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# Interview with Steve Gavin, new owner of the Oueen Catherine

The Queen Catherine has undergone a facelift under the skilled hand of new owner Steve Gavin. Steve acquired the pub in November 2017 and has since invested a great deal of time and money revamping the listed building, whilst managing to keep the pub open.

"We want to pay homage to where we are," said Steve, who hopes to preserve the heritage of the pub, which dates back more than 300 years, as well as the local area.

Steve, who has a wealth of experience both as a publican and businessman, has masterminded most of the new décor and fittings himself. Refurbishments include beautiful wall art showing local landscapes, by artist Katie Bird. There is also a brand-new bar, tables and chairs, and re-upholstered fixed seating. Original features have been restored where possible, including a flagstone floor in the dining area, and all of the pictures have been reframed and rehung.

Externally, there is new paintwork, lighting and fresh flowers, and Steve plans to replace the benches and tables outside. "The outside is as important as the inside," he said.

Ultimately, Steve's aim is to provide a welcoming, family-friendly atmosphere, for all visitors – locals, tourists, walkers, dog-walkers, cyclists and families. "We're a community pub for the people. Customers need a good experience and value for money."

There is a new menu and a new chef, with homemade, value-for-money pub-grub. Although food is currently served 12pm-2.30pm and 6pm-9pm, an all-day breakfast is already on the menu and Steve aims to serve food all day. He also intends to offer one free child's meal with every paying adult; and a weekly curry night, with visiting Indian chefs, is on the cards.

Sporting events such as the World Cup will be screened on TV, and live music will become a regular feature.

The bed-and-breakfast rooms, which comprise one double, two twins and a single, have also had a revamp. Indeed, Steve has already had queries from people all over the world who want to visit Osmotherley, having seen Yorkshire on the TV.

Steve hopes this new lease of life for the pub will benefit the community for years to come. "This is a long-term investment that'll outlive me!"

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# **Community Choir**

The Osmotherley community choir is rehearsing again! The choir has been running for a few years and is a friendly group focused on enjoying music. Rehearsals will start after the May Bank holiday on Monday 7th May at 6pm in St Peter's, the choir will be learning a number of folk songs for a performance in July.

The choir will also take part in community events later in the year including a concert on the evening of Saturday 10th November as part of the Poppy Festival to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War One. Singers of all ages are welcome to join the choir, no experience required.

For further details please contact Eleanor 883776



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# Parish Council Meeting-April 19th 2018

All councillors were in attendance for what was likely the most attended public forum for a very long time!

The topic that everyone was interested in......could a new home be found to park the Community Bus to avoid conflict between volunteers and the residents of Westfields? The Chairman handed the meeting over to the Vice Chairman as a conflict of interest made this necessary. Many residents from Westfields were unhappy that the bus had been parked without consultation and this was acknowledged by the VC as an oversight, for which he apologised. The VC invited representatives from Westfields to put over a number of these concerns, which was followed by one of the volunteers who runs the Community Bus, answering many of these issues, though not to the satisfaction of the residents of Westfields. A large number of residents of the village attended the meeting in support of the Community Bus volunteers and operation, however the issue is clearly one of finding another parking site, which satisfies the residents of Westfields and was in a convenient location for the bus drivers. After consultation with a local landowner, a site near to Westfields has been identified, however some work will be needed to ensure that the bus can be parked safely on the site. The VC asked for patience from the residents of Westfields whilst this option is further explored and any cost implications brought back to the PC for consideration.

A tourism planning application was also discussed with attending residents and although the development was on a roadside outside of West Harlsey it was felt that this diversity should be approved by the council.

The police report mentioned that the issue of the bus parking had resulted in police being approached and hoped for a solution soon. There were 2 issues of anti social behaviour and 4 suspicious circumstances reported in the last month in the area.

Pot holes, a problem everywhere, had been reported on North End and the Clerk was asked to pass these onto NYCC.

The passageway past the Methodist Chapel, on the Cleveland Way was in need of attention and the Clerk suggested asking NYM to look at this. The footbridge, newly installed at Cod Beck Reservoir, would have some publicity by way of an official launch ceremony on the 23rd April.

The children's play area refurbishment moved a little closer with a company providing the council with plans and costings to enable funds to be sought from HDC. It is unlikely that we'll have new equipment this summer but hopefully this year!

The Clerk attended training on the impact of new data protection legislation which impacts on all organisations, even community groups! If any groups hold personal data they will need to ensure proper security and use of this personal data. If any groups are uncertain of these issues please contact the Clerk for clarification.

The final accounts for the year were presented to the council for approval, which had been internally audited, before compilation and presenting to the external auditor in the next month or so.

The Clerk reported on the closure of the A684 between the Piper Lodge and the A19 between the 23rd April and 4th May. This would likely affect the entrance into Osmotherley at this point.

