



# Osmotherley Area Messenger

Issue 137

February 2021

## Closure of Osmotherley Branch - The Royal British Legion

Sadly, the local Branch of The Royal British Legion has now closed after 83 years. The Branch was founded in 1937 and has managed to keep going longer than many but dwindling membership and advanced age has finally caught up with us and forced this decision on us. The final act was to lay up the Branch Standard in St Peter's Church which we did at a small and short ceremony on Sunday 13th December.

The Branch was active in the local community for many years having stalls at the annual Summer Games and at the Agricultural and Horticultural Show and for a long time we organised the Remembrance Sunday Parade and Act of Remembrance each November. Our activities and social events were all geared to raising money to fund the Legion's welfare work in the ex-service community and in particular, supporting the Lister House, the Legion's care home in Ripon. Over the past 20 years, we raised in excess of £160,000 through the annual Poppy Appeal and locally organised fund raisers of which our monthly bingo sessions in The Queen Catherine were a major contributor.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank villagers who have so generously supported us during our existence. Your donations and encouragement have made our efforts worthwhile and are very much appreciated. Thank you all so much.

For the future both Remembrance Sunday and the Poppy Appeal will continue in Osmotherley and the surrounding area. A new Poppy Appeal organiser, Major James Barry from Stokesley has kindly volunteered to take over collecting activities in the area and the Parish Council with help from St Peter's and those few remaining veterans in the village will ensure that Remembrance Sunday is still commemorated. Our thanks go to them.

Many thanks to you all. Loyal we served!

## Osmotherley Community Group

### Soup Delivery Service

We know that many of you have been missing our community soup lunches. Although we are not yet in a position to gather together, we are taking small steps towards recovery.

In February, we will be working with Osmotherley Tea and Coffee Shop to provide a soup delivery service. Dates and further details are to be found on the poster inside this edition of The Messenger.

**If you would like to order soup please ring Fiona on 883020 – if there is no answer please leave a message and Fiona will get back to you.** There will be a choice of soup with either bread bun or savoury scone. There is no charge for this service and volunteers will ensure that soup is delivered to your doorstep in a safe and Covid secure way.

**Please place your order by 4pm the day before.**

We hope that by March, we will be able to offer a timed collection service alongside the deliveries. However, all our plans are subject to regular review in line with government guidelines in operation at the time.

### Summer Festival: At Your Gate

The provisional date for this weekend festival will be **June 18<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup>**. The date directly precedes Midsummer and so we should be guaranteed plenty of light even if we cannot guarantee the weather! The festival will not be externally advertised – it is intended to be a local community celebration. Further details will follow in the March/April editions of The Messenger.



Locally sourced meat, bread, eggs, milk, fresh fruit and vegetables.

Brymor ice-cream and local honey also in stock.

Dry-cleaning and laundry services available. Logs, kindling, stamps and daily newspapers.

Tel: 883251

Facebook:

@TopShopOsmotherley

## DOUGLAS CAMERON Motoring Services

ESTABLISHED OVER 50 YEARS

We offer the full range of services: M.O.T; Servicing; Repairs; Auto Electrical; Fault Diagnostics

Free collection and delivery from Osmotherley

Tel 01642 769986 / 01609 883293

dcms1964@gmail.com

douglascameronmotoringervices.co.uk

## Nicholas Dodsworth Car Valeting Service

**For a professional  
finish to your vehicle**

**Full or part valet  
available**

Tel: 01609 883274 (home)  
07502471146 (mobile)

nicholasdodsworth61@gmail.com

## Swales

Clack Lane Garage  
Osmotherley  
Tel: 01609 883263

- Car and van hire
- MOT testing
- Servicing
- Car sales
- Tyres
- Recovery
- Domestic fuel

www.swalesgarage.co.uk

# Osmotherley Area Parish Council

## Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meetings December 2020/January 2021

Many discussions of the council have been held in the knowledge that residents are having to stay safe in lockdown and more recently experiencing extreme weather conditions. Zoom meetings have been continuing since lockdown almost a year ago but as ever the work of the parish council continues.

