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Osmotherley Area Messenger

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2020

The latest guidance from both local and national government has had a considerable impact on our plans for remembrance events. Although many events have been cancelled across the country, we felt that we must mark the day in some way.

The Act of Remembrance will still take place at the War Memorial, but it will not be open to members of the public. Instead, we encourage everyone in the village to stand at their own front door to observe the two-minute silence and to listen to our bugler play the last post. This may disappoint many of you, but we do not have the space to accommodate our normal huge support for this event.

Veterans will of course be welcome if they wish to attend in person but will be asked to stand in a marked zone, flanked by volunteer Covid marshalls to ensure social distancing. Face masks must be worn, unless you have medical exemption. Additional volunteer Covid marshalls will be working to ensure everyone is kept safe, and to provide guidance for traffic as there will be no road closure. Wreaths will be laid and Rev. Bill Dewing will conduct the Act of Remembrance in the traditional manner. We are not able to have the Silver Band this year and there will be no veterans march, but our bugler will still sound the Last Post, and Reveille.

Martyn Stafford (Chairman), On behalf of Osmotherley Area Parish Council

Osmotherley Community Group

Every Poppy Counts

Although our village cannot mark Remembrance Sunday in the usual way this year, the work of The Royal British Legion is as vital as ever. To ensure that everyone can still get a poppy, The Legion has developed an A4 poster of the iconic Poppy. Copies of the poppy poster, along with copies of two other poppy designs will be available from November 1st for collection from St Peter's Church Porch. Please colour your poppy and display in your window. Families and children might also wish to colour a poppy for a neighbour.

Poppy Appeal

Cash donations have been curtailed. 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.

Remembering Alan

The horseshoe memorial for Alan Dawson is now on display in St Peter's alongside our Community Award. Osmotherley Community Group has also agreed with The Parish Council that a commemorative plaque for Alan will be placed on the bench in the middle of the village. The bench was donated to the village by Osmotherley Community Group.

Osmotherley Community Group says 'Thank You'

Our thanks go to everyone for 'raising a cuppa' and raising over £700 for Macmillan; to our community for donating over 500 tins to Hambleton Foodshare; to Sue, Ella and family for making the magnificent bunting for our Pop Up Harvest and raising over £1000 for Northdale from their various craft activities; to Jo and Bobby for putting all the bricks together in our Community Wall 2020 and to everyone who made a brick and came to view it. The Wall will eventually be displayed in the south aisle of St Peter's and will provide a lasting commemoration of a very special year; and last, but by no means least, to the anonymous donor (s) of the 'Giving Hearts' with their lovely messages of comfort and hope.

We also received the following message from Michael Webster, Chair of Trustees at Hambleton Foodshare: *Thank you for the generous gifts to Hambleton FoodShare. We appreciate the imaginative way which you responded to the limits imposed by the pandemic.*

These are very uncertain times and we expect the increased level of need to continue into the future. With the support of our communities, we shall do all we can to meet it.'

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Parish Council Meeting 15th October 2020

The council met this month, once again remotely. Discussions continued picking up on issues raised last month and included updates on the work on the Cemetery, Bus Shelter and the grass cutting issues in the village. The work to create 'space' in the cemetery by lifting the concrete paths is due to take place shortly and the trees and shrubs will be cut back next month. The bus shelter work on the roof and decoration will also be completed shortly and concerns over the state of the village green areas has resulted in a contractor being contacted to undertake a full cut before winter. The current contract for caretaking work will be advertised over the winter for interested parties to begin work in spring 2021.

The concrete sets, across the road on West End, have been repaired on numerous occasions and is becoming an issue. NYCC suggested lifting them and re-surfacing the area.

Councillors felt that initially we should encourage them to do as much as possible to keep the sets as they were part of the fabric of the village and the Clerk was asked to relay this to NYCC.

The public toilets planning application is passing through the planning process and work will hopefully be able to progress before March 2021.

The survey results on the Housing and Car Parking needs highlighted a number of sites for both housing and car parks which had been suggested by residents replying to the survey request. It is hoped to progress these suggestions further by working with Hambleton DC and NY Moors NP going forward.

RoSPA have inspected the Play Area, which it does on an annual basis. Some items are showing serious wear and tear and in need of repair and some replacement. A contractor has been appointed to undertake the work, to be completed by the end of November, weather permitting.

Yorkshire Water has issued a request to undertake work in the village, replacing the main water line, on parts of the village green on West End.

NY Moors NP requested the council support the Dark Skies Reserve initiative for the National Park. The Clerk has sent in a letter of support and awaits confirmation of what this initiative will bring to the area.

Four planning applications were submitted for approval and supported by the council. Councillors raised concerns over 'joy riders' speeding through the village late in the evening and the Clerk was asked to report this to the Police and request additional coverage from them if possible. The steps to the bridge at Boggle Hole on the Cleveland Way were in a poor condition and the Clerk would look into this and rectify.

