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# Osmotherley Area Messenger

## St Peter's Osmotherley

### WELCOMING PEOPLE BACK TO CHURCH - UPDATE FROM ST PETER'S

Following the latest, guidance from government and church authorities, plans are in hand to open St Peter's for supervised private prayer. In the first instance, and to ensure, that we can provide a safe environment, this will be on a limited basis.

It is our intention to open on Wednesday afternoons from 2pm – 4pm from the first week in July. Sadly, the family and children's area and toilet facilities will be closed and it will not be possible to borrow books. To assist with cleaning and general hygiene, you will be requested to keep social distancing and to use hand sanitiser. There will be a designated seating area for private prayer and reflection. Welcomers will be on hand to assist you with arrangements and procedures

We are of course hopeful that as government and church restrictions are eased, we will be able to provide more opportunities for prayer and worship.

*'Church life in future will be different, and at this stage we do not know how different.'* (York Diocese)

Whilst we work together to find ways forward, we should like to take this opportunity to thank you in anticipation of your cooperation and understanding.

## Community Support—we're still here

Although the situation regarding Covid-19 is improving. We are still living with restrictions and could be for quite some time yet. Please remember the Community Support Group in Osmotherley are still active and willing to help wherever possible. So whatever you need, shopping, prescriptions we're still here for you, just let us know.

You can either contact volunteers direct by posting a request on the Osmotherley Facebook group or if you don't have access to Facebook then please ring one of the coordinators listed below who will identify a suitable volunteer to complete your request. All volunteers are local and no personal details will be communicated through Facebook.

### Telephone Coordinators:

Eileen Webb 883897 / Heather Rowe 07751881330 / Chris Edmonds 883408

Bethany Bilby 07511189681 / Corrine/Alison 883836

## Face Masks

Facemasks are still available from the Osmotherley Sewing Group.

The masks have three layers of material, a filter and a drawstring cord that is adjustable, allowing the mask to sit comfortably over the mouth and nose. Across the bridge of the nose, wire has been fitted to facilitate a more secure fit. The filter can be removed, all parts are washable and they come with care instructions.

Masks are £5 each which will be donated to **Herriot Hospice Homecare**. Please contact Fiona Manners on 01609 883020 to place an order.

### OSMOTHERLEY



Re-opening for takeaway food and drinks on **Friday 3rd July.**

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## Parish Council Meeting-18th June

The council once again met remotely with full attendance and started proceedings by updating members on matters raised at previous meetings. The Clerk updated the situation regarding the 10 minute waiting sign near Topshop and hoped that this would be replaced very soon. The Queen Catherine front car park area has been resurfaced by the council and the opportunity has been taken to level the disabled path leading to the churchyard and include the area in front of the fish and chip shop. We can also confirm that the lighting on the front has been reduced both in number and wattage.

There was a request presented at our last meeting to support extending the yellow lines near to Back Lane on North End, which following discussions with the resident it was agreed to support. Reported concerns over contractor noise levels at the Old Vicarage have been addressed by the owner. Repairs have been made to the public toilet steps and signs on the gate leading to the Play Area have been erected to reduce speed limits for safety.

The police reported that there had been 8 cases of anti-social behaviour, 2 auto-crimes and 2 burglaries reported since our last meeting. The bus shelter had been inspected with a view to repairs and painting and planning authorities have been asked for advice regarding suggested amendments to the public toilets. A full application would be presented asap. There have been many issues raised in the village regarding the increased numbers visiting Sheepwash and the knock on problems the traffic causes in the village. There is a meeting group already set up to discuss the Sheepwash issues. This has been a long running group headed by the National Park, however, it was felt that a working party needed to tackle the issues in the village. Therefore it was agreed to set up a subgroup of councillors and other authorities, together with invited individuals to discuss ways in which the issues in the village can be tackled. This group would report its discussions back to the council.

Two planning applications were discussed extensively and support was not granted on either application. Finally, the Clerk raised the issue of opening the public toilets however it was agreed to wait for the July 4th potential relaxing of restrictions to determine this. The Play Area similarly would wait this decision.



## Knitted Super Heroes

If anyone would like to own their own knitted medic as a reminder of the heroes of this strange time we're living through, or would like to buy one to give to their favourite health care professional please contact Eileen Webb on 883897 or Janet Brisley on 07890 160664. All proceeds will go to **Herriott Hospice Care**.

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# Osmotherley Community Group

## The 2019/20 Season

Our season normally runs between October and July. However, this year, following restrictions due to Covid 19, our main events had to conclude with the Community Coffee Morning in March.

Nevertheless even in this curtailed season, we were able to provide some really worthwhile community gatherings and raise money for various charities including, Marie Curie, Macmillan, Ranchod Children's Hospice, Lendwithcare, Redcar Coastwatch and The Royal British Legion along with several local organisations including Osmotherley Primary School, Osmotherley Pre School and Osmotherley Owls.

Our Community Wall raised £580 for Zoe's Place in Middlesbrough and we were able to donate money to support a local group making masks to assist with the Covid crisis.

