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Osmotherley Area Messenger

St Patrick's Day Virtual Ceilidh & Fish and and Chip Supper

Why not celebrate St Patrick's Night with Irish Dance Music and Fish & Chips delivered to your door?

Orders/payment needed to be received by 13 March at the latest, at the shop or by phone 883557

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Age 16 Patrick was abducted to work in the fields, a nasty shock for a Roman used to a life of sports and saunas. He escaped once only to be caught again trying to find his way home (What no Sat Nav?). When he eventually escaped - and did make it home, he determined to stop this appalling brigandry. He was not good at writing (Latin!) so bravely went back to Ireland as a preacher and is known as the man who brought Christianity to Ireland and convinced so many people that slavery was wrong.

Dust off your fiddles and re-string your bows

Play Irish dance music or tune radios
Watch Irish Dancers, teach youngsters heel toe

We're all in our houses so no one will know!

But join in the spirit of St Patrick's Night

Only thing don't do is argue or fight
Forget all your troubles clap loudly your hands

Don't mention the "C" word or you will be banned

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Happy St Patrick's Night to you all.

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St Peter's Osmotherley: Moving towards Easter

At the time of writing, St Peter's church building is closed. However we continue to review the situation regularly in line with government and church guidelines. As part of our preparation for the church re-opening, we have already carried out a deep clean.

As we move through Lent and into Easter, there are several important days in the church calendar and we will continue to find creative ways to mark these key dates. Whether or not it is possible to hold services, we will find a Covid-secure way to make posies of flowers available to collect on Mothering Sunday, March 14th and Palm Crosses on Palm Sunday, March 28th. Please note arrangements for Good Friday, April 2nd and Easter Day, April 4th will be outlined in the April edition of News and Views. Meanwhile you can keep up to date for all the above via our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/stpeterosmotherley or via the notice board in the church porch or posters round the village.

REMINDER: Do take a Lent Reflective Walk around the outside of St Peter's and post your 'thankful' message in our **Jar of Joy** in the church porch.

Remembering Anne

There are plans to plant a tree in Osmotherley in memory of Anne Abbott. The gardening club are advising as to the type of tree and Anne's friends and family would welcome suggestions as to where the tree might best be planted. To pass on suggestions, or small donations, please contact Maureen on 883089.



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Parish Council Meeting 18 February 2021

The meeting, held remotely, began with a presentation from the Conservative candidate for the upcoming vacancy of Police and Crime Commissioner. He explained the role and his hopes, outlining the need for the police to be more visible and the recruitment of up to 240 new police officers in the coming year.

The Clerk and Chairman updated the council on the action taken since the last meeting: the sets at the entrance to the village on West End will be tarmacked over in red with speed limit signs imprinted but this was unlikely to happen until the new financial year; the cage to house the gas bottles at the Queen Catherine has been completed with the addition of a 'lid'; it was reported that two bollards along North End had either been knocked down or damaged beyond repair, NYCC have accepted responsibility and it is hoped they will be replaced soon; the Chairman reported that work had commenced in the Cemetery to tidy it up by students wishing to undertake The Duke of Edinburgh awards; the West End flooding issue has been identified with NYCC accepting responsibility for clearing a blocked pipe; the potholes along Quarry Lane and Bullamoor Road have been reported; an application has been made to HDC for funds towards the public conveniences redevelopment under the Making a Difference Fund; the contractor appointed to the role of Caretaker has signed the contract and will commence work next month; two new salt bins have been ordered from NYCC for Ellerbeck and Oswaldene.

The police report contained news of a further 12 incidents of breaking Covid rules at Cod Beck.

The Chairman reported on the work at Grant Close causing road problems with dirt on North End and would be asking the contractor to undertake further cleaning to rectify. The gullies were also raised as a potential concern once the work has completed and this too would be looked into.

The council had received a request from the village hall regarding damp on its party wall with Church House and the Chairman confirmed that a contractor would look into this.

The Play Area repairs and refurbishment work has been completed. The toilet work is currently on hold pending review of the quotations for work.

The Working Party looking into car parking and traffic issues in the village and produced its report. It was agreed that this report should form the basis of our representation to local and national government.

A request for a memorial tree to be planted in the village was given approval subject to type and position being clarified.

And finally, the RAF informed us of low flying exercises that would take place between the 23rd February and the 19th March to enlighten our days (and possibly nights) during lockdown!

If you'd like to attend the next virtual meeting of the Parish Council, on Thursday 18 March, contact the clerk in advance: clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com

Osmotherley and District Gardening Club

Two talks via Zoom from 6.45pm, talk starts 7pm

Bee-Keeping by Sal Mancina Tuesday 9th March 2021

Sal is a retired computer engineer living in Hutton Rudby, who has been keeping bees for 22 years and is a Master Beekeeper. Sal's talk covers the differences between honey-bees, bumble bees and wasps, pollination and touches on keeping bees and the products of the hive.

Adventurous Container Gardening by Stuart Lees. Tuesday 6th April 2021

Having worked in horticulture since leaving school, Stuart studied for a Diploma at Askham Bryan College in Yorkshire and has held Head Gardener positions all over the South East including the Cadogan Estate in Chelsea and a 100-acre garden in Oxfordshire.

