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## Congratulations to the Community Group

We were able to share the North Yorkshire trophy and certificate for 'Best Community Group' with everyone who joined us at the Community Coffee Morning and Soup Lunch in November. The award is a fitting tribute to the wonderful community spirit we enjoy in the village and surrounding areas, and recognition of all the hard work and support from which we continue to benefit. The award comes with a prize of £1,000 which will be used to fund future community activity and development.

The Coffee Morning also raised £200 for The Poppy Appeal, so thank you for your generous support.

### Forthcoming events

In December there will be a **Community Coffee Morning on Tuesday, 8th December** and a **Soup Lunch on Wednesday, 16th December**. We hope you will join us on one or both of these occasions — you will receive a warm welcome.

### Family Christmas Trail: Sunday, 13th December, 2pm – 3.30pm

This is a **free** event funded by our Community Award. Key figures from the Christmas story will be hidden at various points around the village and you will be invited to find them with the aid of clues. When you have tracked down all the characters, you will be asked to bring your 'evidence' to St Peter's Church, where you will be rewarded with hot dogs and soup. There will be a handcrafted gift for all children taking part and an opportunity to sing some carols. Make sure you collect your Trail Sheet from St Peter's Church at 2pm on December 13th.

### Family Carol Service: Sunday, 20th December, 10.45am, St Peter's Church

We hope you will be able to join us for this Carol Service – the figures from the Christmas trail will be making a special appearance!

**A community cookbook** containing more than 30 local recipes with full-colour photographs will be on sale at a price of £5 at our December Community Coffee Morning. It will make an excellent Christmas present!

## CAROLS AROUND THE TREE – 21st Dec, 6.30pm

The Village Christmas Tree will be decked out in lights, with carols, mulled wine, mince pies and tombola fun – what more could you ask for to get you into the festive spirit? This annual community

festive occasion will take place on **MONDAY 21st DECEMBER**, beginning at **6.30pm**, around the tree and in the Village Hall. Leave decking your halls for a night, wassail your

way to the Village Hall and enjoy some fa la la's!



**Classes continue until  
18<sup>th</sup> Dec and recommence  
Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016.**

**Mon** 5.15-6pm *Fat-Burning  
Cardio* and 6-6.45 *Fat-Melting  
Body Sculpt* in the Village  
Hall. (£5 per class, £8 for the  
double session)

**Tues** 8-9pm: *Men on Mats* (£7  
per session)

**Fri** 9.30-10.30am: *Moving  
Wisely* (£7 per session)

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# Parish Council

Highway concerns continue to be one of the dominant issues for Osmotherley Area Parish Council. A private contractor was brought in to try to find the cause of the North End waterfall after Highways had failed to achieve a result. The problem appears to be due in part to tree roots blocking an outfall pipe but also to a collapsed fire hydrant junction; both of these will now be repaired. Potholes need filling in many locations – the public can report these directly by accessing the NYCC website and going to [reportapothole](#).

Planning applications included proposals to erect an eco house in the quarry along Quarry Lane; this was considered to be entirely unsuitable both in terms of its location as well as the proposal to create a smallholding to make it self-sufficient, and the PC recommended that it should be refused. Another application was for three cattle buildings and a silage clamp at Home Farm: this included a landscape plan so that these new buildings would be screened from both the road as well as from Thimbleby. Also in Thimbleby was an application for an array of solar panels; no objections were made because these will be hidden from view at the rear of the property.

Although the police did not attend the meeting their report was considered to be inaccurate because it did not include the theft of a car from outside Keepers Cottage. Nor did it refer to the theft of a teleprinter from within the Shooting Ground. After this vehicle was crashed the police did make two arrests and these persons are now on bail. Because there is unease about security of property and to individuals, the police have been asked to attend the next meeting with a view to them advising and highlighting ways of cascading information as soon as an incident occurs. Prevention is always better as a cure.

A second training session can be arranged to give people the confidence to use the defibrillator. This session will be carried out by the Ambulance Service and could be combined with residents of other villages who have expressed an interest in refresher training. Please can anyone who is interested let any Parish Councillor know.

Osmotherley Parish Council would like to thank Mr Len Cragg for more than 12 years of loyal service to the villages of Osmotherley, Thimbleby, Ellerbeck, Kirby Sigston, West Harlsey, Winton, Foxton, Stank, Sowerby under Cotcliffe and Hallikeld. All of these settlements are represented by the Osmotherley Parish Council and, as you can see, covers a wide area.

