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## Osmotherley Village Theatre

Osmotherley Village Theatre production - Wed 25th, Thurs 26th & Fri 27th March 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. Also featuring children from Osmotherley School.

Dylan Thomas's iconic *Under Milk Wood* will be our next production. Join us on a spring day in the small town of Llareggub, nestling under Milk Wood, as its various eccentric and



## Toad Patrol

Every Spring since 2002 a patrol has been organised to save toads, frogs and newts from being run over by traffic on the road near Sheepwash. The task involves picking up the toads from the road surface or verges, putting them in a bucket and releasing them into Cod Beck reservoir when the bucket is full. There's about a mile and a half of road to patrol so help is always welcome. Warm clothing, good shoes or wellies, a reflective hi-vis jacket, a bucket and a good torch are the equipment required. We

lusty inhabitants go about their business. Blind Captain Cat dreams of his long dead sailing companions and the love his life - also dead. He listens as single mother Polly Garter scandalises the town's womenfolk with her babies and as the postman delivers his mail to the prim and proper widow, to the murderous schoolmaster's hag of a wife, to Mog Edwards, the draper mad with love for nice Miss

Price. All life is here ... the bigamist, the mad aristocrat, the idler, the poetic reverend, the indiscriminate butcher, the randy rabbit-catcher, the landlady of the bar where it is always opening time. Come and join them for an evening of gossip and laughter in this evocative, wonderfully written piece.

Tickets will soon be available from Top Shop or by calling 01609 883224

have a few hi-vis jackets that can be borrowed for the evening if you don't have your own.

Patrols generally happen from about mid-March when the weather is mildish (above about 8C) and toads' movements usually start at dusk. If it's wet as well as mild then several hundred toads may appear over a couple of hours. A typical season may last until Easter but timings are very weather dependent. Last year we helped over 2,300 toads, 70 frogs and 30 newts. By reading some safety literature and a risk assessment and signing a couple of forms we can arrange free third party

and personal accident insurance while patrolling thanks to the charity Froglife. Otherwise, all patrols are carried out strictly at your own risk. Parents or guardians need to sign the forms on behalf of anyone under 18 years old. The task is not really suitable for very young children. However, we are considering arranging something with Osmotherley School so that they can experience the fun of a patrol under strict one-to-one parent and/or teacher supervision. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact Steve Rogers on 01609 883615 or at [osytoads@gmail.com](mailto:osytoads@gmail.com)

**50's Club-** Final lucky winner for 2014/2015 was Dudley Nimmo.

**50's+ Club -** New members will be informed of their number by 27th Feb. Usual draw will be made on Wed 4th March together with a small new draw depending on number of new members. Thank you to all old and new members - your contribution to the Community Bus Fund is greatly appreciated.



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## Parish Council

The Police attended the Feb meeting of the Parish Council – there had been no reported incidents in the area during the previous 4 weeks. However PC Woodcock was able to respond to concerns following the serious congestion resulting from a well attended running event based in the village. The advice here is that organisers of such events must always seek prior approval from the Police and that should any third party become aware it is advisable that such information is forwarded to the Police. Police are also running campaigns to make youngsters in particular, aware of the dangers of legal highs and of "sexting". Other campaigns that are current are pet theft, a growing problem in some areas; it is confirmed that poaching should be notified by the use of a 999 call.

The road past Sheepwash is soon to be closed to help prevent further flooding in that area and Yorkshire Water has been asked to tackle various leaks elsewhere. However they have responded to say that the chamber near the Pinfold is not their responsibility despite it being a part of the old Dales and District Water Boards pipework. The PC will continue to press for a solution to this problem.

Work to repair the Bus Shelter will be carried out in the near future but the repointing to the Churchyard wall cannot take place until a Church Faculty has been obtained. Further quotes are still to come in to refurbish the Toilets and here the PC will try to find an additional source of funding to cover the costs. Second quotes are waited for the inscriptions to the War memorial and to replace the Ellerbeck sign on the A684.