Items discussed over the last two months include the road sets on West End, the work done in the Cemetery and Play Area, the gas bottle cages at the QC, bollards being knocked down on North End, gully clearing in the villages, salt bin refills, ice and snow and flooding issues, public conveniences quotations, village caretaker role, 2 planning applications and the continuing saga of increased visitor numbers to Sheepwash via the village and the issues of car parking.

The neighbourhood policing team/specials and response officers have been conducting regular foot and passing patrols in the Osmotherley and Cod Beck areas. Extra signage has also been organised with Highways to aim to prevent visitors from attending.

The pothole issues along Quarry Lane, together with fallen trees and flooding will be taken up with those responsible.

The council set up a working group in 2020 to liaise with Hambleton regarding village car parking and to discuss possible solutions to the ever increasing visitor numbers to Osmotherley, Cod Beck and Sheepwash. A report is nearing completion, however the actions necessary to alleviate the problems are numerous and incredibly expensive, and they are well beyond the means of the parish council. As a result, we are continuing to attract financial support from local and national government in order to provide a long term solution.

## St Peter's Osmotherley

### NEWS for Lent: Pause, Ponder, Pray

You are invited to take a walk around the perimeter of St Peter's any time during Lent which begins on Ash Wednesday February 17<sup>th</sup>.

Start by facing the porch and turn right. You will reach the first prayer post which is South. As you continue round the church, there will be a post marking the appropriate compass point. At each point pause, ponder, pray/reflect. There will be a short prayer on each post to aid your reflection but these are simply a guide and you must feel free to offer your own prayer or thought. You can take the walk alone or in a household group or bubble.

### The Jar of Joy

When you have completed all four points of the compass, return to the porch. Next, take a leaf from the wire and record something that brings you joy or for which you want to give thanks. Post your leaf in the **Jar of Joy**. The leaves can be anonymous or you may wish to add your name. **Please bring your own pencil or pen.**

### Getting Ready!

Arrangements are in hand for St Peter's Church to be deep cleaned.

We hope that this will help to build confidence as, and when we are able to return to the building for church and community occasions.



## Pre-School

Current government guidance allows early years settings to remain open so pre-school welcomed back all children, not just those whose parents are key workers.

Despite the weather, no-one was deterred as you can see ..... Pippa's Grandad raced around the playground, completing several circuits, before arriving at our gate. From the laughing and squeals of excitement I heard, I'm not sure who had the most fun!

Gill Hunton (manager)



**PEARSON**  
GROUND SERVICES

Hard&Soft Landscaping Fencing  
Light Ground Works Grass Cutting  
Concrete Bases Turf laying  
Draining & Ditching Lawn Care  
Patios Garden Clearing  
Paddock Maintenance Hedge Cutting  
Commercial Ground Maintenance

Phone: 07971300997

✉ [marcus@pearsongroundservices.com](mailto:marcus@pearsongroundservices.com)

[pearsongroundservices.com](http://pearsongroundservices.com)



### Cote Ghyll Mill

Osmotherley, DL6 3AH

\* Affordable accommodation for school groups, family gatherings, community and sporting groups.

\* Converted linen mill sleeps up to 61 in refurbished rooms, including en-suites, and upgraded communal spaces.

