



Osmotherley Area Messenger

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Covid 19 and Facemasks

As the country moves on from lockdown, a small group of sewers in Osmotherley have started to produce face masks in the belief that they have the following benefits:

1. They make it hard to touch your nose and mouth, thus providing protection for what is the biggest infection risk in most situations, namely hand-to-face transmission.
2. They reduce the exposure of your nose and mouth to viruses in the ambient air.
3. They reduce the chance that others will get infected from you when you are sick and don't know it. *Extracted from Saving Your health, One Mask at a Time by Peter Tippett MD PhD.*

Please note the use of the word 'reduce'; wearing a face mask is a protective measure and will not by itself prevent you from becoming infected so social distancing should still be observed. Their use is advised in public spaces and on public transport.

The masks have three layers of material, a filter and a drawstring cord that is adjustable, allowing the mask to sit comfortably over the mouth and nose. Across the bridge of the nose, wire has been fitted to facilitate a more secure fit. The filter can be removed, all parts are washable and they come with care instructions.

Masks are £5 each which will be donated to Herriot Hospice Homecare. Although we are hoping that there will be enough for all who'd like them, priority will be given to key workers, carers, those in vulnerable groups, people who need to visit doctors' surgeries/hospitals and who use public transport. If demand for masks is high, you may be offered one mask per person initially with a second to follow, unless you regularly need to be in more enclosed

public spaces. Please contact Fiona Manners on 01609 883020 to place an order.

If you are being affected by the coronavirus in any way and need some help you might like to know that people in the village are still willing to volunteer in the following ways:

This list isn't exhaustive. We have many volunteers with different skills so if there is anything else you need, please let us know.

- Picking up shopping
- A friendly phone call
- Posting mail
- Picking up prescriptions
- Dog walking
- Delivering Fish and Chips
- Need a book to read?

Coronavirus is contagious. We will take every precaution to ensure we are only spreading kindness. Items will be left on doorsteps and all volunteers will be practising appropriate social distancing. You can either contact volunteers direct by posting a request on the Osmotherley Facebook group or if you don't have access to Facebook then please ring one of the coordinators listed below who will identify a suitable volunteer to complete your request. All volunteers are local and no personal details will be communicated through Facebook.

Telephone Coordinators:

Eileen Webb 883897 / Heather Rowe 07751881330 / Chris Edmonds 883408

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Parish Council Meetings

March, April and May 2020

The council met just before lockdown was commencing in March but we were not quorate (not enough councillors to meet officially), therefore the meeting was unfortunately cancelled.

The meeting in April was conducted using a video conferencing platform and enabled the business to be conducted. A discussion was held with the Highways Officer over what layout worked at the front of the Queen Catherine and it was agreed that resurfacing would take place as soon as practical. The police reported on three occurrences of anti-social behaviour. The Clerk had been contacted to report that signs had been erected closing off some footpaths around Boville Park which had not been approved by NYCC. They confirmed that the land-owners had been contacted and that the sign would be removed. Six planning applications were considered and supported. The Clerk reported on the financial year end and new financial year accounts, which were approved.

The most recent meeting in May, also conducted remotely, considered reports from the police on the increasing anti-social behaviour reports; now up to eight from last month, mainly as a result of the parking issues on the road to Sheepwash. More gully work was required on South End to Bog Hole as flooding would become a bigger issue as time progressed. The Clerk would report to the authority responsible.

Damage to the tiles on the steps down to the ladies public toilets was reported and would be repaired. Plans to change the layout of the public toilets was presented for approval which was given, and work would commence to progress to planning approval. A resident requested a change to the road markings on North End which was discussed. It was agreed to carry out a site inspection and consultation. Ancient hedgerows had been removed from North End and these had been reported to NYM to determine if this was done correctly. Two planning applications were discussed, one approved and one not supported. Several complaints and concerns were raised by residents regarding the noise levels and hours of working at the Old Vicarage. The Clerk noted that this was under review by NYM. The year end accounts submission to the external auditor were presented and approved and the issue of verge cutting in wild flower growing time was raised and discussed. A speed restriction sign would be erected on the gate to the play area off West End as delivery vehicles seemed to be 'speeding'. Finally the war memorial had not been planted as yet due to virus concerns however it is hoped that this would happen in the next month.

A Big Thank You!!

On behalf of Thimbleby Community Action I want to thank all of the local residents and businesses that have donated so generously to the Telephone Box Defibrillator in Thimbleby. We have now raised sufficient funds for the first phase of the work to proceed. The telephone box now has its new livery and the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) has been purchased and is soon to be installed. Locally placed AEDs save precious treatment time and improve survival odds because they can be used before emergency medical service personnel arrive. When care is provided within five to seven minutes, including early treatment with an AED, survival rates improve dramatically. You are probably aware that an AED already exists in Osmotherley, however this AED centred in Thimbleby will save precious time and serve the local residents and workers as well as the regular visitors such as walkers, cyclists, holidaymakers and shooting ground members. A "heartfelt" thank you.

PS. Further donations to service on-going costs most welcome!!
Donations can be made via the TCA "Just Giving" Website following this reference.

<https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/thimbleby-community-action>

Alex Dawson, Thimbleby Community Action



SUMMER GAMES 2020

Unfortunately Summer Games on 4th July must be cancelled. This is based on conversations, feedback and decisions taken by other events (e.g. Osmotherley Show is cancelled). There is a strong possibility that we are unable to hold an event this year. We will monitor and if there is an opportunity and the village want an event for the village only, it could happen.