Parliamentary, District and Parish Elections will be held on May 7th. All Councillors are obliged to step down and if they wish to seek re-election they must complete the nomination process. Nomination forms for Parish Councillors will be available from the Clerk, Len Cragg, 01609 773577 from 14th of March. Anyone wanting a form is asked to phone near to that date and one will be forwarded. Once received the timescale for completion and return must be carefully followed as indicated in the pack. Also please make sure that your name is on the Official List of Electors, since without that you will not be eligible to vote.

### **Osmotherley and Area Oil Cooperative**

The Cooperative now benefits over 250 households in Swainby, Borrowby, Knayton, Over Silton, East Harlsey, Ingleby Arncliffe, Ingleby Cross as well as Osmotherley. By pooling our requirements we are able to negotiate a lower price for oil – previous orders have been 3-7p per litre lower than prices offered to individual customers.

Every other month the Cooperative Coordinator emails members asking for order amounts. The coordinator negotiates with various companies for prices based on the total volume and places the order. The oil is delivered on agreed days, and the supplier sends each member a bill for their own oil. The bill is payable direct to the supplier from the member within two weeks by cheque or credit card. Members only order when oil is required – they don't have to order oil each time. The next order will be placed at the end of March and then every other month.

Contact Syd Howlett or Tristan Sillars - Coordinators

Tel: 01609 883499 Email: [osmotherleyoil@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:osmotherleyoil@yahoo.co.uk)

## Osmotherley & District Garden Club

**Tues 3rd March at 7.30 for  
7.45 pm, Village Hall.**

Mike I'Anson will give an illustrated talk 'Garden Mistakes and Disasters'. This light-hearted presentation ranges from the 'rogue' plants introduced by the famous plant hunters at the turn of

the twentieth century to common mistakes made by amateur gardeners and how to avoid them. Visitors are very welcome to attend including refreshments at 7.30 pm. If you are interested in joining our friendly club have a look at our website [www.osmotherleygardenclub.org](http://www.osmotherleygardenclub.org)

org which provides comprehensive information about regular activities and forthcoming events. We try to organise the year's programme so that there is something to interest novices or more experienced gardeners or those who simply enjoy looking at gardens.

# Your Summer Games Needs You

The Osmotherley Summer Games will be on Sat 4th July – please put this date in your calendars and diaries now! The Games needs your support now more than ever to ensure its survival. Unfortunately the Phoenix race will not be held this year (though hopefully it will “rise again” in the future). This

will be a big miss for the Games which is the main fundraising event for the Village Hall. However it would be an even bigger miss for the village if the Games were not to continue. It is the main event bringing the whole village together, but it does need to raise a significant amount to justify

the time & effort which goes into it.  
•Be There! - Bring your friends, bring your family, bring people you met once and quite liked.  
•Donate – Can you sponsor part of the Games, or contribute a raffle prize, cake or Tombola prize?  
More information in the next Messenger . Thank you

## Community Coffee Morning

**Tues, 10th Mar (9- 11 30am) Coffee Morning in St Peter's Church.**

This month we are supporting Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal ( Every March since 1986 Marie Curie's Great Daffodil Appeal has been raising awareness and funds).

Thank you to everyone who supported the Feb event - we were able to make a donation

of £150 to Osmotherley Pre School.

**Wed, 18th March (12 noon – 2pm) Winter Soup Lunch – St Peter's Church**

Thank you to everyone who supported our first four Winter Soup Lunches. We will have raised over £800 towards The Community Bus Appeal. A cheque for the final amount will be presented to Tim Swales on behalf of the

Osmotherley Community Trust at our April Community Coffee Morning on 14th April.

Our final Soup Lunch on Wed 18th March will support Christian Aid as part of their annual Lent Super Lunch appeal. We hope you will be able to make it on the 18th as this will be our last soup lunch until next November. We look forward to seeing you!

### EBOLA FUNDRAISER WEEKEND, DECEMBER

Thank you Osmotherley—We raised £1347 (nearly £1500 after gift aid). Half of this went to the Disaster Emergency Committee (DEC) via Oxfam and half went to help orphans of Ebola via Street Child.



