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## Dates for your Diary

### May

Sun 3rd 6.30pm Methodist Church Evening Service Rev. Ian Johnson  
Mon 4th 9am Royal British Legion. Spring Outing to the Dales Food Festival, Leyburn  
Mon 4th 10-12am Knitting Group, Methodist Chapel  
Wed 6th 7:30pm Royal British Legion meeting followed by raffle and bingo. Queen Catherine.  
Sun 10th 6.30pm Methodist Church Holy Communion Rev. Robert Gee  
Tues 12th 10am Village Hall - Coffee Morning - Christian Aid.  
Tues 12th 7.30pm Ladies Night, Village Hall  
Fri 15th 8pm Osmotherley Film, Persepolis, Village Hall  
Sun 17th 6.30pm Methodist Church Evening Service Rev. Andy Bryer  
Wed 20th 7.30pm St Peters Church - Organ Recital - Edmund Aldhouse.  
Sun 24th 6.30 pm Methodist Church Evening Service Mrs. Chris Lawson  
Sat 30th 2.30-4.30pm Plant and Produce Sale, Village Hall  
Sun 31st 6.30pm Methodist Circuit Service, St. James Green, Thirsk. No Osmotherley service

## Osmotherley School

I must start my contribution this month with an apology. I am sorry to say that I did not acknowledge the part played by Osmotherley Pre-school in obtaining the willow structure. The willow structure, is now establishing itself in the school garden, I would like to thank Gill Hunton and the committee at Pre-school for all their hard work in preparing the bid for funding for the willow structure.

This is part of the development of the outdoors on the Osmotherley School site, which will benefit both school and pre-school. The hope is that in September we will be able to offer 'Forest

School' sessions to children at both pre-school and in school. Without the vision and hard work put in by the pre-school team this wonderful opportunity would not have been possible. So thank you again from all at Osmotherley School.

This term the Acorns class are thinking about the theme 'Here comes Summer' and hope to grow plants and observe changes in nature, as well as thinking about all the other things that summer brings.

The Oaks class are learning about the Vikings and have started their studies with a 'dig' organised for them by the

staff and also a visit to Jorvic in York.

The mosaic art project was a great success and I would like to thank Jane Thorniley-Walker for all her hard work both in school with the children and in the preparation that was required beforehand. The children really enjoyed the experience and the completed mosaic will be on display in the school as soon as the last finishing touches have been done.

So please pop in and have a look on our open day. (Osmotherley Games afternoon)

## Plant and Produce Sale

The Garden Club will hold its annual sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 30th May between 2.30 - 4.00 pm. Annuals for summer bedding, perennials, vegetable and house plants should be available. In addition there will also be home made produce such as cakes, breads,

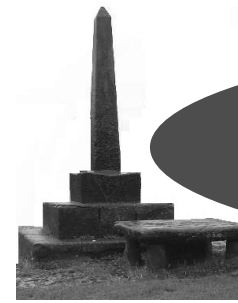
biscuits, jams & chutneys for sale. You might even find surplus garden tools at a very reasonable price.

There will also be the opportunity to have a chat and refreshments with friends. Anyone who wishes to donate

items can bring them to the hall from 1.30pm.

*Pat Elton, Secretary*

Keeping our Communities in touch



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# Osmotherley Area Messenger

## Osmotherley Pre-School

**Easter Bunny Hunt.** Many thanks to all villagers, pre-school and primary school parents and children, friends and family who turned out for the first Osmotherley **Easter Bunny Hunt.** We had some lovely feedback about the event itself and the fact the village was full of children (and adults too) eagerly running round collecting their stickers and completing their forms with such enthusiasm! There was a brilliant turnout greatly assisted by the great British summer and some delicious cakes! We raised well over £300 between the raffles, bunny hunt and tea and cakes.

Pre-school is a charitable run organisation which relies on fundraising to keep going so many thanks to those who kindly supported the cause and made generous donations.

We would like to welcome three new children - Islay,

Polly, Emily and their families to pre-school. Any newcomers to the village, please feel free to call in and see us. We operate an open door policy and the children would enjoy giving you a conducted tour.

