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## Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band



Last Easter the Band, supported by Cllr Swales, began a programme to encourage and develop new players. The group are known as The Ozzies and have gone from strength to strength since then. We attracted a wide range of new players as well as some returners and, for those of you who heard them at Christmas, I think you'll agree that their progress has been remarkable.

Our tutor, Katie MacKay, has done a tremendous job bringing skill and enthusiasm every week and brings out the very best in the group. We are very lucky to be able to benefit from such a talented young teacher and player and we hope that we will be in a position to invite her to carry on leading the Ozzies.

As the current group continues to progress there might be openings for others to join this summer so, if you are interested or know someone who may be interested in joining, please get in touch with the Band via our Facebook page or by contacting the Bandmaster, Tim Alderson or the Secretary, Leti Hawthorn on 882864.

The Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band (so named because it was founded in 1977) aims to support local events and charities as and when we are able but, as with so many groups, we depend on local fund-raising to keep going so your donations and funding ideas are always welcome. This year we will be at the Summer Games, the Show and we are also considering holding an event to celebrate the Royal Wedding! We look forward to seeing everyone through 2018 and we thank you for all your support.

## Summer Games meeting update

Next meeting will be held at the Queen Catherine on Tuesday 6th February at 8pm. We need to have new members for the committee otherwise the games will not happen this year. If you would like to be a part of the committee or just help out please come along and share some ideas. If you're interested or have any questions feel free to email Alex at [alexbilby@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alexbilby@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07912525231.

## Are you any good at BOOKKEEPING?

We are recruiting a new Treasurer for the Osmotherley and Hillside Parishes. It's a small but vital part of church admin. The system has been "up and running" for the last eight years, really doesn't involve a lot of work and there are almost no meetings!! So, if you have some experience of simple accounts and are computer literate then do contact the Vicar on 01845 537277 or [ian.houghton@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:ian.houghton@tiscali.co.uk) for more information.

## 50's plus. December 2017 & January 2018 Draw.

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 January. £25.00 Vicki Morton £12.50 Joyce Lythe £12.50 Anne Kirk  
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Thanks to everyone who supported the **Christmas in Blue** Concert. We managed to raise £320 for our chosen charities.

# Parish Council Meetings

Meetings of the council were held on the 14th December and the 18th January with many varied items discussed. The Christmas Tree was once again provided by Thimbleby Estate and thanks to them for their continued support.

Criminal activities reported to the police have been low over the two months however, following all the reports of disturbances caused by the football coaches in the village on the 30th December, not one report was made to the police. 6 supporter coaches arrived in the village causing traffic and social problems to a number of residents, particularly those in the public houses. The council will be asking the policing unit of Middlesbrough FC for comment as to why these coaches were allowed to leave the A19 and visit the village.

Rock salt has been bought for the village and after the most recent round of snow it is hoped that residents recognise the efforts made to keep roads and footpaths passable? Highways issues such as potholes and blocked gullies are continually reported and it is hoped that NYCC will continue to be responsive to these repair requests.

The North York Moors Authority have been in the process of updating their Park Plan, of which Osmotherley features prominently and meetings have been held with officers. The conservation area appraisal and questionnaire can be downloaded from <http://www.northyorkmoors.org.uk/planning/building-conservation> and comments can be sent to [building@northyorkmoors.org.uk](mailto:building@northyorkmoors.org.uk) Although the consultation is officially open until 9th February they have confirmed with the editors that they will be happy to accept comments for an additional week or two prior to amending the draft document.

There has been concern that mountain bike users are flouting the rules regarding riding them on footpaths and causing footpath damage and safety concerns for walkers. The concerns have been reported to the national park but understand this is a difficult problem to solve.

Yorkshire Water are intending to plant trees along the border of Cote Ghyll at Cod Beck Reservoir. It is hoped the community will get involved and tools, gloves, tea and biscuits will be provided. Initially it is hoped this will take place on the 3rd March and anyone willing to help should contact [phil.tennyson@yorkshirewater.co.uk](mailto:phil.tennyson@yorkshirewater.co.uk)

## Osmotherley Village Theatre

Alan Ayckbourn's play brought to life by OVT. One night, three bedrooms and four couples make up Ayckbourn's Bedroom Farce. Originally written in the 1970s, the 2017 Osmotherley village hall audience did not appear to find the humour in any way dated. They quickly warmed to the ever increasing on stage chaos as the action moved from one bedroom to another.

The actors were greatly assisted by excellent staging - it is no mean feat to fit three bedrooms on to one small stage! Timely and creative use of lighting also enhanced the quickly changing bedroom scenes.

Hugely enjoyable as a comedy, the play also provides a perspective on marriage. Whether the older couple who presented a Thomas Hardy state of 'stale familiarity,' the newlyweds diverted by a husband's obsession with flat pack furniture, the wife frustrated by her husband's confinement to bed with a bad back, or the pair whose marriage was falling apart, each couple ably offered a convincing insight on marital relationships.

The challenge for any local theatre group is how to make characters credible to an audience principally composed of friends and neighbours. It is a testament to the quality of the acting, supported by skilful casting that these four couples were instantly transformed into the characters they portrayed.

