful to the Osmotherley Silver Band for providing the musical accompaniment. We will start outside at 6.30pm, and then move inside for mulled wine,

mince pies, and the 'Bumper Hamper Draw'.

As usual we'd welcome any donations for the hampers (foodstuffs, drink, nibbles, chocolates etc) and these should be brought please to the Village Hall on the previous Saturday morning (15 December) between 10am and 12.30pm. We will

be dropping a reminder through your doors nearer the time, and selling tickets for the Draw.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible on what is always a fun (and free) evening!

*Village Hall Committee*

## Wassailers Welcome

Oh come all ye on the 21<sup>st</sup> December for the 25<sup>th</sup> annual carol singing circuit of the Osmotherley pubs and restaurants. Please assemble at the Queen Catherine at 8pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec for a warm-up, for the cultural high spot of the year, and good fun at the same time.

On a more serious note many will remember that the funds raised for the 'over 60's' have gone in the past to a Christmas Party, and then an annual day out. However, as the cost of the day trip had become prohibitively expensive the fund is now held by all three local church leaders, to

directly help all those who qualify, when they see fit. So please come carol singing or book a meal at one of the village pubs, The Haynes Arms or the Tontine. Bring your friends for a sing-along, or let us serenade you.

**A Merry Christmas to all from**

*The Osmotherley over 60's*

## Osmotherley School

Christmas is coming and everyone is busy preparing for the Christmas Production and the Christingle Service. 'The Snow Queen' will be performed by the juniors whilst the infants are giving us a rendition of the nativity called 'A Wiggly Nativity'. The performances are on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 1.30pm and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm, in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome to come along.

The Christingle Service (in support of the Children's Society) will be held in St Peter's Church at 1.30pm on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December. The service is a collection of readings and carols and ends with the children singing Away in a Manger by candlelight – a perfect way to start our celebration of Christmas.

We are hoping that as many people as possible will come

and join us for this very special service.

The school art club have produced very attractive Christmas cards, designed from original drawings by the children. The proceeds will go towards further art club projects, so drop in or ring to place orders while stocks last.

The school is now confederated with our neighbouring school of

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## Table Tennis

Every Wed  
8pm

Adults -£1

Child 50p

9—90yr olds

All welcome

## Burns Night Dance

Village Hall

Bar & Disco.

Date to be  
confirmed

(end of January)

please check the  
notice boards for  
further info.

## Village Cinema

Coming soon to a  
Village Hall near  
you.....work is  
underway to have a  
regular film night  
in the Village  
Hall. Look out  
for more details  
early in 2008..

## Royal British Legion Collection

Together £3,228  
Osmotherley  
£1,610

Thank you to all  
for your support

## Church News

### The Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Grace, Christmas Mass times:

**Christmas Eve:** 3.30pm  
Christmas Vigil Mass at the  
Lady Chapel, Midnight Mass  
in Osmotherley

**Christmas Day:** 10.30am  
Mass in Osmotherley

**Boxing Day:** 11am Mass at  
the Lady Chapel

**New Years Eve:** Mass at  
Midnight, followed by  
Champagne, at the Lady  
Chapel.

**Other events:** Friday 14th  
December - farewell Mass for  
Bishop John Crowley in the  
Cathedral, Middlesbrough. All  
welcome to attend.

Also, could parents of Catholic  
children who have not made  
their First Holy Communion or  
been confirmed please contact  
Fr Damian (01609 883308 or  
ladychapel@btconnect.com) as  
soon as possible. A preparation  
course for First Holy  
Communion/Confirmation  
will begin in the New Year.

*Many thanks, Fr Damian*

**Wednesday December 5th,**  
12th and 19th, 9.15am, The  
Monastery, 1st, 2nd and 3rd  
Advent meetings.

### St Peter's, Christmas services:

**December 2nd:** 4.30pm  
Beneficial Advent taken by  
Canon Lesley Morley.

**December 9th** 10.30am. Holy  
Communion taken by Rev.  
Derek Mills.

**December 16th** 10.30am.  
Holy Communion taken by  
Canon Lesley Morley.

**December 23rd** 10.30am.  
Holy Communion taken by  
Rev. Derek Mills.

**December 24th** 6pm, Carols  
by Candlelight, Ecumenical  
service, led by Fr. Damien  
and Rev. Rachel Parkins.

## Osmotherley Area Parish Council

As a trial, for the next 3 months the time set aside for public comment will be moved from the start of the meeting to a point later in the meeting This is designed to allow public debate around issues which have developed as a result of other agenda items, and is also a reminder that anyone may attend and be part of the decision-making process.