Len has always gone the extra mile to make sure that all his work benefits our residents with regular contact with the North York Moors National Parks, North Yorkshire County Council, Hambleton District Council, Yorkshire Water and local business etc. We wish him every success for his future endeavours.

Cllr Tim Swales, Chairman.

### PLANNED ROAD CLOSURE NOTIFICATION - 6762 - South End, Osmotherley

The closure will be in place  
for a period of three days  
between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>  
December between 06:00 -  
16:30. The road closure and  
any associated diversion  
routes can be viewed via  
this link:

<http://roadworks.org/?tm45141>

### 50s Plus

Lucky Nov winners:  
£25 - Jill Kirby  
£12.50 - Carol Russell.  
Dec & Jan draw in Dec.

Subscriptions due mid-Feb.  
to commence March. Please  
advise ONLY if you do NOT  
wish to continue with your  
membership.

In 2016 we are trying for 100  
members with three draws.  
Please contact Maureen on  
883089 if you wish to join.

### Pre-School Fundraiser

Bric-a-brac sale: 27<sup>th</sup> Feb,  
9am-1pm, Northallerton  
Town Hall in aid of  
Osmotherley Primary  
School and Osmotherley  
Pre-School.

If anyone is having a pre- or  
post-Christmas clear-out,  
please hold on to things for  
us to sell at this joint fund-  
raiser. For further details  
please contact Clare Scott  
on 883373.

# Summer Games Committee

We are pleased to announce this year's Osmotherley Summer Games Disbursement Fund will be distributed as follows:

£200 to the Osmotherley Community Group to fund new crockery & cutlery for the upcoming soup lunches, and £200 for the

Osmotherley Community Trust to go towards ongoing running and maintenance costs for the community bus. Both recipients cover wide sections of the village community so the Summer Games Committee was keen to distribute the full amount available in support

of these two excellent causes. The 2016 Summer Games will be held on Saturday 2nd July. Preparations for the next games will start soon and anyone wishing to get involved is more than welcome (please contact Lucy Sillars on 883069 for more information).

## The Top Shop

For the past 26 years I have been running THE TOP SHOP and have always had the Osmotherley community at the centre of any plans I have had for the shop.

For example I invested a large amount to enable the Post Office to be moved into the shop when the Walking Shop closed it down, only for it to be closed by the Post Office in its reorganisation plans a

few years later. I also made room for the newspapers to be transferred to the shop when Miss Thompson was unable to sell them anymore (this had to be done with only four hours' notice). We also provide a collection point for Mowbray House prescriptions. As many of our customers know we will always do our best to fulfil their needs by attempting to source items for them which we do not normally stock.

I now must express my dismay

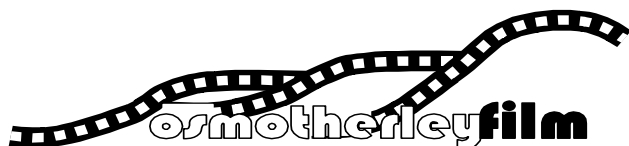
at finding that people are now discussing plans for a community shop.

To put the record straight: The Top Shop (and flat) is up for sale as a going concern but I have no intention of closing it. Myself, Gail & Wendy look forward to continuing to serve the community for 362 days a year.

**Dave Burgon**

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### A Winter Double Bill

Ward off the winter chill with our films in Dec and Jan!

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec**

**BELLE**

[2014][UK] Cert. 12A  
104mins

*Starring: Gugu Mbatha-Raw,  
Matthew Goode,*

*Emily Watson, Tom Wilkinson*

The extraordinary story of a black woman living in high society in 18<sup>th</sup>-century

England. Dido Belle, the illegitimate daughter of a Royal Navy captain, is sent to live with her uncle, the Earl of Mansfield, at Kenwood House in Hampstead and comes to play an important role in the campaign to abolish slavery.

**Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016:**

**THE CHORUS**

[2004][Fr.] Cert. 12A 97mins  
(French. Subtitled)

*Starring: Gerard Jugnot, François  
Berleand*

It's post-war France, 1949. At a school for troubled boys, overseen by an overly strict headmaster, a mild-mannered new teacher arrives. He finds himself in the midst of difficult and disturbed young pupils – thieves, compulsive liars, rebels and lost souls. Gradually, through music, he wins the respect and trust of the class.