The next few weeks will be an exciting time for pre-school as our successful funding application will enable us to improve our outdoor provision. The first phase of the project, the construction of a willow dome in the school garden, has already been completed. This is a shared resource and will allow both school and pre-school children another outdoor area to work in. Thanks must go to Phil Bradley, a professional willow weaver, and to all the staff, parents and children who came to help.

The second phase begins next week when Andrew Clarke

will start building outdoor storage facilities, decking, raised digging and sand areas and a child height den-building area. Danny Manging will also be creating two port-holes in the wall to allow better observation points for the children.

The final phase will include the construction of a fire-pit in the school garden, which will also serve as a shared resource. This funding has assisted staff in moving pre-school forward with the introduction of a forest school approach to outdoor learning. The new facilities and enhanced resources will provide children with opportunities to investigate their immediate environment as well as gain a better understanding of risk and challenge.



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## Oh Yes It's Ladies Night!

Join us for a **Ladies Night Out** in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12 May at 7.30. Wine, nibbles, raffle and the opportunity to shop 'til you drop at stalls from Silverdaze Jewellery, Phoenix Cards, Partylite Candles, The Body Shop, Virgin Vie, Queen Bead scarves, bags & belts, Roots Farm Shop, The Pampered Chef, Forever Living Aloe Vera products and more.

Come along, catch up with friends and enjoy an evening of fun.

All proceeds to Osmotherley Pre-School.

Tickets £3 (include glass of wine) available from Vicki Morton (883168), Sharon Pitts (883465) and Pre-School.

**Royal British Legion**

**Monday 4th May** (Bank Holiday). The Branch Spring Outing to the Dales Food Festival at Leyburn. Minibus leaves the village centre at 9am.

**Wednesday 6th May** at 7:30pm, Monthly Meeting followed by a raffle and bingo in the Queen Catherine Hotel.

**Calling all Stamp Collectors**

If you are interested in swaps (world stamps)

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**Evening Art Group**

If you would be interested in joining an evening art group meeting in the Village Hall. Please ring Jane 01609 883311

**Holiday home for Golden Retriever**

If you are able to care for a Golden Retriever a couple of times a year to cover holidays please ring Eileen 01609 883897

**Village Hall Bookings for May**

For all Village Hall bookings in May please contact Vicki Morton on 01609 883168.

**Margaret Boyes**

I would like to thank everybody for all their support during Margaret's illness. It was a great help to both of us.

Since Margaret's death, I have been overwhelmed by everyone's kindness, particularly the many cards and letters I have had. I hope people will understand if I do not reply to them all.

Thank you very much everybody.

*Alan Dawson*

**Parish Council**

The April meeting of Osmotherley Area Parish Council heard several concerns from residents about vehicles perceived to be speeding inside the village limits, this being a particular problem on the narrow and restricted sections of North End where these vehicles mount the kerbs instead of slowing and giving way to other users. This is very much a safety issue and the Police who were present at the meeting took note of this.

The attention of the Police was also drawn to the fact that many vehicles are continuing to ignore the no waiting restrictions and are either double parking or are parking their vehicles over the footways. The Police are prepared to act on both counts, but in addition would appreciate immediate reporting and even clear photographic evidence to support any allegation. The meeting was also told that the Police are prepared to come and discuss the setting up of Neighbourhood Watch schemes and anyone who wishes to become involved should now get in touch with either a Parish Councillor or the Police themselves to indicate their wishes.

Planning concerns were raised because a developer of a property on North End has already started work on a listed building without approval and has gone as far as to demolish parts of the house. The proposed plans were presented and were considered to be an over development of the site and that in addition the extension would infringe on the neighbouring property. For these reasons the recommendation to the planners was to refuse this development. Other plans received support including a basement and garage extension at Larkhill, as well as the construction of an Eco Home at Hemmelstones. This latter plan will replace a more traditional structure, but the design and finished development will not be highly visible and members felt that it had its merits. A revised plan has been submitted for The Coach House at Thimbleby Hall which would allow for living accommodation on the site of the present garages and workshops, because this plan is an amendment of one previously approved it was given support by members.

