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The Accrington Pals

As a launch activity and centerpiece of the 'Village Poppy Festival' the play plunged its audience -as only live theatre can -directly into the human drama of the First World War both at home and in the trenches. A most appropriate piece to mark the centennial anniversary of the end of The Great War, the play is a fitting tribute to the many millions who were killed in the conflict.

However, Peter Whelan's play is more than a timely tribute for those that died, it is also a narrative about the women left behind against a backdrop of women's emancipation, class and social deprivation.

There were splendid performances from the five women (Leanne Robinson, Lucy Sillars, Lynne Mortimer, Teresa Taylor and Esther Thorniley-Walker) who formed the core of the play with that of the strong, fiercely independent, ambitious and emotionally restrained May (Leanne Robinson) at the centre.

Equally strong performances from the contrasting four male characters (Tristan Sillars, Stan Parry, Paul Howlett and Gary Greening) documented the comradeship and war experiences of the Pals; the role of Annie's (Lynne Mortimer) son, Reggie, was portrayed with particular aplomb and maturity by Noah Wilson.

The Technical Team are to be congratulated on the creation of a very effective lighting schedule and soundscape and an imaginative set that overcame the limited stage space available to OVT.

As I left the village hall, six particularly memorable scenes stayed with me:

- A clever, brave, perfectly executed and very funny Ralph (Stan Parry) and Eva (Lucy Sillars) bath time scene.
- CSM Rivers (Gary Greening) teaching May (Leanne Robinson) how to use the rifle she is pointing at Tom (Tris Sillars) as he walks through the audience towards her.
- A heartbreaking scene that captured Eva dressed as Britannia singing 'O Peaceful England' whilst Arthur (Paul Howlett) lay slain in a trench.
- Arthur's well-crafted monologue describing the Pals move to Ripon and the portentous return of 'England's Glory' his injured pigeon.
- The poignancy of proud, paternalistic CSM Rivers roll-calling Pals killed in action.

Huge thanks and congratulations to the Director, Cast and Crew of Osmotherley Village Theatre for their exceptional performance of "The Accrington Pals" by Peter Whelan.

Tony and Margaret Hobbs

No Carols Around the Tree this year

After consideration the village hall committee have decided that the annual Christmas carols around the tree will not go ahead this year.

December is always a busy month and this year is no exception, there are several other community events taking place.

Whilst we may be taking a year off our planning will continue in the hope for a bigger and better "Carols Around The Tree" in 2019!

The Queen Catherine Hotel

Upcoming events

Saturday 1st December

Elvis

Saturday 8th December

UB40 & Friends

Saturday 15th December

Brian Dales

Saturday 22nd December

Platinum

Saturday 29th December

The Big Sighs & The Yawns

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Parish Council Meeting–15th November

The meeting discussed the police report. This included an item regarding criminal damage to the roof of a vehicle on North End in Osmotherley. There were no witnesses or CCTV and no other vehicles appeared to have been damaged. It also included a report of suspect males in an off road vehicle just north of Cod Beck who stated the vehicle was stuck. No further calls were received and only a partial registration passed for officers observations.

Reports had been made to Highways concerning the 'sink hole' on North End and the matter is in hand. Our local councillor confirmed that substantial monies had been given to North Yorkshire County Council to fill potholes. Members also gave approval to have a cabinet fitted to the defibrillator.

The Clerk updated the council on the progress on the Play Area project. The contractor is on site to refurbish the existing play equipment and new additions will be fitted in the coming months.

The Chairman has been in discussion with the Queen Catherine regarding issues raised during the last few months and reported back on those discussions. It is hoped that many of these will be resolved in the coming months.

The council had received two issues raised by residents, which were discussed at length and the Clerk was instructed to reply. There were no planning applications in the period and following receipt of the financial report the meeting was closed.

