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Osmotherley Community Group

February sees the launch of our NEW INITIATIVE- OSMOTHERLEY 2020 COMMUNITY WALL

Would your family or organisation like to be part of an historic record? We intend to make a wall hanging where each 'brick' will commemorate the name of a family or organisation living in, or connected to our village.

This lasting snapshot of our 2020 community will be displayed in St Peter's.

To become part of our wall, you will need to purchase a fabric brick. We will then ask you to decorate the brick with your family or organisation name.

We are encouraging people to use a range of creative ideas- your name can be drawn, sewn or inscribed using other lightweight materials e.g. buttons or cut out letters.

Fabric bricks will be available at a suggested donation price of £5 at the February Community Coffee Morning on Tuesday, February 4th. Money raised from the sale of bricks will go to Zoe's Place.

Zoe's Place Trust is a registered Charity providing palliative, respite and end of life care to babies and infants aged from birth to five years suffering from life-limiting or life-threatening conditions. The charity provides support caring, safe, home from home environment known in Middlesbrough. The charity has recently struggled for funds so our donations will help to sustain this worthwhile cause.

Jo Nunn, 66 North End and Bobby Terry, 35 North End, have kindly agreed to oversee the making of the wall hanging (or hangings) and it is our intention to present the first Community Wall as part of our Good Friday Community event- details to follow.

We do hope that as many members of our community as possible, will get involved- examples and support will be available at the February and March Coffee Mornings.

Completed bricks can be returned at any of the February and March community events with a final deadline on Mothering Sunday, March 22nd.

Should you be unable to attend on Feb 4th please contact Jo or Bobby directly at the above addresses or via e mail

on jonunn369@gmail.com or bobbyterry@btinternet.com

PLEASE HELP US TO PUT ANOTHER BRICK IN OUR WALL!

Community Coffee Mornings

Our first **coffee morning** of the new year will be held on Tuesday Feb 4th between 9 30 am and 11 30am. We will be supporting Osmotherley pre-school

On Wednesday, February 19th, there will also be a **soup lunch** where we will continue to support communities at home and abroad. We have already made a donation to Osmotherley Primary School to support the Reindeer Run in December and now that we are in 2020, we will be looking forward to hearing more about Paul and Clive's bike ride to support business development in Zambia.

Fantastic Fundraising

Well done Children from Osmotherley Primary School who completed a run around Cod Beck and raised £780 for Teesside Hospice.

Also well done to Peter Edmunds and his Wassailers who endured an arduous merry journey around local hostelrys and raised a massive £644 for Macmillan.

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Osmotherley Area Parish Council

Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meetings 19th December 2019 and 16th January 2020

Prior to Christmas the meeting reported on the footpath resurfacing on North End including replacement bollards and the flooding at Sheepwash. It was also confirmed that an area of road on South End would be patched/replaced shortly which was welcomed by all. Work on the public toilets and bus shelter was proposed to be done in the next financial year and work on the planning to progress this would be carried out over the next few months. A sign to promote the Lady Chapel was proposed to be erected in the village centre and again it was agreed to progress this in the coming months. Three planning applications were discussed in December with three further in January. The telephone kiosk at Clack Lane has been adopted by the PC for the use of its residents and ideas would be welcomed as to future use. A letter had been received from a resident wishing to express his appreciation of the work of Colonel Black. A separate article has been written to acknowledge our thanks for that work. The 10 Minute Waiting sign seems to have been 'lost' and the Clerk was asked to report this to Highways. Issues on the road to Foxton were reported and a road widening option discussed. This would be taken forward by the local Ward member. A working party separately discussed the options available to the parish council regarding further development at the Queen Catherine. The Clerk had written to the landlord asking that the village green be reinstated, which has now been agreed with the owner. This is subject to the sourcing of the correct stone edging which is to match the original as closely as possible.

The parking arrangements were then discussed with a view to planning the resurfacing and marking out of the area available to maximise numbers without causing further knock on issues.

WE SALUTE YOU COLONEL DAVID BLACK

The 2019 Remembrance Day Parade was probably the last to be held in that format. For many years, the Osmotherley branch of the Royal British Legion have been our guardians of remembrance, under the direction of Col. David Black and his dedicated team.

This year, David has retired from that role and as a community, we felt it important to recognise our gratitude to him for his marvellous effort and enthusiasm in ensuring that our Remembrance Day Parade was far larger and better organised than a village of our size could reasonably expect.

David has been instrumental in all aspects of the branch's activities, running monthly meetings, fundraising lunches, domino evenings, barbecues, as well as taking part in our Summer Games and the Agricultural Show.

A huge thank you Col. Black from everyone in our community. Consider your duty done!

TABLE TENNIS CLUB-NEW MEMBERS NEEDED

Osmotherley Table Tennis Club meets on Wednesdays in the Village Hall from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. We are looking to recruit new members this year, of any ability, beginners welcome! We have two professional tables and enough spare equipment to set up a beginners table if required. Great fun and an enjoyable way to keep fit.

Please contact Martyn Stafford (883182) for more details:

The Osmotherley Welcome Pack is currently being revised. We would be grateful if any committees, community organisations, village clubs and recreational societies could provide their contact name and number, email address and any applicable web address, if they wish to be mentioned in the updated version. Please forward your details to: anosywelcome@gmail.com or contact Chris Edmonds 883408 as soon as possible. Thankyou.

