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# Osomotherley Messenger

## Finally, car parking solved!

Recognising the necessity to look to the future, Lottery Funding has been secured to erect a pre fabricated car park with Private Finance Initiative input from National Car Parks Ltd.

It was agreed, for scenic considerations, the car park should be no more than four storeys at present.



## News in Brief

- Congratulations to Father Damian on reaching the semi-finals of Dancing on Ice!
- Chris Stomp has been granted Lottery funding to enable him to get out and about more in 2009.
- The Duggan's have secured Lottery funding to run 250,000 geese on Back Lane. Odds against a golden egg remain in excess of ten million to one.
- Confirmation that the village is to have its own Ferris Wheel. As well as a tourist attraction, the Osomotherley Eye will be erected next to the new tower block, enabling council officials to check on the activities of single parent families. It will initially be on lease to The Dept for Social Security.
- Top of the Shops - As we go to press, Sir Philip Green announces a major refurbishment of Topshop. Proprietor Dave Sturgeon explained the changes to us. 'Cold meats are out to make way for Gail Moss' all new capsule collection'.

## Fashion Designers' Success

Local fashion designers, Heidi Turnup and Lil' Kim (Osomotherley's answer to Trinny & Susannah) are to design the costumes for the Olympic Synchronised Swimming Team! "We wanted a more natural approach" explained Heidi, wife of pop star Seal." I'm thinking boiled wool, felt, perhaps some beading"

Lil' Kim - last seen in Sex in the City and long time advocate of one piece swim suits - added "Forget lycra, you can knit your own perfectly good swimsuit out of nettles". This has fuelled speculation concerning Osomotherley's application to host the Synchronised Swimming event in 2012 at Cod Beck Reservoir.

## Boost For Local Arts



Congratulations to Osomotherley Village Theatre on their winning bid to secure the Millenium Dome! The Dome is to be erected in the Applegarth for the Theatre's forthcoming production of Moulin Rouge.

## Renewable Energy

Osomotherley Community Trussed have been commissioned by Rambleton District Council to build an Incineration Plant off Back Lane. It will be fuelled by glass empties from the pubs, burnt at intense heat. All domestic waste will have to be delivered to the Plant - leave next to Sir Robert Thornton-Walkers (Heir to the chocolate

## Yoof Club Success

Fantastic news for Osomotherley Yoof Club - a grant has been awarded by The Sports Council for England enabling the Club to turn Cod Beck Reservoir into a 72 lane leisure pool. The Club Chairman, Sir David Morris-Dance said they have received much local support, in particular the Duggan's offer of free goose fat, and free poolside loungers from local furniture store It's Barking in your House.

## Free Beer

All of the village pubs are joining the 'free beer for Easter' programme! Participants must present themselves at the pub within 5 minutes of opening time, wearing an Easter Bunny Outfit and riding a unicycle to qualify.

Christie, co-owner of the Golden Lion, who has spearheaded the programme says 'there just aren't enough Easter Bunnies in the world, and I want to change that'.

## Projects Needed

Dave 'do-good' Florist is currently looking for new clubs to run in the village, feeling he's not involved enough in the community.

Anyone with ideas can put them forward at any time at the village hall, where he has permanently moved in, in order to reduce travelling costs.

## Illuminating Discovery

St Peter's are celebrating their good fortune following Mrs Brass' discovery of an original copy of the Lindisfarne Gospels amongst the book-sale stock.

'It was an amazing discovery' chuckles Mrs Brass.

The priceless manuscript is understood to have been one of the pull-out supplements to an early issue of the Reader's Digest.

## Increased Policing

After much consultation, Rambleton District Council conceded that funding was not available to impose parking restrictions within the village centre. However, in a surprise move, North Yorkshire Constabulary offered unlimited use of their Armed Response Unit! "Drug trafficking and prostitution on public rights of way are a long standing problem" said a spokesperson "Our team are ready to apprehend and, if necessary shoot, any persons allegedly hiking within this area of the National Ark".

## Planning Permission Application

Mystery surrounds Bilal's planning application for a night club, to be built on the village green adjoining the cross. "The layout of the green dictates the design" said Bilal. He hopes to have The Pyramid Cub (member's only) open for business by July.



## Charity Clothing Drive

Children, don't forget that next Friday is Underpants for Africa Day. Please come to School in your underpants, whether they be novelty underpants, dressing up underpants, or simply your everyday comfy pants. Any old underpants that are beyond wearing can be collected, we hope to fill a skip, ready to be sent to Africans without Underwear, our chosen charity for this year. It's really nice to hear of community support for this project, this year's Summer Games is to be a pants only affair – I look forward to seeing everyone's pants, let's hope the weather is kind!

## Royal Interest Affordable Housing Go-Ahead



Anne, The Princess Royal, has put in an offer for (Sofa Queen) Linda Barkers operation to fulfil a lifelong ambition to teach horses how to sail.

Lord Nelson Builders (Cobblers to the Parish Council) have secured planning permission for Osomotherley's first tower block, on a site next to the new incinerator. At 22 storeys it will not quite clear the incinerator chimney and will offer affordable housing to local residents.

## Local Fraud Uncovered

'Lofty' Wright, local celebrity stoat expert, has been exposed as not really living up to her nickname. Despite her 6 foot plus appearance, it has been revealed that she is secretly an undercover stilt performer carrying out a social experiment in the area. Since the age of six she has not grown any taller than 3'6" which is when she began her stilt walking marathon.

'Dr Ivanna Growabit, of the Stockholm centre for unusual social studies, persuaded my parents that this was a good idea when it turned out I would not grow any more' says Becky. 'At first I hated it, but in time grew to enjoy the superiority I could have over the mere average heighted people'.

Police will shortly be investigating her extraordinarily-long-trouser benefit claims of the last 20 years.

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