Remembrancetide 2018

A huge "thank you" to all of you who worked so hard and supported the Royal British Legion during Remembrancetide and The Poppy Appeal. There was a tremendous community spirit which manifested itself in a wonderful Poppy Festival on Saturday 10th November followed by a very moving concert in St Peter's that evening. A big vote of thanks to the Osmotherley Community Group. Thanks also to the Osmotherley Theatre Group for putting on the play "The Accrington Pals" in commemoration of the huge sacrifices made by volunteers in World War I. And congratulations to the research group that produced the excellent booklet outlining the history of the village's 15 war dead from that conflict.

The village centre looked terrific with all the Poppy displays and many villagers had made their own tributes at their own homes. The War Memorial looked at its best, all tidied up and replanted.

Thank you to all villagers who turned out in pretty "iffy" weather to watch our Parade of Veterans and Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial. It was so heartening to have some new (and uniformed) marchers this time. What a turn out! A great performance from The Silver Jubilee Band and I am told that over 400 people watched the event. The Scouts and Beavers were very well represented and also the children of Osmotherley School. We are truly grateful for your support. A good round of applause saw us safely to the Chip Shop where we "fell out" to go to a packed church!

The total amount raised for the Poppy Appeal in Osmotherley District was £9,384.86p. **The Osmotherley Poppy Festival contributed £3383.71 towards this.** Thank you all so much.

World's Wettest Classroom Sailing Expedition

My name is Charlie Morton. I live in Osmotherley and I am one of 12 lucky students from Northallerton School that have been chosen to take part in the worlds wettest classroom sailing expedition next summer. The expedition is sailing around the entire coast of Great Britain about the Queen Galadriel tall ship. We will be the Leg 5 crew, sailing from Hartlepool to Peterhead in north east Scotland for a week next June. Each crew member has to raise £1300 to take part so over the coming months I will be planning several fundraising events in the village. Please keep an eye out for these upcoming events and if any local business would be interested in being a sponsor please get in touch on 01609 883168. Thank you.

The annual carol singing on behalf of Macmillan cancer support is on Friday December 14th. Leaving the village at 6.30pm in the community bus for a full evening in the near vicinity and back for refreshments in the village. As always we have a fun packed evening and hopefully raise a lot of money for Macmillan. We are limited to 16 on the bus so please book your place early. Peteredmondsosy@icloud.com Happy wassailing.

Christmas & New Year with Osmotherley Community Group

There will be two Community events during December both held in St Peter's.

Community Christmas Tea Tues, Dec 4th 2 - 4pm
Supporting the Salvation Army

Christmas Appeal.

Christmas Soup Lunch Wed Dec 12th 12 - 2pm
We will be supporting The Great North Air Ambulance.

All welcome to these events.

The New Year

Although there will not be a coffee morning in January, there will be a **soup lunch** on Wed January 16th between 12 noon and 2pm.

May we take this opportunity to wish everybody in our community a happy Christmas and a peaceful new year.



All films shown in the Village Hall.
Doors open 7.30pm; Film starts 8pm. Guests welcome (must be 16+ yrs of age): Fee £6.

TO CATCH A THIEF

[1955] [US] Cert.PG 106mins
Friday 21st December

Starring: Cary Grant, Grace Kelly, Jessie Royce Landis

A film Classic for December! - Hitchcock's classic romantic thriller starring his favourite acting talent.

On the French Riviera, retired burglar John Robie finds himself in the frame for a spate of burglaries carrying all his hallmarks. His only solution? To

catch the thief. With the Riviera awash with socialites and their jewels, there's bait aplenty for that...

January Film

HOTEL SALVATION
[2016] [Ind.] Cert.PG
102mins (subtitled)
Friday 18th January

Starring: Adil Hussain, Lalit Behl, Geetanjali Kulkarni, Palomi Ghosh, Navindra Behl

A "beautifully rendered Indian arthouse film".

Announcing that he feels his time might shortly be up, Daya's son Rajiv and family are dismissive. When Daya insists on travelling to Varanasi to spend his last days on the banks of holy mother Ganges, a journey for father and son begins. As the days pass at the Hotel Salvation, new friendships are forged; a family relationship rediscovers itself; and the spirituality of Varanasi infuses the outlook of all.

