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Pop-Up Harvest Festival

The Osmotherley Community Group is organising a Pop-Up Community Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October. Please help us to make a chain of food tins around the outside of St Peter’s Church. All tins will be taken to Hambleton Foodshare. Unfortunately, we are unable to accept fresh produce. Tins can be brought to church any time between 9am and 4pm . Pete Edmonds will be playing music at key points during the day and there will be a floral display in the church porch and our friends from Mencap will also be providing some festive bunting for the occasion.

There will be a short service of Thanksgiving at 4pm in the churchyard. The churchyard is part of the church worship area and a sacred space but also has its own risks - please remember to avoid leaning on any gravestones. To enable social distancing, the area will be clearly marked out in 2 metre sections and families and support bubbles will be able to stand together. If you have mobility issues please feel free to bring your own chair. We do hope you will be able to join us for this year’s very special Harvest Festival.

NB: Whilst every attempt has been made to plan ahead in line with government advice, all arrangements are subject to change in response to new guidance.

Remembrancetide

With the demise of the local branch of the Royal British Legion and the ongoing Covid 19 epidemic, Remembrancetide this year will be very different. The annual national Poppy Appeal will be much reduced in scope. Locally, David Black has retired as Poppy Appeal Organiser and Major James Barry of Stokesley has taken on his responsibilities. Due to Covid 19 restrictions, there will be no house to house collections and only a limited number of collecting boxes in retail and hospitality outlets. Donations to the appeal are restricted to online contributions or bank transfers. For Osmotherley, a box of poppies will be placed in the Top Shop along with written instructions as to how to make a cashless donation if you wish.

The Act of Remembrance will take place as usual at the village War Memorial at 10.50am on Sunday 8th November . You are asked to observe social distancing at all times and to keep group numbers in line with government guidelines. Veterans will parade at the War Memorial but will not march. There will be the normal Act of Remembrance, two minutes silence and wreath laying although school children and Scouts/Guides etc will not be able to lay their posies of poppies in the usual way. It will not be possible this year to hold the annual Remembrance Service in St Peter’s church following the Act of Remembrance. However there will be a short ceremony of “Laying up the Standard” of Osmotherley Branch, Royal British Legion which will be restricted to an invited congregation of members of the Branch. This will mark the final act of the Branch and it’s closure.

St Peter’s will be open during the afternoon of 8th November so that individuals can come and pay their respects and make their own acts of remembrance. The Soldiers who were introduced as part of the Poppy Festival in 2018 will be in place and will remain in church for a few weeks. St Peter’s is currently open for private reflection every Wednesday and some Sunday afternoons between 2pm and 4pm.

We trust that the above arrangements will enable all our community to Remember. Let us pray that next year will see a return to normal. Thank you for your cooperation.

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Parish Council Meeting 17th Sept 2020

Due to Covid19 concerns, the PC (Parish Council) continues to meet remotely via Zoom.

The police reported there had been 4 cases of anti-social behaviour reported since our last meeting. Thimbleby was still experiencing issues with their Broadband fibre connection and it was agreed to follow this up with NyNet.

Additional funding has been received by the PC to help fund capital schemes. The bus shelter and play area are in need of work to update them and the public conveniences refurbishment has moved onto the next step with planning permission having been applied for. The cemetery is also in need of work to the trees and shrubs and to lift some of the concrete areas to provide additional space to future proof the area. The PC approved works to commence on all these projects as soon as possible.

The Sheepwash Action Group has met to consider progress on improving the area and reported that land near to the reservoir has been identified for possible use for additional temporary car parking and this was being progressed. A matrix sign has also been identified as aiding traffic flow, which would be placed at Clack Lane ends, and made available from next year, subject to testing etc.

It is hoped that the Remembrance Sunday event will take place as usual in November but would be a much smaller event than in previous years.

The many concerns in the village over the proposed development on Grant Close resulted in the NYM planning committee meeting on site and hearing views and comments. As a result of this meeting the developer's architect issued revised plans which were accepted by the committee and it was agreed by the PC that this was likely to be the best outcome achieved.

Concerns were expressed regarding the overall tidiness of the village this summer and it was agreed that improvements could be made to the contractors workload and this would be looked into during the autumn.

Osmotherley Welcome Pack

Inside this month's Messenger you will have received a copy of the Osmotherley Welcome Pack Information sheet. This has been updated and we believe all information is accurate. Thank you to everyone who replied to our consultation. If you notice any inaccuracies or missing information, please let us know and we will correct for the next edition.

The Welcome Pack is an important tool to welcome new residents to our village. Going forward, if you are aware of any new residents, please let one of the Welcome Group team know and we will arrange to introduce ourselves and deliver the Welcome Pack. If you are responsible for a holiday let and would like a copy of the pack for your property, please let us know.

Contacts: Hugh Thompson 883479; Christine Edmonds 883408; Kay Newton 883445.

Please Note: Due to government guidelines regarding Covid-19 a lot of the community groups are not meeting at present. Please check your Osmotherley Messenger for details of changes to this/alternative arrangements when restrictions are lifted.

Osmotherley Village Hall Annual General Meeting

The village hall AGM will be held on Monday 19th October at 7.30pm in the village hall. Current government guidelines will be adhered to during the meeting.