News from St Peter's

A new year always offers new opportunities and a chance to build on past experiences. As a result of the successful ecumenical Safari Service in December there is an increased willingness for us to extend collaborative opportunities in 2020. We have some initial thoughts about holding a Palm Sunday ecumenical procession to the centre of the village where we can hold an outdoor celebration on this key date in the Christian calendar. **If anyone knows a donkey we can borrow - do get in touch!!**

Future events and Services

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Lunch

Tuesday 25th February at View Point at 12.30 in aid of St Peter's Church, Osmotherley. £10 will buy you one savory and one sweet pancake plus a non-alcoholic drink and a cup of coffee MORE PANCAKES for a donation. Tickets limited – please apply quickly – Tel:01609-883341



Reverend Bill will be leading a series of Lent discussion groups during March. Other special dates include Messy Church on March 15th and a special service for Mothering Sunday on March 22nd.

In addition to the traditional services at Easter, there will be a special Community Brunch on Good Friday when we hope to present the Community Wall. Details of all these forthcoming events will be in future editions of The Messenger.

Our pattern of services in 2020 will revert to Holy Communion on the first and fourth Sunday of the month with Morning Family Worship on the second and third Sundays at 10 45am.

In this way, we hope to be able to offer worship that is appropriate for the whole community. Although we recognise that there are many demands on family time and that Sundays are now very busy for a lot of people, we do hope you will be able to join us on some Sundays in 2020.

Everyone is welcome!

Osmotherley Village Theatre - Sex, Drugs and Rick 'N' Noel

Another triumph for Osmotherley Village Theatre group who entertained their audiences with a skilful production of Sex, Drugs and Rick 'N' Noel by David Tristram. The play focuses on Rick and Noel, two mature students who together face dramas and challenges whilst navigating student life.

Part musical, it provided a fantastic evening's entertainment combining quality drama and irresistible songs. Four accomplished actors brought the characters to life and the chemistry between them was lovely to witness. The role of Rick is particularly pivotal with a huge amount of dialogue; Barry Robinson was made for the part injecting his own brilliance, enthusiasm and sensitivity. Tristan Sillars' expert portrayal of Noel was a perfect foil for a dynamic on-stage partnership whose comedic timing was impeccable. Lucy Sillars (Max) was highly believable and her calmness brought an added dimension. The challenge of playing identical twins was brilliantly executed by Leanne Robinson and we marvelled at the speed of her costume changes. The chorus line created another level to the performance: the songs were catchy, haunting and adroitly performed by members of the Community Choir, ably led by Eleanor Gill. The soloists must be congratulated and applauded.

Like any other production, the success of the play is dependent upon a dedicated team of people who work tirelessly behind the scenes and in front of house.

The minimalist multi-purpose setting was expertly created by Jean Lake and Jim Whitton and the lighting was extremely effective particularly when Rick was sharing intimate moments with the audience whilst reading his diary extracts. The musical motifs provided context and humour.

Director Jean Lake put together an absolutely amazing show.

The humour, the poignancy and deft echoes of real life made the play an absolute pleasure to watch.

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Dates for your Diary

February

Tues 4th Community Coffee Morning 9 30am - 11 30am.

Wed 5th Osmotherley Summer Games meeting 7pm Three Tuns

Wed 5th Bingo 7.30pm Queen Cath.

Tues 11th OWLS 2.00pm in St. Peters Church

Wed 19th Community Soup Lunch 12 noon - 2pm.

Tues 25th Pancake Lunch at Viewpoint from 12 noon.

March

Tues 3rd Community Coffee Morning 9 30am - 11 30am.

Sun 15th Messy Church 4pm - 6pm.

RBL bingo with draws for 50's/meat vouchers for Dec and Jan 2020. The final draws so thanks to all who participated.

Dec. 25.00. Ann Abbott

Dec 12.50. Wendy.

Jan. 25.00. Chris Holden

Jan. 12.50. John & Elaine.

Meat draw. 20.00 Francis

10.00 Moira

Xmas meat. 25.00 Dudley Nimmo.

Bingo will restart on Wednesday 5th Feb. 7.30pm in Queen Cath. This will be a different format. First month Herriot Hospice, second month RBL veterans Home Lister House. Please come along to support these two worthy causes.

OWLS

On Tuesday 11th Feb. 2.00pm in St. Peters Church, there will be a talk by Paul Howlett and his father about their forthcoming charity bike ride across Zambia. Please come along to enjoy this event. Tea and biscuits will be available plus a Raffle for Owls

Summer Games 2020

This year the Summer Games will be held on Saturday 4th July. We have been holding regular meetings and now have an extended core committee. The committee wants to grow the event from the fete held last year and is planning to bring back not only the fell run on the morning and possibly a family sports match, but also alternative sports e.g. Welly Hoying; three legged race etc and organise a night time party in the village hall if we have the people and support for this.

The meetings have agreed ways designed to help ensure that the event a) involves and is for the village community ii) is sustainable in terms of human resources b) provides a day of fun for families c) involves and raises money for a number of village community groups.

We have decided to try a new approach to fundraising by offering community groups the opportunity to take ownership of a stall. This would involve providing all content and resources to run the stall on the day. The Summer Games would take 25% of any profit to go towards the costs of road closures, insurance and overheads, with each community group keeping the remaining 75%. We feel this will give community groups the opportunity to make money and will ensure the fairness and transparency of the fund distribution.

Please contact us if you feel your community group would like to be involved.

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Village Hall Bookings

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