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High hopes for 'The Good Hope' Messenger interview

The Osmotherley Area Messenger had an exclusive preview this week of the Osmotherley Village Theatre's latest production, *The Good Hope*, as well as an opportunity to talk to its busy director and Osmotherley resident, Barrie Robinson. Barrie confided that this play is certainly the most ambitious one that he has ever directed and the most challenging performed since Osmotherley theatre relaunched - 'This is make or break' he joked.

We asked Barrie about the specific experience of working with a village theatre and he stressed the unique team spirit and the fantastic mixture of ages, ranging from 16 to 60. During the rehearsal there was a real buzz from the enthusiastic cast of fifteen, not

to mention some impressive talent!

Barrie was inspired to put on *The Good Hope* after seeing the National Theatre's star-studded production in 2001, the first professional performance of the play for 150 years. Barrie then appeared himself in an amateur production a few years later and now returns to the play with a wealth of exciting ideas as director. Drama has been a constant fascination for Barrie - who admitted that he has come a long way since his first role as a chicken at the age of eight! He has gone on to act regularly in theatres and drama festivals across the region.

We discussed the relevance

today of this Victorian drama set in the fishing community of Whitby. Barrie feels that Osmotherley residents will empathise with the theme of a tightly-knit local community. There are also some poignant parallels with the ordeals of military personnel in modern day society.

Barrie finished the interview with a passionate assessment of the drama group's role in Osmotherley life - 'terrific ... something that the community should be really proud of', he enthused. I had to agree that this vibrant group were having a lot of fun and look set to deliver a top quality and challenging production. Barrie's call for 'more through the door' needs to be listened to!



The Good Hope will be staged on Thursday to Saturday, 11th, 12th and 13th Nov, in the Village Hall.

Tickets are available from the Top Shop, or from Angela Tomsett on 883224

book early to avoid disappointment.

Rabbit - A beautiful white rabbit with some small black markings, has been found in the area of Overdale and Larkhill (West End). He clearly has been a domestic pet, but has been running wild for the past few months. Has anyone lost a rabbit? We have found him a wonderful foster carer for the moment, but he would love to be adopted and loved by someone. If you are interested, or have lost him please ring 883237



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Parish Council

For a period of 2 weeks starting on Monday 1st November the A684 from the bottom of Clack Bank all the way through to the junction with Long Lane near Brompton will be closed to permit major re-surfacing of many sections of the carriageway. Between November 1st and 6th works will be carried out under a 24 hour closure of the road but from November 7th, the A684 will be closed during the day only and open between 7pm and 7am. Local access to businesses and properties will be maintained at all times.

The only diversion which will be signed will be from the bottom of Clack onto the A19 and south to Kilvington to come back up to Northallerton. Likewise traffic wishing to go north on the A19 will have to join at the Clack junction and go south to the Thimbleby/Bullamoor turn to travel north. Every effort will be made to keep the disruption to a minimum.

The Parish Council would like to encourage as many people as possible to become involved in a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme, particularly in light of the recent break-ins where many motor bikes and parts and mountain bikes have been targeted by opportunist thieves. Please contact any of your Parish Councillors who have the information to assist you to be able to act as soon as any suspicious activity is either seen or reported

The Messenger received the following advice from a PCSO at Northallerton

- Fit strong padlocks and hardware to shed and garage doors, making sure that the doors are solid enough not to be kicked in, and fit locks or bars to windows
- Lock ladders inside your garage or shed
- Ensure all your bikes are locked up even when they in a 'secured' garage
- If possible lock bikes to a secure anchor (concreted into the floor or secured to the wall)
- If your garage has rafters consider placing metal sheets across to prevent entry via the roof
- Install security alarms and security lighting

For further advice consult the following website: <http://www.securedbydesign.com/>

The Welcome Pack is 2 years old and to date has been delivered to 20 newcomers to the Osmotherley area (if you have moved in during this time and haven't received one, please let us know). In addition, it is available to visitors to the village at the Top Shop, Church House, St Peter's Church, Osmotherley Primary School, Pre-School, Village Hall, Camp Site, and Youth Hostel.