Concerns over the Remembrance Day event in the village due to Covid restrictions were explained by the Clerk. The PC had taken over responsibility for hosting the event from the RBL village representative and had hoped to carry on the great work of the past, However, many issues have been raised recently by the necessary authorities including the Police and Hambleton DC which have resulted in a much-protracted event which is subject to a separate article in the newsletter.

And finally.....The PC would like to add its best wishes to Eileen Bellett who has been awarded the British Empire Medal for her services to the community of Osmotherley, which is richly deserved.

Full minutes and other information can be found on the community website at www.osmotherley.org.uk

News from St Peter's

All Souls Day November 2nd and The Remembrance Season

This year we will not be able to hold our usual 'All Souls Service' to remember and pray for family members and friends who have died

However, to support those who wish to remember loved ones, we have obtained some special memorial candles. The candles are wind proof and can be placed at a graveside or in a garden or, if preferred, in a window.

If you would like a candle – they can be collected from church during opening times – see below - or by contacting Revd Bill on 01609 882233

If you would like to make a donation for the candle, £1.50 will cover costs. Please give your donation to Revd Bill in a sealed envelope.

Sunday November 8th, 2pm – 4pm to make a personal act of remembrance. The World War One soldiers will be on display and there will be some Poppy floral displays.

Osmotherley Community Group- Respond, Restore and Recover:supporting each other

Although we are not currently able to provide our usual coffee mornings and soup lunches, our community is still active in its support for each other. Osmotherley Community Group is grateful to both North Yorkshire Stronger Communities' and Hambleton District Council who have made grants available to help us to respond to the Covid situation and prepare for the future. Funding has been used to help make St Peter's (our usual venue) Covid Secure, to assist with publicity and promotional materials for outside and timed events, and to provide resources to develop our digital skills. We are delighted that Cairine Fotheringham has offered to support individuals who would like to develop their on-line skills. Cairine writes: *Would you like help to connect to your friends/family over the internet? If you don't have your own device, Osmotherley Community Group have purchased an iPad. It can be used for socially distanced, one to one support in the church. Help is also available to show you how to set up meetings online in a few easy steps. For more information please contact Cairine on 01609 883826 or Eileen on 01609 883550. Please be assured that any 'one to one' or small group support will be mindful of associated risks, and steps will be taken to ensure that we are fully compliant with local and national guidance.*

Future plans? We all need something to look forward to. We are planning to hold a Community Spring/Summer Festival in 2021. Further details will be in the December Messenger including information about how we can all use the coming winter months to prepare for the event.

Covid Support - helping each other - ideas please!

With the prospect of more restrictions and colder weather ahead it would not be surprising if some of us were feeling a bit apprehensive about what the next few months have in store. However, we are so lucky to live in such a beautiful village and within such a caring community. At the start of lockdown a group of volunteers formed a Network of Support to offer telephone support, socially distanced walks, shopping and a prescription pick-up service. That service is ongoing but we wondered if there is more we could be doing as a community? Please can you help by thinking of other ways we can support each other. We have listed some suggestions below and would be very grateful if you could contact Cairine (cairinefotheringham@me.com 883836) or Eileen (eileenwebb22@btinternet.com 883897) with any other suggestions, or if you want to take any of the listed suggestions forward.

1. The Messenger is only produced 10 months of the year (no issue in August or January). We believe this is vital to support community communication. We know some people at the moment would welcome more frequent copies or at least a copy in January (not necessarily for the 1st of the month). The editors would be happy for guest editors to step forward and take responsibility for this, though you may need to be creative in overcoming obstacles such as cost and distribution. If you want advice and some support please contact Eileen Webb.
2. Could those of us who are familiar with Zoom, FaceTime, Google Duo etc offer to show others how to use it?
3. The outdoor Jazz concert really lifted spirits. Could that happen again, or something similar?
4. Could it be made safe for small groups of 6 people to meet in an indoor village location (bringing their own tea/coffee etc)?
5. Could a couple of outdoor benches in the village be moved together so that they are 2 metres apart making it easier for people to meet outside?
6. Could people arrange occasional walks of no more than 6 people per group?
7. Could someone organise games such as Bingo on Zoom etc.? It is so easy to source the cards.
8. A group of volunteers sent individualised greeting cards to elderly/vulnerable residents. Maybe this could be repeated or we could all send them to people we feel would appreciate a note of support?

Village Support Network: This is still alive and well and expecting to be busy over the winter so if you are in need of any help please don't hesitate to contact us. The main contacts are listed overleaf, but behind these names are a full list of willing volunteers.



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Articles for December issue by Friday 20th November

Village Hall Bookings

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