Osmotherley and Area Oil Cooperative

Order dates 2019

As usual, an email will be sent to our members approximately 3 weeks before we are due to place an order. For those not on email, our order dates for 2019 are as follows:

Wednesday 16th January

Wednesday 13th March

Wednesday 15th May

Wednesday 24th July

Wednesday 25th September

Wednesday 20th November

Please note: if you require oil sooner, please order

independently, we cannot guarantee urgent deliveries.

Interested in joining, or would like more information?

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Syd Howlett and Tristan Sillars – Coordinators



Appreciation - Anne Abbott and Jean Wilson (Nee Chilton)

We would like to express our grateful thanks to Mr & Mrs Morton and family for their diligent research into the life of our relation as portrayed in the book Osmotherley Remembers.

To learn of Harry and his ancestry and his association with Osmotherley was fascinating for us. Harry was in the Bantam Battalion of the West Yorkshire Regiment which was reserved for men of small stature. This possibly showed his determination to

serve his country in the conflict. **We will remember**

OWLS - Christmas lunch Dec 11th Three Tuns, 12.30 for 1.00pm. Further details Anne Kirk

January 11th 2.00pm...Speaker, further details contact Cairine or just come along for this interesting talk followed by tea/coffee and biscuits. Please also remember your subs for 2019

50s+ and Meat Draw, cash prizes and butchers vouchers both in aid of RBL Local Charities. Details from Maureen. First draw (s) January and monthly thereafter.

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Chapter & Verse Book Stop

I hope you have all had a good summer reading. The Book Stop is looking rather low on books, so if you have any good condition, fictional books that would be suitable could you please drop them off either with me, Bobby Terry, or in church. Thank you.

Community Bus.

Please continue to support this valuable village asset. Usual number for bookings and details.

James is still available for your Christmas outings.

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Dates for your Diary

December

Tues 4th - 8pm. Osmotherley Show Christmas Dominoes. Blue Bell, Ingleby Cross.

Tues, Dec 4th 2-4pm. Community Christmas Tea. St Peters.

Wed 5th - 7:30pm. RBL Monthly Meeting and Bingo. Queen Catherine.

Sun 9th - 2.30pm. Carol Service, Preacher David Godfrey. Osmotherley Methodist Chapel followed by refreshments.

Wed Dec 12th 12-2pm. Christmas Soup Lunch . St Peter's

Fri 14th - 6.30 pm Annual Carol singing around the pubs in aid of McMillan Cancer Support

January

Wed 16th 12-2pm. Christmas Soup Lunch . St Peter's

February

Wed 6th - 7:30pm. RBL Monthly Meeting and Bingo. Queen Catherine

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Advent & Christmas at St Peter's Osmotherley

Dates and service times are
in the Christmas card
enclosed with this issue.
Additionally.

Advent Service Sunday, December 2nd at 4.30pm

Advent service in St Peter's
on Sun 2nd Dec at 4.30pm.
The candlelit service will
mark the start of the
Christmas season with
readings and traditional
carols sung by the St Peter's
choir. Refreshments will be
served after the service.
Please come and celebrate
the start of the liturgical year
and beginning of the
Christmas season.

Sunday, December 9th - Morning Worship 10.45am

Messy Church 2 30 - 5pm
Follow Puddles on a
Christmas trail. Then join us
for crafts, story and tea. An
event for families

Sunday, December 16th - Family Christmas Service 10.45am

Begin to 'follow the star.' This
Community Service will see
the start of our Christmas
journey all the way through to
Epiphany on January 6th.
Come and support the
children and their families as
they present the Christmas

story and hear about how
you can take part in a special
Christmas project

Christmas Carols 23rd December 10.45am

The Osmotherley
Community Choir will be
leading an informal coffee,
mince pies and Christmas
carol singing service on
Sunday 23rd December at St
Peter's at 10:45am. Please
come along and choose your
favourite Christmas carol.

**Everyone is welcome to
join us at all of these
services.**