## March – July 2020

Although we were unable to hold our regular coffee morning and soup lunches, the work of our community went on in many different ways. Support networks were quickly established to assist those unable to get out for essential needs and to provide a welcome chat for those who live alone or who were unwell or bereaved. Sewing groups sprang up to make scrubs, and bags for the NHS along with protective masks for local residents.

We remain indebted to the army of volunteers who have made and continue to make all this possible

## New Opportunity for July 2020

Many people have recently experienced using Zoom as a way of keeping in touch with family, friends or groups to which they belong. If you would like to learn about how to use Zoom or if you would like to extend your skills in this area, you are invited to join a Zoom training session in July – date to be confirmed. The session will be provided completely free of charge. If you would like to take up the offer and have an e mail address please let Eileen know on [eileen.bellett@btinternet.com](mailto:eileen.bellett@btinternet.com)



We remain very aware that it continues to be a funny old world at present! We would normally have just enjoyed our finale of the season and be reflecting on what we have brought to our audiences as part of looking forward to a 'next' season. As with so much, our season was paused in March and has remained so to the scheduled season end.

Osmotherley Film survives and thrives on willing volunteers to operate; and loyal, supportive, eager members & audience to watch its film evenings. For that, thank you to all! We are conscious that we have been unable to roll out our full scheduled programme this season – we managed 6 films of the 10 but lost Mar, Apr, May and June. As part of planning our next steps, we are looking at this and how we may be able to make it up to you.

We hope that, come the other side of the summer, some normality will have returned to enable us to once more open our doors and enjoy the best that the world of film can offer. We will keep our website up to date with our news – stay tuned! We wish everyone an enjoyable summer! Keep healthy. Keep safe. Keep positive. Enquiries about Osmotherley Film can be made to: [osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com](mailto:osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com)

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## A Few Dates for your Diary

### July

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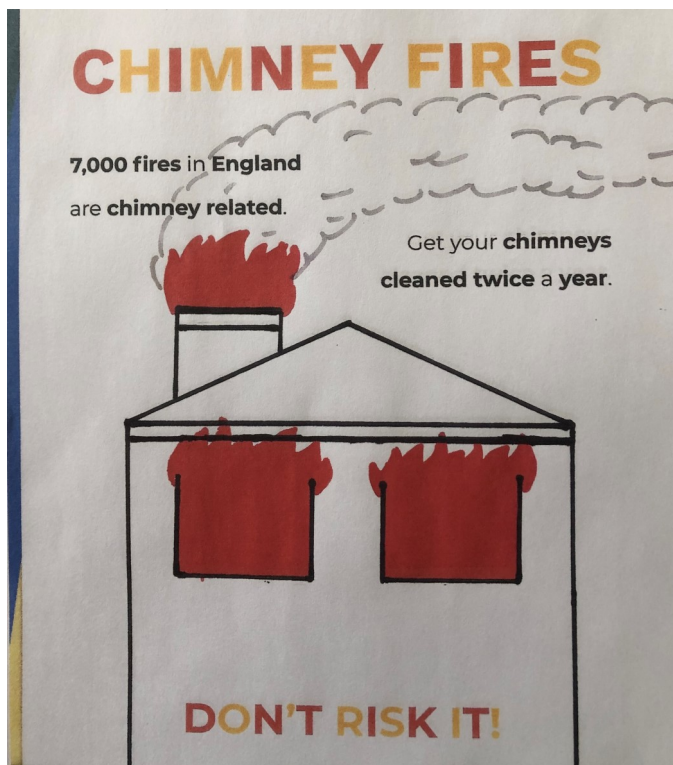
Day to be confirmed—Zoom training

### August

No Messenger in Osmotherley—next issue September

## CHIMNEY FIRES - DON'T RISK IT!

Thank you to Charlie Morton for supplying a guest article this month on the important issue of chimney fires and how to avoid them.



In England, there are an average of 7,000 chimney fires per year, many of which can be prevented with regular sweeping; chimneys with oil and gas fires should be swept once a year, coal - twice a year, wood - up to four times a year.

You should also make sure you have working smoke alarms in your home. These are ways that lower the chance of a chimney fire in your home and reduce the risks of damage, injury or even death if one occurs.

*Charlie Morton.  
Northallerton Fire Cadets.*

Many people in Osmotherley will have seen the changes at the Top Shop and very much appreciate the speed at which measures were adopted to enable us to shop there safely. It has made a big difference to everyone who is unable or unwilling to leave the village to shop elsewhere. The variety of fruit and vegetables, the arrival of new lines and a good selection of wines and beers is very welcome. It is particularly good to see local produce being available.

Wendy deserves a huge vote of thanks for looking after our needs and credit must be given to the new owners for revamping the shop and introducing interesting foods and plants. It is hoped that villagers will continue to support the shop after life has returned to some sort of normal.

Thank you to all concerned.

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Articles for September issue by Friday 21st August please.

### Village Hall Bookings

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