**Fri 20th March.**

**Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm.**

For this month's film we turn to the acclaimed comedy-drama from Director Woody Allen, starring Cate Blanchett:

**BLUE JASMINE**

[2013] Cert. 12A 96mins  
Jasmine (Blanchett) is a shallow Manhattan socialite whose world crumbles after the collapse of her husband's investment scam. Broke and with nowhere to go, she moves in with her down-to-

Membership information, contact 883237, 883518 ,883096, or email: osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk

earth sister in San Francisco. Forced to rebuild her life, she dates a series of men, attempts to find a career and tries to survive in the real world. Preview available on our website. Guests welcome - 16+ yrs Guest Fee £5

**The Osmotherley Village Hall Committee** would like to say a VERY BIG 'thank you' to Moria Pearson, who after many, many years' service as Treasurer has decided to take an early retirement. Moria has worked tirelessly in the back ground for many years without fuss and has been at the heart of much of the village hall's success. We would like to wish her a happy retirement and look forward to seeing her at village events as she continues to support Osmotherley and Thimbleby. Happy retirement Moria!



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## Dates for your Diary

### March

Sun 1st -6.30pm. -Methodist Church Service of Holy Communion. Preacher Rev. A Bryer  
Tues 3rd 7.45pm - Village Hall. Mike I'Anson will give an illustrated talk 'Garden Mistakes and Disasters' (refreshments at 7.30)

Wed 4th 7:30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo  
Sun 8th. -Methodist Church No service in Osmotherley

Tues 10th - 9 - 11 30am (or anytime in between) - St Peter's Church. Coffee Morning

Sun 15th – St Peter's Church. Mothering Sunday

Sun 15th 6.30pm. Methodist Church Mothering Sunday service. Preacher Rev. A Bryer

Wed 18th – 12noon– 2pm – St Peter's Church. Winter Soup Lunch

Fri 20th – Doors open 7.30 pm - 8pm start -Village Hall. Osmotherley film 'Blue Jasmine'

Sun 22nd (about 11.45) -- St Peter's Church after Morning Service. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting

Sun 22nd and 29th. Methodist Church No service in Osmotherley

Wed 25th,Thurs 26th & Fri 27th 7.30 -Village Hall - OVT 'Under Milkwood'

### April

Wed 1st 7:30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

Tues 7th 7.30pm - Village Hall. Garden Club - Dwarf Bulbs throughout the Year .

## News from St Peter's

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sun 22nd March in St Peter's Church after Morning Service (about 11.45). This meeting is open to everyone and is an opportunity to find out about the Church activity in the previous year, and the

plans and aspirations for the future. It is also a good time to raise questions and proffer suggestions. The accounts which will be submitted are on view in the church from Sunday 1st March. Please try to come to this meeting and help to develop the life of the Church. On Sun 15th March

we shall celebrate Mothering Sunday – a joyful occasion with poses for Mums and Honorary Aunties.

A Lent course based on the theme “Chocolat” is being run by Trevor in the Church at 7.30pm on 2nd, 9th,19th,23rd and 30th March.

## Royal British Legion

The Osmotherley branch has unanimously elected as their President, a former Royal Air Force Officer who piloted a Lancaster bomber on the final raid of the Second World War. Osmotherley resident Ken Baker, a spritely ninety-one year old, considers his good health is thanks to his personal trainer, Toby, a Staffordshire terrier cross who exercises Ken twice a day.

A keen member of the Air Training Corps, Ken volunteered for the RAF on reaching 18 and was selected for flying training which was undertaken in

Canada. Once trained as a Pilot, Ken returned to England for conversion to heavy aircraft and qualified to fly Lancaster bombers. In February 1945, as part of 106 Squadron RAF, Ken flew the first of four operational raids into Germany. His fifth raid was to Tonsberg in Norway, which was to be Bomber Command's final operational European raid in the Second World War. On demobilisation in 1946 he commenced a long career in agricultural, particularly crop research and development. Since settling into Osmotherley Ken has been a stalwart of the lively village



branch of the Royal British Legion. Branch Chairman David Black is delighted that a Second World War veteran has accepted the Presidential post.