\* Full board or self-catering kitchen available. Licensed bar, TV, games room, pool table and café, parking

[mill@coteghyll.com](mailto:mill@coteghyll.com)

[www.coteghyll.com](http://www.coteghyll.com)

01609 883425



IYENGAR  
YOGA  
CLASSES

#### Osmotherley Village Hall

Tuesdays 5.45-7pm

Thursdays 2-3pm,

Thursdays 6- 7.30pm

#### Orchid House

Sowerby, YO7 3QA

Tuesdays 7.30- 8.30pm

#### The Forum Northallerton

Tuesdays 12 –1pm

#### Methodist Hall N'allerton

Wed 6.15- 7.15pm

To book contact: Helen  
Cameron 01609 883293,  
07990784081

All classes now on Zoom

### Editorial Team:

Contact us on  
[os.messenger@google  
mail.com](mailto:os.messenger@googlemail.com)

Articles for March  
issue by Sunday  
21st February

## Delightful Holiday Cottages to Rent

### Stonehaven, Thimbleby

A lovely newly refurbished farmhouse:

4 bedrooms, 3 bathrooms, sleeping up to 7 guests.

### 10 West End, Osmotherley

Beautifully refurbished, 3 bedroom country cottage, sleeping up to 5 guests.

### Coming Spring 2020!

A 2 bedroom flat in the heart of Osmotherley.

Book online at

[www.yorkshireholidayrentals.com](http://www.yorkshireholidayrentals.com)

or contact

Thimbleby Estate Office:

01609 883205

[sally@thimblebyshoot.com](mailto:sally@thimblebyshoot.com)

Facebook

@Yorkshireholidayrentals

# The Osmotherley Q and A

## Alex age 10

1. **How long have you lived in Osmotherley? What is your earliest memory of the village?** 10 years. My earliest memory is when I touched the exhaust on a tractor and burnt my hand.
2. **Tell us something about yourself, perhaps something which most people don't know?** I am good at ice skating.
3. **Do you have a favourite walk, view of place in the village or surrounding area?** The view over the Lady Chapel.
4. **What would your friends say is your best quality?** I am loyal.
5. **What is the one thing which instantly makes your day better?** Seeing my dad.
6. **What do you value most about living here?** The views.
7. **Who or what makes you laugh?** My dad.
8. **If you could learn something new, what would it be?** How to become a professional skateboarder.
9. **Where is your favourite place in the world?** Italy.
10. **What is your most treasured possession?** Memories of my mum.

## Quick fire round.

**Dog or cat?** Dog

**Roller skates or pogo stick?** Roller skates

**Birthday or Christmas?** Christmas

**Are you a washing line or kite string?** Kite string

**Mountains or ocean?** Ocean

**Night or day?** Day

**Book or film?** Film

**Inside or outside?** Outside

**Spring or Autumn?** Autumn

**Northallerton or Stokesley?** Stokesley

## Village Support Network

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

Carine or Alison: 883836

Heather Rowe:  
07751881330

Chris Edmonds: 883408

Bethany Bilby:  
07511189681

Eileen Webb: 883897



AA 5 Gold Star for Guest Accommodation, Breakfast Award and 5 Star Self-Catering.

Rooms feature TV/DVD, locally made oak furniture, Roberts Radio

Fridge/Minibar and ensuite

**Fully licensed**

CCTV/Off-Street Parking

**Open all Year Round.**

Tel: 01609 883524

[www.woodlandsfarmthimbleby.com](http://www.woodlandsfarmthimbleby.com)

## Village Hall Bookings

Please contact Clare Scott via [bookings@osmotherleyvh.org.uk](mailto:bookings@osmotherleyvh.org.uk)

## Oak Garth Motors

Full servicing and repairs on all makes and models of vehicles

New vehicles serviced with genuine parts to maintain warranties.

MOT preparation & presentation.

Fitting of Exhausts, Tyres, Batteries.

Air con servicing & repairs.  
Tel - 01609 883781

## Top Shop Deliveries

A big Thank You to Daisy Pitts, a student at Northallerton College who is taking part in the Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award scheme and member of the village community. She has volunteered to help with grocery deliveries for Top Shop customers, during her lunch time break from online studying, and also after 3.30 pm.

Top Shop will ensure that this is all undertaken in a COVID safe way, with sanitiser, mask and gloves and items will be left on doorsteps after knocking on doors.

If you would like to order any items please do not hesitate to call the shop on 01609 883205 .