In addition to the usual AGM business, the committee will provide an update on the previous year, including the hall renovation project and will welcome any feedback or suggestions. Currently, our village hall committee is only three people. This puts a lot of pressure on us and presents a challenge for the administration of the hall. For the village hall to continue to be an excellent facility for our village and go from strength to strength, we need more people who can bolster our team and bring fresh ideas.

If anyone would like to get involved we would be delighted if you could come along to the AGM or alternatively contact Paul Howlett at pchowlett78@aol.com.

Osmotherley Community Group

Community Wall 2020: OPEN FOR VIEWING.

We launched our Community Wall back in February and little did we know then what a momentous year 2020 would turn out to be. The good news is that we now have two walls! These will be on display in St Peter's on:

Sunday October 11th 2- 4pm
Sunday October 18th 2- 4pm
Wednesday October 28th 2 - 4pm (during half term)

In order to comply with government and church guidelines, viewing will be on a strictly timed entry.

If you would like to view the walls, please collect your FREE timed ticket from Top Shop. These will be available from October 1st.

Tickets have been organised on the basis of 4 tickets every quarter of an hour and everyone, including children, will need a ticket. There will be two welcomers on hand to act as guides. There is a one way system in St Peter's and hand sanitiser is available on entry and exit. Adults and older children are respectfully requested to wear face coverings.

We are indebted to Jo Nunn and Bobby Terry for all their hard work in putting our wall together. It will be a lasting reminder of a year in which it has been essential to keep connected.

Marking Remembrance Day During the Pandemic

Remembrance Day 2020 is likely to be very different to past years, but we shouldn't allow coronavirus to prevent us recognising and celebrating our veterans. That's why the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust is offering gift boxes to older ex-servicemen and women in North Yorkshire. Boxes will include a collection of Yorkshire-themed items, including biscuits and teabags, as well as commemorative items from the Royal British Legion's Poppyshop. The packs are free of charge and will be delivered in early November, arriving in time for Remembrance Sunday, 8 November. To be eligible for a pack, veterans must:

- be aged 65 or over;
- have served in HM Armed Forces (including National Service) or have seen active service as part of the Merchant Navy;
- live in one of the North Yorkshire districts (i.e. Craven, Hambleton, Harrogate, Richmondshire, Ryedale, Scarborough or Selby).

If you meet the above criteria, or you know an older veteran who does, please see more information on communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk, email exforces@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk or call us on 01904 704177.

There are 150 boxes available and they will be distributed on a first come first serve basis, while stocks last, max 1 per household. Deadline for applications is 18th.

Osmotherley Theatre Group

As we head into Autumn with new social restrictions, inevitably we cannot go ahead with an Autumn production. 2020 will be a sad and frustrating year for many people and we are sorry that we have not been able to put on any performances this year. We will do everything we can to put on a production for you in the late spring, circumstances permitting.



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Dates for your Diary October

Thurs 1st - Northdale Horticulture re-opens.

Weds 4th - Pop-Up Harvest Festival, St Peter's 9am - 4pm

Weds 7th, 14th, 21st - St Peter's Church open for private prayer and reflection.

Sun 11th, 18th and Wed 28th - Community Wall Viewing, St Peter's 2 - 4pm Due to Covid 19 restrictions, timed entry by ticket only.

Sun 18th - Deadline for Royal British Legion 'Yorkshire Giftbox' applications.

Mon 19th - Village Hall AGM, Village Hall 7.30pm

Sunday 25th October Morning Worship, St Peter's 10.45am

November

Sun 8th - Remembrance Sunday, War Memorial 10.50am

Osmotherley and District Garden Club

The remaining talks for 2020 have had to be cancelled due to ongoing restrictions.

However, now is the time to be planning ahead for gardening next year and members are able to purchase seeds at a discounted rate from a reputable supplier.

For more information about joining Garden Club in order to take advantage of this offer, please contact ossygardenclubsec@gmail.com as soon as possible, please.

A Thank You from Northdale

During the spring lockdown of 2020 the people of Osmotherley demonstrated their generosity of spirit by supporting the local learning disability charity, Northdale Horticulture, at what was for the charity a very difficult time.

As the country moved into lockdown Northdale had nearly 60,000 bedding plants ready to sell and was suddenly faced with the prospect of not being able to open its plant centre to the buying public. In great haste Northdale put together an online plant ordering system and much to our surprise and delight ended up delivering well over 500 plant orders to gardeners across Hambleton and Richmondshire. A good many of these orders came up to Osmotherley and for that we are extremely grateful.

Thanks must also go to Martin Stafford who organised and subsidised a bedding plant sale on the village green that came at just the right time and raised many hundreds of pounds in support of the charity's work.

In the intervening months Northdale has been busily making the service as Covid secure as possible and we have been given the good news that we can reopen for our clients on the 1st of October - this would not have been possible without the generosity and support of our local communities.

Northdale will be taking orders for Christmas Wreaths from the 1st of November with free delivery to Osmotherley and the surrounding villages. For more details visit our website at Northdale.org.uk call on 01609 770269 or find us on Facebook.

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Village Hall Bookings

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