The Police have recently been called to the village due to a large number of cars blocking footpaths and anyone doing so runs the risk of a fixed penalty notice for this type of inconsiderate behaviour. Highways will shortly be working in Ellerbeck to erect the 40mph signs for a section of the road. They will also be carrying out exploratory drilling to test the foundations for a new safety barrier to protect Mill House, however, this new barrier will probably not be in place before the spring. Letters have been sent to the water board, northern electric and to BT to find out if they have any pipes or cables near to the War Memorial before further work can take place to determine the cause of the water leak. The responsibility for this has now been passed to the Parish Council after earlier work by both Yorkshire Water and Highways has failed to stem the tide.

On Tuesday 27th November the Village Hall will host a funding meeting of the Northallerton Villages Voluntary sector and anyone with an interest in any activity is welcome to attend, the meeting starts at 7.00pm. There are many sources of funding for a host of activities as well as the sources at present used by the Parish Council to assist with the re-laying of the village cobbles.

Planning consent has been given for the demolition of Rydes Garage but this is subject to permission being granted for the construction of a further building on the site. At present this has not been given and the application will not be determined until after it is considered by the full planning committee at Helmsley. Approval has been given to the development of a group of business or office units at The Woodyard following lengthy discussions regarding the suitability of the site for such a need and an environmental assessment due to its previous use.

Recommendations following from the Parish Plan are still being considered by the respective groups and if there is anyone with an interest in activities such as a Wildlife Group or a Village Design Group, councillors would like to hear from you. The Business Group have started to meet at The Golden Lion on a regular basis, some of these meetings have included relevant speakers.

## Natural Environment – Wildlife Group

The Osmotherley Area has a  
very rich and diverse flora and  
fauna and the Natural  
Environment Group of the  
Parish Plan would like to  
include anyone with an  
interest or a knowledge of the

subjects in a Wildlife Group.  
This diverse flora and fauna is  
here due to a variety of factors  
and there is much to be learnt  
about this aspect of local life.  
Anyone who would like to

become involved in any way  
can initially contact Pat  
Duggan (883440) who will be  
able to let you know what is  
proposed and when any advice  
or help may be needed!

## Back Lane Access

Paul Round of North End has  
requested we place the  
following message in the  
newsletter

Would all residents of Back  
Lane please be advised that  
with the introduction of bigger  
delivery and farm vehicles that

some of these are too large to  
exit Back Lane into North  
End. There has been several  
instances recently of vehicles  
having successfully entered  
Back Lane via South End then  
being unable to exit via North  
End and / or causing damage

to the road way. In practice,  
vehicles with more than two  
axels and/or vehicles with  
long trailers can **not** exit Back  
Lane via North End. Could  
residents please point this out  
to suppliers before having  
goods or services delivered?

## Urgently Needed

The Volunteer Branch of the  
RSPCA and the Trudi Banham  
Dog Rescue urgently need  
unwanted blankets, towels and  
dog or cat toys. These can  
either be collected or dropped  
off with Ann Bruseth, (Tel.  
883303) at 69 South End.

Dogfood and catfood would  
also be gratefully received.  
They have been called in to  
Catterick by a Sergeant who  
reports that strays are being  
used as target practice by  
drunken soldiers. The problem  
is being tackled by removing

the cats to safety and  
neutering. The project is  
already underway, with five  
more barracks to do.  
Help to house these animals in  
either farm barn homes or  
indoors would be appreciated.

## Dance Of Wave

Dance of Wave, December  
5th, 2-4pm. This is a dance of  
free movement with five  
different Rhythms. Relax,

listen to music and feel your  
body with music. The music  
guide you in a spontaneous  
dance. Contact Kunie Gaunt

at Osmotherley Walking shop  
Tel: 01609 883075.

\*The fee is by donation to pay  
for the venue.

## Osmotherley School Continued

Swainby and Potto CE and the  
two schools have been  
working together to ensure  
that the children receive the  
best education possible. The  
results of the National tests  
taken last summer have now  
been ratified by the Local  
Authority and Osmotherley

School finds itself in the top  
10% of schools nationally for  
English and the top 20%  
nationally for maths and  
science. This is an  
achievement we are very  
proud of and I would like to  
thank the staff, governors,

parents and children for all  
their hard work.

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## Post in time for Christmas

December:-  
Fri 14th parcels  
Mon 17th 2nd class  
Thurs 20th 1st class