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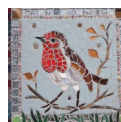
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### 'A year and moor' Pop-up Art Exhibition

at the Golden Lion, Osmotherley, to 19th Dec  
The Golden Lion will be hosting an exhibition of recent paintings and mosaics by local artist, Jane Thorniley-Walker. Work includes seasonal winter moorland and village scenes, mosaic mirrors and wall pieces.



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### Osmotherley Village Hall

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Thursdays 2pm-3pm,

Thursdays 6pm- 7.30pm

### Friends Meeting House

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# Dates for your Diary

## Dec

Wed 2<sup>nd</sup> - 7.30pm - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

Tues 8<sup>th</sup> - 9-11.30am - St Peter's Church Community Coffee Morning

Sun 13<sup>th</sup> - 2-3.30pm - starting from St Peters Church Family Christmas Trail

Wed 16<sup>th</sup> - 12noon - 2pm St Peter's Church Community Soup Lunch

Fri 18<sup>th</sup> - 8pm - Village Hall. Osmotherley Film 'Belle'

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> - 10.45am - St Peter's Church Family Carol Service

Sun 20<sup>th</sup> - 3-4pm - Quaker Meeting House. Meeting followed by a festive afternoon tea

Mon 21<sup>st</sup> - 6.30pm - Village Centre. Carols round the Xmas Tree

## Jan

RBL no bingo in Jan

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - 9-11.30am St Peter's Church Community Coffee Morning

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> - 2pm - Methodist Chapel. OWLS - Talk on Homeopathy.

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> - 8pm - Village Hall. Osmotherley Film 'The Chorus'

Sun 17<sup>th</sup> - 3-4pm - Quaker Meeting House. Meeting

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> - 12noon - 2pm St Peter's Church Community Soup Lunch

## Feb

Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> - 7.30pm - Queen Catherine. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and bingo

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> - 2pm - Methodist Chapel. O.W.L.S Talk by Neville Tate. 'Flight of a 1000 eyes' A charity about blindness particularly in children.

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> - 8pm - Village Hall. Osmotherley Film- 'What We Did On Our Holiday'

Sat 27<sup>th</sup> - 9am -1pm - Northallerton Town Hall. Bric-a-brac sale

# Church News

Christmas looms ahead and as we all know it is one of the most important moments in the Christian year.

Preparation began on 29th November, with the candle-lit Advent Service led by the choir. Next the Church hosts the school Christingle on 18th December at 2.00pm – always a favourite with the children and their families.

The annual Carol Service will take place on Sunday 20th December at 10.45am. This is also a real family service. On Christmas Eve the Crib Service will be held at 6pm, when the children will help to furnish the crib. This will be followed by a service of Holy Communion at 11.30pm.

In the New Year, Archbishop

Sentamu is planning a walking pilgrimage around the Diocese. He will be visiting our Deanery on 2nd and 3rd January but will not be able to visit Osmotherley. We hope to have further details nearer the time. Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas. From all at St Peter's.

# Royal British Legion

The Osmotherley Branch of the Legion would like to thank you for all the support you have given to us over the past few years - and hope you will continue to do in the future. We were particularly pleased with the wonderful turnout especially the children on Remembrance Sunday this year when despite the weather, so many villagers were there to help us mark the Act of Remembrance and church service. We are a small branch with some 60 members but we do our best to further the Legion's welfare work. From our bingo evenings and stalls at Summer Games and the Agricultural Show (and other events) we have since 2001 been able to donate over £36,000 to local Legion charitable work, notably giving over £27,000 to the Legion's residential care home at Lister House in Ripon and £6,000 to Alderson House, the respite care home in Bridlington. In addition some £3,000 has gone to individual welfare cases in our district. This amount is quite separate from that which we raise over the annual Poppy Appeal for which during the 5 years from 2000 to 2014 we raised £49, 744. All this is due to the support we get from the village and district and we are very, very grateful to you.



COMMUNITY BUS – please book asap for your festive excursions. Also a HUGE thank you to the Summer Games Committee for the very generous donation of £200, this was greatly appreciated.