A copy of the Information Sheets, which are part of the pack, is included with this edition of the Messenger for you. Spare copies are also available at the Top Shop and can be viewed at www.osmotherley.org.uk. Please let one of us know if there are any errors or omissions and if you are a local business and would like a leaflet included in the pack please make contact. **Don't forget to call us if someone moves in near you so a Welcome Pack can be delivered, people seem to be delighted to receive them.** Contact Veda (883479, vedathompson1@gmail.com) Elaine

Osmotherley & District Garden Club

'Welcoming the Wildings Home' is the subject of an illustrated talk to be given by one of our members, Helen Hays on Tuesday 2nd November at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

Helen is a qualified garden designer and has a special interest in planting design

which incorporates wild native flora. She is part of an award-winning landscape & design team working throughout the Midlands and North of England. She is also a garden writer for national & international publications. Last year she appeared in Carol Klein's 'Passionate about Plants' series on BBC 2.

Helen will suggest ways of effectively incorporating wild flowers in garden design including pond plants, wildlife meadows and mixed borders. There will be plenty of tips about how to select & to obtain the right plants for individual gardens as well as ones to avoid! Visitors are very welcome.

Osmotherley School

The first half of this term has gone by in a whirl! We have achieved a lot though and have our plans all ready for the run up to Christmas!

The children in Acorns class will be visiting some local bridges in the area in connection with their study of 'Bridges'. Our weekly Forest School sessions continue to be popular with the Acorns children and they are learning lots of new skills in the great outdoors!

The Oaks class learned lots of new skills when they visited

the BBC and came back with films and podcasts that they had created. These new skills will come in handy in the classroom as the year progresses. In science we are currently animating the process of how a fossil is formed as part of our follow up from the visits to Saltburn. The eco-committee are continuing to work towards the Green Flag award and the contribution of 'Groundwork' organisation is helping us to move this forward. The children have already achieved the Bronze level and are well on their way to silver!

The Oaks class continue to work with their peers from Osmotherley on a Friday and also spent the week before half term working together for an 'excellence week' learning all about the Royal National Life Boat Institute. The Osmotherley Acorns (KS1) also visited Swainby for a bridges day before half term.

We have the dates for our Christmas activities so please put them in your diary and come along and join us.

Saturday 20th November (please note this month's film night is Saturday not the usual Friday)
'GRAN TORINO'

[2008] Cert. 15 111mins

Starring: Clint Eastwood, Bee Vang, Ahney Her

Eastwood both stars in and directs this powerful story of a curmudgeonly war veteran coming to terms with changes in his life and his neighbourhood. Fiercely protective of his independence and property (particularly his treasured classic Gran Torino of the film's title) he gradually also becomes protective of his neighbours in the face of a very real threat from modern suburban life.

Doors open 7.30pm; Film starts 8pm



www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk

Osmotherley Pre-School

OH YES, IT'S FESTIVE LADIES NIGHT!

Join us for a **Ladies Night Out** in the Village Hall on Friday 19th Nov at 7.30. Don't miss the opportunity to shop 'til you drop at stalls from Silverdaze Jewellery, Phoenix Cards, Jamie at Home, Queen Bead, The One Stop Hot Shop, Terry's Toys and many more. Avoid the Christmas crowds, catch up with friends and enjoy an evening of fun. All proceeds to Osmotherley Pre-School. Tickets £3 available from Nathalie Plant (883050) and Pre-School.

SPARKLE DANCE

This year's Sparkle Dance will be on Saturday 27th November, 7.30 'til late. Bar, buffet and disco so dust off your dancing shoes. Tickets £15 available from Pre-school and Nathalie (883050).

Village Hall – Situation Vacant

The Village Hall Committee held its AGM on 19 October. After 2 very successful years Dave Morris has stood down as Chair and all on the Committee will sadly miss his un-ending enthusiasm and commitment.

We are therefore looking for a new **Chairperson** willing to assist in the running of this

invaluable village resource. The position may be limited to a year and meetings are held every 6 weeks. The next meeting will be held on 16 November and anyone interested in the position or simply in helping out is invited to attend. Alternatively, you can contact the Vice-Chair Jane Naish on 883297 for

further information.