Osmotherley Show Cancelled—Looking forward to seeing everyone on 7th August 2021.

www.osmotherley.org.uk

Osmotherley Community Group

Crafts in the Community

This year we have received funding from North Yorkshire Stronger Communities to support 'Crafts in The Community.'

We have already used some funding to help with our Community Wall and supported a craft stall from Northdale at our March Coffee Morning. Sadly, due to the Covid 19 situation, we are not currently able to hold our normal community events. However, support in, and for, our community goes on in so many different ways as we try to find new ways to support each other. We are pleased to let you know that we have now been able to donate £213.24 to cover the costs of materials to support the craft group who are making masks. This is such a worthwhile cause and we are thankful to all those who are using their skills in this creative way.

St Peter's Osmotherley

News from St Peter's

Although our church remains closed following instruction from Government and Archbishops, the work of the church continues. If you need any assistance please contact Revd Bill Dewing on 882233 or one of the church wardens - Eileen Bellett 883550 or Dave Owst 883367.

Celebrating St Peter's Day

June 29th is St Peter's Day. We had planned a Messy Church event for Sunday 28th June as part of the St Peter's Weekend. Although this will not now take place in its original format, we plan to provide some on line resources - more info from Leanne in due course. We will also hope to provide 'doves of peace' on the bushes in the churchyard over the weekend of June 27th and 28th. We are inviting all members of the community to take one and perhaps think about decorating it and placing in your window as a sign of hope for the future.

Farewell to the Archbishop

The Archbishop of York is to preach as part of the national online service broadcast by the Church of England on Sunday 7th June at 9.00am. This will be the last day in his role as Archbishop of York. His wife, the Revd Margaret Sentamu, will lead a time of prayer in the service. The service will be available to view on Youtube. The Archbishop has been a good friend to St Peter's and we wish him well in his retirement.

OSMOTHERLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL

Throughout the lockdown period, school has continued to open for children of key workers and the number of children varies from day to day, ranging from 2 to 12 children. We also stayed open over the Easter holidays to provide childcare for our key worker families. Fortunately, the weather was gorgeous so we were able to spend lots of time outdoors in the sunshine as well as enjoying board games! Osmotherley Pre-school closed before the Easter break but they are kindly continuing to provide free before and after-school care for the key worker's children in school.

For those children who are not attending school, teachers have done a great job of preparing home-learning activities including some wonderful phonics videos for the EYFS and Year 1 pupils. We have tried to provide daily tasks and activities that will continue the learning that the children would have been receiving at school with a balance of formal learning and creative and active tasks which cover all areas of the curriculum. Mrs Mansfield continues to man the school phone and manage all the admin tasks from her kitchen so we can still be contacted if you need anything.



We hope that everyone is keeping safe and healthy at this time. Our season remains suspended at present, understandably. We will continue to monitor the Public Health situation and update members ahead of our (originally) scheduled June film evening. We will aim to keep our website up to date with the latest news. You can also follow us via our Facebook page.



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Mon 1st - Plant & Produce Donate Swap or Buy - Village Hall.

Sun 7th - Farewell to the Archbishop of York, Youtube broadcast 9.00 am.

Osmotherley and District Garden Club

10 tips on 'Watering your Garden' from Osmotherley and District Garden Club

- Always water well but infrequently as needed. Just damping the surface over a wide area is useless, target the vulnerable plants.
- Prepare the plot for new plantings - find out how deep the dryness extends and water well over 1 to 2 evenings. Plant out the next evening and give a light watering to settle the plant into the ground.
- If plants are root bound, tease out the roots to help formation of new ones to seek the moisture.
- Do not water again until there are signs of stress, but once again give plenty of water.
- For pots, start with damp compost and water lightly after planting.
- Potted plants quickly dry out in the sun. For smaller pots, a good indication is the weight but for large ones try feeling down into the compost. Water well until a small amount flows from the drainage holes.
- Avoid allowing pots to remain standing in water for more than a few hours as the compost will become airless and the plants will rot.
- If compost has become completely dry, water will run straight through the pot. The usual remedy is to stand the pot in a container of water for a couple of hours so that the compost becomes moist again. Then allow to drain well.
- Hanging baskets usually need water every day together with some soluble feed at least once a week when fully established.
- Grass is very resistant to drought so unless it is essential to have bowling green sward, don't bother!

We hope you find our advice useful-for more helpful tips why not join the club?

Membership fees (£2 per annum (£1 for over 60 and under 16)) go towards garden club initiatives that help to make the village look attractive – the recent display of bulbs along the verges on Clack to name but one. We also have regular meetings, visits, a newsletter and Facebook Site all containing lots of tips and expertise. Interested? Please contact ossygardenclubsec@gmail.com

Plant & Produce - Donate, Swap or Buy

As the Club's Plant & Produce Sale cannot go ahead this year, we are instead inviting people to place any donations of plants or produce on the steps up to the emergency exit of the Village Hall. These may then be purchased by placing a donation in the honesty box or swapping for another plant. If possible, donations should be labelled with the plant name. The scheme will start on 1st June and run for three months, although this may be altered depending upon success and government advice. The takings at the Plant Sale are the club's major source of income to pay for speakers, garden visits and projects such as the planting of the cherry trees, daffodils and snowdrops around the village. Please adhere to social distancing advice at all times. Thank you for your support.

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Articles for July issue by 19th June please.

Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Clare Scott via

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