These events are FREE to MEMBERS. If you are not currently a member but wish to attend please join the Club! Annual fees are £2 or £1 for under 16/over 60 and in addition to these talks you will also enjoy the full membership benefits of a visits, talks, regular newsletter, savings on catalogue seed prices and more! Please contact Carolyn at ossygardenclubsec@gmail.com.

National Day of Reflection 23 March 2021

We plan to open St Peter's for private prayer and reflection on the National Day of Reflection on 23 March, the first anniversary of UK lockdown. Whatever your background, whatever your beliefs, and whatever you've been through, you are invited to mark the National Day of Reflection to commemorate this tragic loss of life and stand together with everyone who is grieving.

This annual day will give us all time to pause and think about this unprecedented loss we're facing, and support each other through grief in the years to come.

Find out more at mariecurie.org.uk/dayofreflection

Village Hall Statement

The village hall is central to our community. It provides a hub for groups within our wonderful village and a place where people can come together, socialise, feel a part of the community and enjoy themselves. In spite of the limited use of the hall over recent months, the requirement for maintenance and upkeep of the building has remained the same. During lockdown, we have taken the opportunity to redecorate, replace the ceiling and heaters and finish the supper room renovation project. The lack of bookings has clearly had a financial impact on the hall and this has been managed carefully and we were successful in obtaining a COVID-19 grant from Hambleton Council which has supported us through this time.

All of these things rely on the hard work and contribution of the village hall committee. For the last 3-4 years we have essentially operated as a committee of only 3 people. This is very labour intensive and although we work very well together, it puts a lot of pressure on each of us.

We have a simple request to the village. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** We need more volunteers to come forward and strengthen the village hall committee. This will enable us to share the workload, improve the sustainability of the village hall committee and safeguard the village hall as an important asset for the village. Without this additional support we are not sure how long the current committee may be able to function and, sadly, what impact this may have on the running of the hall.

Many thanks in advance for your support, we are confident that the village will step up to the mark and ensure this wonderful village facility continues to be something we can all enjoy. If you are interested in joining the village hall committee or wish to find out more information please contact Paul Howlett on 883499 or pchowlett78@aol.com.

Village Hall Mosaics

As part of the Village Hall refurbishments, there are plans for six arched mosaic panels, positioned above the new window shutters, to be designed and made by Jane Thorniley-Walker. The idea is that the mosaics will reflect elements of the distinctive character of the village and surrounding area, focussing on different aspects of village life, culture, history and environment. This is your chance to get involved and offer your ideas about particular themes and motifs that have significance and meaning to you. Jane would love to receive comments and recommendations from residents of all ages. The design stage will begin towards the end of March, so please let Jane have any feedback, ideas and suggestions before this date.

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Village Support Network

Follow government advice and if you need help or support contact:

Eileen Webb: 883897

Heather Rowe:
07751881330

Chris Edmonds: 883408

Bethany Bilby:
07511189681

Dates for your Diary March and early April

Tues. 9th Osmotherley and District Garden Club Virtual Talk, Bee Keeping by Sal Mancina, 7pm

Weds. 10th Soup Delivery

Sun. 14th Mothering Sunday, St Peter's Church

Wed. 17th St Patrick's Evening Virtual Ceilidh and Fish and Chip Supper,

Tues. 23rd National Day of Reflection, St Peter's Church

Weds. 24th Soup Delivery

Sun. 28th Palm Sunday, St Peter's Church

April

Sun. 4th Easter Sunday, St Peter's Church

Tues. 6th Osmotherley and District Gardening Club, Zoom talk 7pm

Osmotherley Community Group March Soup Deliveries

There will be two more soup delivery days on **Wednesdays March 10th and 24th.**

To order a soup delivery just ring Fiona on 883020 and leave a message - the soup will be brought to your door by our volunteers. Remember, the service is for everyone!

Our two previous soup delivery days in February provided over 100 servings of soup to a range of residents. Many thanks to our team of volunteer deliverers and soup makers.

This project is fully funded through a DEFRA grant organised through North Yorkshire Stronger Communities.

So, don't be shy, give Fiona a ring and have your soup delivered directly to your door!

Junior Journalism Club

Pupils at Osmotherley School have set up a journalism club for year 5 and 6 pupils. Alex, Harry, James, Kesinee and Angus joined the club for various reasons and are hoping that some of you will be able to help them with their first and future projects. James said: "I wanted to join a new club and find more information about the village".

Kesineee is interested in current affairs and said: "I like to listen to people's stories and then write them down. I like reading newspapers and listening to the news which are both important in journalism". Harry, "I joined journalism club because it sounded interesting" and Alex, "because I wanted to start something new and I thought that finding information about Osmotherley would be fun".

And start something new they are. They decided that their first assignment would be to find out about the history of Cod Beck, especially the story of how it became a reservoir.

Do you remember? Do you know someone who could help? Angus, Kesinee, James, Alex and Harry are keen to hear from you. On behalf of the group, Alex made this request:

"we are trying to find information about when the Cod Beck (Sheep Wash) used to be a farm so if anybody knows anything about what the farm looked like before it was flooded and turned into Cod Beck would it be ok if we could interview you?"

If you can help, please contact Headteacher Jane Bamber on headteacher@osmotherley.n-yorks.sch.uk

Look out for up-coming requests and the finished articles from the junior journalism team!

Editorial Team:

Contact us on os.messenger@googlemail.com

Articles for December issue by Friday 20th November

Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Clare Scott via

bookings@osmotherleyvh.org.uk