The Hall is also looking to employ an **Odd Job Person** to perform the weekly and monthly checks required in the hall. The job will be paid at a rate of £12 / hour and would be for 1-2 hours each week. The majority of the work would involve checking

the general running of the hall (fire alarms & doors, lights, kitchen, toilets, appliances etc) and reporting any problems to the committee. Any interested parties should contact Jane or the Secretary Vicki Morton on 883168

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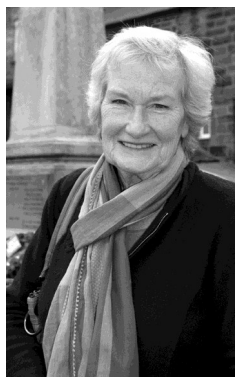
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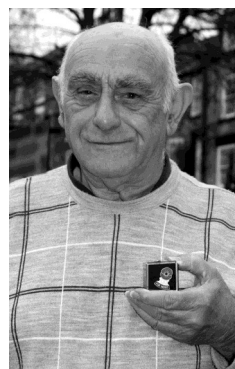
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**Articles for December by
25th November please—
pictures welcome!**

Faces of the British Legion



Ann Kirk—Secretary



Bill Thackray -
recently awarded a
Royal British Legion
merit badge marking
25 years of service



Donlha Marriot—
for last 7 years, an
active seller of
poppies

Dates for your Diary

Nov

Tues 2nd 7.30pm Garden Club—illustrated talk by Helen Hays on incorporating wild flowers in gardens. Village Hall.

Tues 2nd 8pm Osmotherley Show Dominoes. Nether Siltton

Wed 3rd 7.30pm. Royal Brit Legion Monthly Meeting & bingo. QC

Sun 7th 6.30 evening service Rev. Robert Gee, St Peter's Church

Sun 7th 11.45am Dedication of Field of Remembrance. War Memorial

Thurs 11th-Sat 13th Village Theatre '**The Good Hope**'. Village Hall

Thu 11th 11.00am. Nat 2-mins Silence, Armistice Day. War Memorial

Sun 14th 10.50am. Remembrance Sunday Parade and Act of

Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by United Remembrance Sunday service in St Peter's Church. (no chapel)

Tues 16th 8pm Osmotherley Show Dominoes. Golden Lion

Fri 19th 7.30pm, Pre-school Ladies Night. Village Hall

Sun 21st 6.30pm evening service Rev. Andy Bryer, St Peter's Church

Wed 24th 3.30pm School Christmas Fair – in school

Sat 27th Church Coffee Morning, 10-12am, with cakes and stalls

Sat 27th 7.30 Pre-school Sparkle Dance. Village Hall

Sun 28th 4.30pm Advent candlelit united service, St Peter's Church

Tues 30th 8pm Osmotherley Show Dominoes. Haynes Arms

Dec

Wed 1st 7.30pm. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting & bingo. Queen Catherine

Tues 7th, 7.30pm Osmotherley Show Dominoes, Dog & Gun Potto

Mon 13th, evening, School Christmas production – in school

Tues 14th afternoon, School Christmas production – in school

Thurs 16th, 10am, School Carol Service. Church

Wed 29th 2pm. Family Bingo sponsored by the Royal British Legion. Village Hall.

Remembrancetide

The Poppy Appeal commences on Saturday 30th October.

Local volunteer collectors will conduct a house to house collection and Poppies will also be available in all village pubs and shops. Please give generously.

As in past years a Field of Remembrance will be sited at the War Memorial from 7th - 14th November. Remembrance crosses commemorating those who served in the Armed Forces and died can be placed in the Field. These crosses can be bought from any of our collectors.

Remembrance Sunday falls on 14th November. There will be the traditional parade of

veterans in the village centre at 11am followed by the Act of Remembrance which will include participation by the Parish Council and children of Osmotherley Primary School. Music will be provided by the Osmotherley Silver Jubilee Band. Roads through the village centre will be closed between 10.50 and 11.15am with diversions via School Lane and Back Lane. Residents who normally park their cars around the War Memorial are kindly requested to move them to another site for the short duration of the parade and Act of Remembrance. The parade will be followed by a Remembrance Sunday Service in St Peter's Church.



Sheila Black—
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presented with the
20 Year Service
Badge



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Judith Mothersill—
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