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# Osmotherley Area Messenger

## Osmotherley Community Group

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### COFFEE MORNING

Our next Community Coffee Morning will be held on Tuesday, March 3rd 9.30am - 11.30am. We will be supporting the Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal.

The final Community Soup Lunch of the 2019/20 season will take place on Wednesday, March 18th 12 noon - 2pm, supporting communities at home and abroad. There will also be a craft stall from Jennyruth Workshops.

**Everyone is welcome to all our Osmotherley Community Group events which are held in St Peter's Church.**

### COMMUNITY WALL

In February we launched our new project: **Osmotherley Community Wall 2020**. We had a great response at the launch - actually running out of fabric bricks at the February Coffee Morning, where we also welcomed staff and children from Osmotherley Pre-School. However, we now have plenty more so please make sure your family or community group has a chance to be recorded for posterity. We are asking for a £5 minimum donation which will go to Zoe's Place Trust. The deadline for returning bricks is Mothering Sunday, March 22nd 2020. However, an early return would be appreciated to allow the wall to be put together for presentation at the Good Friday Brunch on April 10th 2020. Tea/coffee and hot cross buns will be served and the community choir will sing. Final details in the April messenger.

**Please obtain your brick or return to either Jo Nunn, 66 North End or Bobby Terry, 35 North End.**

### OSSIE CLIMATE CHAT

The climate and environment are big news lately. A few people in the village are keen to form an informal group interested in environmental issues, positive measures and sharing their ideas and feelings about the whole climate situation. It would be open to everybody, with no ongoing obligations, no preaching, and with emphasis on the positive, informative and enjoyable. There will be no fixed membership or leadership. People would be free to do as much or as little as they feel comfortable with. We all have commitments, compromises and realities to deal with in thinking about these big questions. The idea is that people might meet – perhaps monthly - with a chance to learn more, talk, do what they want and **feel better**. There will be an initial get-together on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 10am in the Village Hall. (Free refreshments!)

If you're interested, ring Brian on 883163 or email: [brianphilipholder@hotmail.com](mailto:brianphilipholder@hotmail.com)

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## Osmotherley Area Parish Council

The meeting held on February 20th 2020 first heard from a resident of Oswaldene reporting on the excessive amounts of water leaching down the fields, into the Play Area and Cuddy Lane and into Oswaldene. This appears to be caused by the blocked gullies at the entrance to Westfields. The Clerk was asked to report this to Yorkshire Water for comment.

The owner of the Woodyard on Clack Lane attended to suggest that the land could be used for a car park. Whilst this was greeted largely with enthusiasm it was tempered with knowing that it was a mile from the village centre and thus was likely to see little use. Further discussions are needed to move this forward.

Discussions have been held with residents who have erected 'Private Parking' notices to reserve places and to restrict visitors to the village making use of these and parking irresponsibly. Whilst the PC are sympathetic and understand the issues it cannot condone such notices and indeed have asked that they be removed.

A meeting has been arranged with the Highways Officer to discuss the car parking arrangements in front of the Queen Catherine. A representative of Stokesley Police attended to discuss the monthly report of incidents, of which there were two. Further discussions regarding flooding issues in Thimbleby were raised and the Council Rep will report our concerns.

The Council Rep reported that NYCC had raised the Council Tax by 3.99% next year and that the National Park were seeking a new Chief Executive. The damp-proofing carried out in the Village Hall in January 2019 has had its first year follow up visit to determine whether the signs of damp are under control. Considering the weather this winter overall, we are happy to report that it has been largely a success. The Village Hall Committee will discuss in more detail at their next meeting.

The Vice Chairman reported on proposed works to repair the bus shelter and potential changes to the layout of the public conveniences, which are ongoing. The Burials Officer asked that the burial fees, not increased since 2016, were reviewed. The Clerk reported on comparable fees at local cemeteries and revisions were approved. Six new planning applications had been received since our last meeting and circulated prior to the meeting for consideration.

These were discussed at the meeting and given support to all. Residents of Thimbleby have supported the suggestion that a defibrillator be introduced to the old telephone box in the village, which the PC adopted recently. Public liability insurance could be an issue for residents going forward, but the PC offered to include it on our own insurance subject to village agreement.

### **OSMOTHERLEY AND DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB**

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 7.00 p.m. Village Hall**

The club holds its AGM at 7.00pm followed by an illustrated talk at 7.45pm on the National Gardens Scheme by Biddy Marshall. As well as covering the origins of the scheme and charities it supports, she will be able to give the perspective of a garden owner welcoming the public to her garden in Whixley over many years. An opportunity to whet the appetite for exploring 'new' gardens once summer arrives!

**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 and applicable web address if they wish to be mentioned in the updated version. Please forward your details to:

[anosywelcome@gmail.com](mailto:anosywelcome@gmail.com) or contact Chris Edmonds 883408 asap. Thank you.

## News from St Peter's

Dear Friends,

Let me introduce myself, I am the Reverend Bill Dewing the local priest at St Peter's Church and I am writing to invite you along to our Lent group. We will be looking at 'What we Believe.' The group starts on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm. This year as part of the York 'Come and See' mission to the Diocese, we are excited to have with us on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March, Bishop John who as part of the mission team will come along to answer your questions. There will be refreshments available of course. Look forward to seeing you and meeting you, do Come and See.