Finally, the council wanted to thank those residents who take it upon themselves to repair damaged verges and who litter pick on a regular basis. Your actions are noticed and welcomed by all. You know who you are!

## Reminder for Dog Walkers - Osmotherley & Thimbleby Moor

With the arrival of spring and the start of the breeding season for all ground nesting birds, we would like to draw your attention to the guidance given by The North Yorkshire Moors National Park Authority for Open Access Land. During the period 1st March to 31st July 2018 - all dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. We would be grateful for your cooperation with this by-law.

## Art in the Shed 2018



This popular open studio event will be returning this year, with affordable work from local artists. There will be a range of artwork for every taste, including new landscape oil paintings, mosaics, etchings, prints, and textile art; as well as beautiful handcrafted lampshades and furnishings for the home.

A 15% commission from

art sales will go towards the 'Chance for Childhood' charity as well as all proceeds from refreshments. There will be cream teas, coffees, cakes, and homemade cider.

Everyone is welcome. The event will take place from 26th to 28th May (10am - 4pm), in the garden studio of 19 Back Lane. (unfortunately, no parking available on the lane).

For more information contact hosts, Jane and Robert Thorniley-Walker, 883311.

# Osmotherley & District Garden Club

### Plant & Produce Sale May 26th

This annual popular event will be held on Saturday 26th May 2.30-4.00 pm in the Village Hall with free admission.

Members of the club will have grown all plants on sale such as herbaceous perennials, annuals, shrubs, herbs and vegetable plants. Prices compare very favourably with commercial garden centres. A selection of home baking and conserves, garden books and tools will be available as well as light refreshments.

It would be helpful for customers to bring bags for their purchases. For those who have difficulty carrying items home there will be a delivery service within the village.

# Summer Games meeting update

Help needed! On the day of the Games we really need volunteers to offer 30 mins or an hour of their time to run a stall. This would be hugely beneficial for the day as it will allow others a rest and to enjoy the day for a bit. If you can't assist on the day any help setting up or packing down would be greatly appreciated. If you can help please message Alex on Facebook or email at <a href="mailto:alexbilby@hotmail.co.uk">alexbilby@hotmail.co.uk</a>

#### Village Hall Teas

Anyone able to make cakes, scones etc. and provide an hours help on Games day in the Village Hall, please contact Eileen Webb (eileenwebb22@btinternet.com 883897)

#### Disbursement funds

As is tradition with the Summer Games we are open to approaches for funding to support local groups or initiatives in Osmotherley. This is offered from the profits made from last year's Games. Please state the group you are a part of and the proposed use of the funding.

The committee will then discuss the applications. We have a limited amount of funding available but will try to support and accommodate any requests.

If you wish to apply for some funding please email Alex.



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Articles for June by Sunday 20th May please

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# Dates for your Diary

#### May

Wed 2nd - 7:30pm. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo. Queen Catherine.

Mon 7th - 6pm. Community choir re-commences. St Peter's church. All welcome.

Tues 8th - 1pm from QC. OWLS trip to Shandy Hall, Coxwold.

Wed 9th – lunch at Osmotherley School – book in advance at St Peter's or contact school.

Fri 18th - 7.30pm. Osmotherley Film: Lion. Village Hall.

Sat 26th- Mon 28th - 10am-4pm Art in the Shed 2018. 19 Back Lane, Osmotherley.

Sat 26th - 2.30-4.00 pm. Garden Club Plant and Produce Sale. Village Hall.

#### June

Wed 6th - Queen Catherine Hotel. Royal British Legion Monthly Meeting and Bingo



Our season continues this month with:

Friday 18th May

#### LION

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Starring: Dev Patel, Nicole Kidman, Rooney Mara, David Wenham

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For more information and previews, see our website. Contact Laura 883096, Chris 883518. Doors open 7.30pm, film starts 8pm.

Guests welcome (must be 16+ yrs of age): Guest fee £5

If you've never enjoyed the Osmotherley Film experience, why not come along - it's always an enjoyable evening - and with our current season reaching its latter stages, we'd hate to think of you missing out!

# Yoga For Life



Just a reminder that there's a Beginner/Mixed Ability Hatha yoga class every Wednesday 9.15 - 10.30am at the Osmotherley Quakers Meeting House (66 North End, Osmotherley). With a mixture of breathing, postures and relaxation, it's a great way to start the day. Don't worry if you can't touch your toes or don't know what a Downward Dog is.

All abilities (and none!) are catered for and chair yoga is offered too. For more information contact Clare Walker on 07595873221. Many thanks Clare. PS Can I tempt you along?!

**April Bingo.** Thank you everyone who joined in the April bingo and also to those who contributed prizes.

Also thank you to the following who also gave prizes but did not attend: Ann Abbott No 17/Anne Abbott Belle Vue/Joyce Brass and Keith & Jean Phillips.

The bingo raised £122.00