The cast was made up of many familiar village faces; Angela Thomsett played Delia, Giles Pinkney played Ernest, Nick was played by Gary Greening, Jan played by Leah Wilson, Vanessa Robinson played Kate, Tris Sillars played Malcolm, Teresa Taylor played Susannah and Paul Howlett played Trevor. The play was directed by Barrie Robinson and lights and sound were the responsibility of Bob Manners. Another triumph for Osmotherley Village Theatre.

# Osmotherley Community Group

## Community Coffee Morning

There will be a Community Coffee Morning on Tuesday Feb 6th between 9 am and 11 30am. The event will be of special interest to our local community as we will be supporting the project set up by the Stafford family. [www.justgiving.com/janetstafford](http://www.justgiving.com/janetstafford).

Following the superb care Janet received from The District Nursing Team, Macmillan, Herriot Hospice Care and Marie Curie, Janet was finally admitted to the beautiful and caring St Teresa's Hospice in Darlington. Her family were surprised to discover that of the 10 bedrooms only six were in use because of lack of funds. They decided to set up a memorial fund in Janet's name to try and help in some small way. The fund has already raised a substantial amount. Janet was a much valued member of our Community Team and so we have decided to dedicate the February Community Coffee Morning to her, by supporting the memorial fund.

## Community Soup Lunch

The final soup lunch of the current season will be held on Wed Feb 21st. All our soup lunches in 2017/18 have been supporting The Macmillan Centre at The Friarage Hospital.

Both community events will be held in St Peter's. We look forward to seeing you and together supporting our community.

*Thank you to everyone for their generosity in January - we were able to donate £175 to Osmotherley Pre-School and raised another £300 towards our target of £1000 for the Macmillan Centre.*

## Chapter and Verse Book Stop

Thank you to everyone who has supported the book exchange since its introduction in September 2017.

Please bring along any Christmas reading that you no longer require. A gentle reminder that we only require fiction including autobiography and biography along with children's books. Please only donate books that are in good condition. Due to storage issues we must restrict donations to 2/3 books per person.

The Book Stop is open most days during daylight hours — you can either exchange your books or make a donation of 50pence per book.

Happy Reading in 2018

## Pancake Lunch - Shrove Tuesday Feb 13th

Daphne and Jackie Brown will be holding their annual Pancake Lunch at their home, View Point, Quarry Lane to support The Macmillan Centre.

Tickets are £10 per person to include a savoury and a sweet pancake and a drink.

Contact Daphne and Jackie on 883341

## Building work at St Peter's

Work to improve facilities and to make the church building more accessible began early in the New Year and will continue until the Autumn. There will be no disruption to church services and we anticipate that planned community events will also go ahead on the scheduled dates. However for security and health and safety reasons there may be occasions when the church will be locked during the daytime.

Should you have any further queries please contact Eileen Bellett on 883550, Dave Owst on 883367 or Tim Swales on 883046

Thank you in anticipation of your patience and understanding.



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## Dates for your Diary

### February

Wed 1st - 7:30pm Queen Catherine. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo.  
Tues 6th 9-11.30am. Community Coffee morning. St. Peter's  
Tues 6th - 8pm. Queen Catherine. Summer Games meeting.  
Tues 13th - Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch at View Point.  
Tues 13th - 2pm. OWLS Talk. Methodist Chapel  
Fri 16th - 7.30pm. Osmotherley Film: Singing in the Rain, Village Hall  
Wed 21st - 12-2pm Community Soup Lunch. St. Peter's

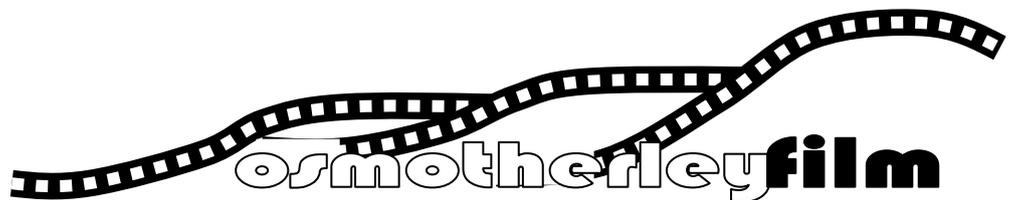
### March

Wed 7th - 7:0pm Queen Catherine. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

## Remembrance 2018

The last edition of the Messenger reminded us that **'2018 will be a special year, 100 years since the Armistice that ended the First World War'**

In response to a request for **'this special moment to be marked in a special way,'** we are proposing to hold a **Poppy Festival** across the weekend of Saturday Nov 10th and Sunday Nov 11th. The Festival will culminate in the Remembrance Parade and Service in St Peter's



This month we bring to the big screen a true Hollywood classic! Considered to be one of the greatest films ever made, a film that many to this day in film-land draw on for inspiration:

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(Umbrellas optional!)

Full details of our season, incl previews, are on our website.

[osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk)  
Laura Wilson 883096 or Chris Relton 883518.

**Thank you** to all our friends in the community for your kindness, your Get Well cards and your prayers, during my recent illness and operation. Brian and I really appreciated the support.

I am well on the mend and look forward to rejoining you in the near future.

Barbara Lee

**December bingo.** Thanks to everyone, also to Ken and Jean Phillips, Shona Padbury and Ann Abbott (No 17) who kindly donated prizes but did not attend. The raffle made a huge £142.00

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