Yours in the Love of Christ,

*Bill*

### MESSY CHURCH

There will be a Messy Church session on Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> between 4pm and 6pm. There will be story, crafts, tea and opportunities for the whole family to prepare for Mothering Sunday.

### MOTHERING SUNDAY FAMILY SERVICE MARCH 22ND AT 10 45AM

This year our theme will be 'How Much Love?' There will be gifts of flowers and special themed refreshments — made and served by dads! This is always a very special occasion and we look forward to seeing everyone!



This month we ring the changes in film-world and jet off to...the golden shores of Cornwall!

**FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> MARCH**  
**FISHERMAN'S FRIENDS [2019][UK] Cert.12A**  
112mins

Starring: Daniel Mays, James Purefoy, David Hayman, Sam Swainsbury, Tuppence Middleton. A gentle tale of what happens when city-slicker Londoners on a stag weekend, cross paths with Cornwall in the shape of 'twelve hairy-arsed fishermen!'

Where? Village Hall. Doors open 7.30pm, Film starts 8pm. Guests welcome (must be 16+ yrs of age). Guest Fee: £ 6. For more information about us and our season, see our website; email us at [osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com](mailto:osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com); tel: Laura 883096/Chris 07971 863332. For our members this month is the moment we announce the film they have selected to be shown as our April film. Voting has been keen, as always; the anticipation mounting. All will be revealed!

### THE OSMOTHERLEY SOCIETY

Look out for the re-launch of the Osmotherley Society. Many of you will remember it fondly. It was founded in 1971 and was still going strong at the turn of the century. A few years later the energies of several members of the Society were diverted into the making of the parish plan and the creation of the village design statement. "Os Soc" activity tailed off. Now, nearly 50 years after the Society was founded, it is going to be revived. As before, activities could include talks on local topics, guided walks, wine-tasting, practical projects such as plantings and the maintenance of features in our area. Other ideas are very welcome. Perhaps a new theme and objective could concern the impact of global warming and what individuals could do at the local level to mitigate the impact.

We'll start in May with a walk around the village with a focus on its history and architecture. That will be followed up with a talk in June or July, possibly on some aspect of Osmotherley's natural environment. Following these events, we'll hold an open meeting to assess interest in the society, share ideas for activities and to allow a new committee to be formed.

More details in future issues of The Messenger.



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## Dates for your Diary

### March

Tues 3rd Community Coffee Morning 9.30am - 11.30am.

Tues 3rd Garden Club 7.00pm AGM, followed at 7.45 National Garden Scheme presentation by Bidy Marshall. Village Hall.

Thurs 5th A meeting of the Lent Group, 7pm, St Peter's Church.

Fri 6th Family Domino Drive, 7pm, Village Hall

Sun 15th Messy Church 4pm - 6pm.

Wed 18th Community Soup Lunch 12 noon - 2pm.

Fri 20th Osmotherley Film, Fisherman's Friends, 7.30, Village Hall

Sun 22nd Mothering Sunday 10.45am. St Peter's Church —also deadline for returning bricks!

### April

Tues 7th Garden Club 7.30 Village Hall, Wild Flower Gardening – Andrew Willocks.

Sat 25th Climate Chat 10.00am, Village Hall.

### THIMBLEBY COMMUNITY ACTION GROUP

Family Domino Drive and Quiz. This event is in aid of a defibrillator, which is being installed in the old telephone kiosk in Thimbleby. Donations have already been made by residents, and opportunities for making donations are in local pubs and shops.

**Osmotherley Village Hall, Friday 6th March at 7p.m:**

Tickets - Adults £7 Children £3 Pie and Pea Supper included in ticket price.

Tickets for the evening are available from -[Thimbleby.community.action@gmail.com](mailto:Thimbleby.community.action@gmail.com)

### WORLD SCOUT JAMBOREE—THANKS TO THE COMMUNITY

Ellis Fitzgerald reports: This summer I went to the World Scout Jamboree in America. The Jamboree was a massive camp for 40,000 scouts from over 150 countries. I went as part of a group of 36 scouts from North Yorkshire and Durham.

Our trip started in New York for a packed weekend of sight seeing including a moving visit to the 9/11 memorial. From there we headed to the Jamboree site- the Summit Bechtel Reserve. Soon after we arrived there was an opening ceremony with guests from all over the world including Bear Grylls and Anousheh Ansari, an astronaut. They spoke about protecting the environment and making a real difference. Meeting new people and experiencing different cultures was an important part of the Jamboree. We learnt games from Swedish scouts, shared meals with scouts from Taiwan and hiked with German scouts.

Of course, there were lots of adventurous activities and my personal favourites were climbing and paddle boarding. At the closing ceremony, Ban Ki Moon (the former UN secretary general) talked about becoming global citizens and how we should strive to create community between people, not differences.

After the Jamboree we visited Washington DC and our final stop in Oshawa, Canada where we stayed with a scout group. They invited us to their homes where we ate together and discussed life in Canada and scouting. We went swimming in Lake Ontario and visited Niagara Falls and Toronto.

The experience I had this summer was amazing but none of it could have happened without all of the support I have had from everyone, especially the Church and my scout group.

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**Articles for April issue by Monday 23rd March please. Editor Laura 883151**

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