The application to vary the operating hours at the Shooting Ground had been heard by the full National Park Planning Committee earlier in the day and they had thought long and hard before deciding that a compromise could be achieved by a reduction in the operating hours at other times of day to permit evening shooting when League fixtures were taking place. The final conditions have not yet been fully agreed but the planners have indicated that they will keep the parish council informed because of the safety issues concerning the bridleways and the frequent use of these by horse riders at all times of the day.

The Clerk was asked to write yet again to Highways because of the problems around the safety bollards on North End and with regard to the condition of several sections of road across the area. These sections include the subsidence along South End near Paradise Row as well as subsidence of Sowerby Lane near to St Laurences Church, Kirby Sigston.

Speeding in Thimbleby Village is also a problem, usually by large tractors and a site meeting will be held before writing to the operator of Home Farm, some of whose vehicles appear to be the cause of the problem.

The Annual Assembly had been advertised for Thursday 28th May but Members felt that it would be now more appropriate to hold it when the Village Design Statement is ready for public consultation, a new date will be advertised in due course.

**“Churches Together” in Osmotherley**

The summer's programme for the Churches in Osmotherley looks varied and interesting.

One of the first events will be the Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid which will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May from 10-12. As well as a plentiful supply of coffee and biscuits there will be a stall of Fairtrade goods and a stunning stall of home-made cakes and goodies. There will also be a raffle. Entry will be £1 so do come along for a friendly morning in aid of a very good cause

On 20th May there will be a concert in St Peter's Church

given by Edmund Aldhouse, the 2009 Osmotherley recitalist, who has recently taken up the post of organist at Ripon Cathedral. This will start at 7.30.p.m.

Among regular events you will be interested to hear that the Methodist Chapel will be open daily and that coffee and biscuits will be served regularly on Saturday mornings.

The knitting group meet fortnightly in the Chapel from 10-12 on Monday mornings (next meeting 4<sup>th</sup> May). They are hoping to start on a special project making a crib set for the Osmotherley Junior School.

There will be an Ecumenical Pilgrimage to Mount Grace Priory where a service will be held in the ruins. This will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> July and the service will start at 3pm – so plenty of time to eat Sunday lunch first.

Finally we can give advance notice of the “Harvest in the Barn” celebration which it is hoped will take place on 18<sup>th</sup> September. Arrangements are yet to be finalised but let us hope for better weather than last year.

Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting Dates for 2009/10			
21st May	Supper Room	19th November	Supper Room
Date to be arranged	Annual Assembly Osmotherley Village hall	17th December	Supper Room
		<b>2010</b>	
18th June	Kirby Sigston Village Hall	21st January	Supper Room
16th July	Church House	18th February	Supper Room
20th August	Church House	18th March	Supper Room
17th September	Church House	15th April	Supper Room
15th October	Kirby Sigston Village Hall	20th May	Church House
All meetings take place on a Thursday and start at 7.30pm prompt.			



Thank you for regular feed-back on our films. Last month's film 'And When Did You Last See Your Father', although with a smaller audience, was again well received. This feedback really helps us, in making choices for next season.

This month's film **Persepolis** is a French/Iranian animation. The poignant story of a young girl coming of age in Iran during the Islamic Revolution of 30 years ago.

Through the eyes of precocious and outspoken nine-year-old Marjane, we see hopes dashed as fundamentalists take power, force the veil on women and imprison thousands of dissidents

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country becomes ever more palpable.

A moving and universally appealing story of one woman's struggle against oppression that deservedly shared the Jury Prize at Cannes in 2007. Based on the Director's own experiences, and her series of graphic novels. [2007] [France/Iran] 96mins Cert. 12A

Fri May 15th Village Hall As usual Doors open 7.30 pm.

Film starts at 8pm. Guests welcome - £5 subject to seat availability

Our final choice for this Season is **The Dish** to be shown on 19<sup>th</sup> June – more about that next month, plus details of our plans for next Season.

Further information contact Laura on 883096 or Shona on 883237

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