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Memories of the Building Cod Beck Reservoir

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Cod Beck Reservoir is known and loved by villagers and visitors alike, so it made an appropriate first project for the journalism club, a group of year 5 and 6 students from Osmotherley Primary School.



Then



Now

The building of the reservoir began in 1948 and was completed in 1953. With the popularity of the site, and the past and current use of the site in mind, we set about finding out if anyone in the village had memories of this time and could tell us about their

experiences of this major event.

Two residents of the village, Danny Mangan and Bob Alderson, kindly agreed to speak with us about their memories of the building of Cod Beck Reservoir. Bob was living in the village when the reservoir was built and Danny moved into the village in the 1980s but was aware of the changes as they were happening. Bob recalled what the valley was like prior to the dam being built, “It was a continuation of the valley, with fields and trees either side going into moorland.” Bob was 20 years old in 1953 when the reservoir was completed and at that time he worked for Potter’s, a local business, delivering groceries and cattle feed. He recalled that the village was largely positive about the building of the reservoir and remembers that “several men from the village worked on the construction and used a big ropeway to move materials across from one side to the other.” He continued, “At the time I couldn’t even picture it as a reservoir until it was finished and full. I suppose they might be quite thrilled to see how beautiful it has become and what a lovely place it would be to visit.”

Danny told us why the reservoir was built, “The decision would have been taken by local government as it was policy after the war to provide water for communities like ours. We were told it would serve us with water for a century or more, but the water no longer comes from there.”

The reservoir stopped supplying water to local homes in 2006 when the treatment works were closed down after the deterioration of the quality of the water from the moorland. Cod Beck now operates as a compensation reservoir to maintain flow into the downstream reaches of Cod Beck and as such, it is still operated and maintained by Yorkshire Water.



In order for the reservoir to be built, the farm on the site, Wild Goose Nest, was lost. Danny described it as “a small moorland farm that kept many types of animals including sheep, goats and cattle. It would have

been a mixed farm doing a bit of everything, but not arable.” Danny also revealed that when the water is low enough it is still possible to see some remains of the farm – the last time he remembers this happening was about 20 years ago.

Cod Beck is such a popular place to go nowadays, we were keen to know whether this was always so.....*continued on back page....*

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Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting

This meeting was held in the village hall at Kirby Sigston. The council began by reviewing matters arising from the last meeting and these covered the bollard replacements on North End, the village hall proposed roof repairs, the village hall proposed planning application for replacement windows and doors, the issues of parallel parking outside the Golden Lion and the use by the police of the CCTV cameras to help identify criminal activity.

The police report highlighted the concerns of some villagers to the lateness and necessity of the fireworks following the Summer Games and the Chairman was asked to look into this further.

Concerns were raised over the fading yellow lines on North End and solutions looked into. The two benches, previously reported as damaged have been repaired by Hugh Thompson and thanks was expressed by all present.

The toilet refurbishment project is proving very difficult to find a satisfactory solution and the Clerk and Vice Chairman were asked to find solutions within the budget available.

Cod Beck parking will be increased by temporary parking but we have no further information as to when this may open. The Clerk at Swainby asked if a one-way system would be introduced between the villages as rumours had caused concerns to their residents. The Chairman confirmed that this was one of many ideas in the Traffic Congestion and Car Parking Report but this may not be supported by Highways.

Complaints have been received from residents regarding the commercial waste bins outside the Three Tuns, on the public footpath. The Clerk was asked to report this to the necessary agencies and request that the owner remove them asap. This has not been done and the situation has not improved and further discussions are continuing.

The Summer Games was discussed and considered a success and grateful thanks expressed to the organisers and all those involved.

John Robinson, Clerk to the Parish Council, 07801591566.

Macmillan Fundraising Walk

Marlies and some of her family are walking to raise money for Macmillan who were a great support during Marlies' recent treatment for a spinal tumour. The walk will take place on Sunday 26th September 2021 with a 4 pm start from Oswaldene.

They will walk up North End, down past Cote Ghyll campsite and up through the woods to High Lane before dropping back down to the gallops, over the foot bridge and up Paul's steps back into Osmotherley.

Any donations can be made via the link below:

www.justgiving.com/fundraising/marlies-barlow

Summer Games 2021

Many thanks to everyone who supported the Summer Games—donating prizes, setting up, running stalls, clearing away and most importantly being there and making it a wonderful community event. Despite the rain, we managed to raise £1899.07 for the Village Hall. **SAVE THE DATE! Summer Games 2022 will be held on Saturday 9th July.**

Chance to visit your local Racehorse Trainer

As part of National Racehorse Week this September, Karen Tutty's racing stables are opening to the public on Saturday 18th September. The morning begins at 10:30am, and includes viewing the horses exercising on the gallops and getting an insight into their daily routine. Everyone is welcome to join us, please book your free place using the link on the National Racehorse Week website (www.nationalracehorseweek.uk/events).



Osmotherley Community Group

Over the past few months we have devised a number of creative ways to continue to serve our community, whether through our soup delivery service, our '100 Scone Challenge' or outdoor events such as the 'At Your Gate Festival' we hope that we have kept in touch. Although we are not yet able to set dates for large scale events, we will aim to take cautious steps, through a variety of strategies, to reconnect with everyone.

Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning Friday Sept 24th (or any time over the weekend of Sept 24th/26th): This year we are again encouraging everyone to host their own coffee mornings at home - either indoors or, if the weather is fine, in your garden.

Why not invite a few friends to join you and raise money for this worthwhile cause? After your event, please take your donations to Pete and Christine Edmonds at 18 South End. Alternatively, there will be a Macmillan bucket at The Tea and Coffee Shop throughout the weekend.

Village Green Raffle: There will be an opportunity to buy a Raffle Ticket in aid of Macmillan from 10 - 4pm on Friday 24th September. The draw for the winner, who will receive a basket of goodies, will take place at 4pm.

New! Community Soup Recipe Book: Our new recipe book will be launched in October, alongside a soup delivery and collection service. The book would make an excellent Christmas present as well as providing everyone with plenty of ideas to try at home. Further details will be included in the October Messenger.

Village Harvest Friday October 1st at 6pm: Our Village Harvest will begin in St Peter's churchyard where we hope to sing some traditional Harvest hymns - perhaps accompanied by The Village Band. This will be followed by a short family friendly service in St Peter's where our offerings of produce will be received.

Joey, our old Warhorse, who now resides in church, will temporarily return to his traditional ploughing role. He will pull a receptacle which we hope you will fill with tinned goods for Hambleton Foodshare.

Following the service, there will be an opportunity to share food together in The Village Hall - look out for the traditional apple pies - we hope those who used to make these for Harvest celebrations, will feel able to do so again. If you can contribute an Apple Pie please contact Eileen on 01609 883550.

For those who do not wish to eat inside, there will also be a takeaway option.

News from St Peter's

The good news is that in September we will be returning to regular weekly services every Sunday at 10.45am and opening the church during the day, from Sunday afternoon through to Wednesday.

Although we are currently unable to take additional books, '**Chapter and Verse Book Swap**' will be open for you to exchange your books. The Foodbank Basket will also be available either in the porch or entrance area, to receive your donations for Hambleton Foodshare.

We have also put together some family activity boxes so if you are visiting church or attending a service with young children, please feel free to use a box. Each one contains books, a puzzle and activities.

Education Sunday: September 12th at 10.45am

Our local Primary School and Pre-School, along with all educational establishments across the country, have worked really hard over these last months to sustain opportunities for learning. The Education Sunday Service will enable us to give thanks for the hard work undertaken by all those involved in education whilst also providing an opportunity to celebrate 'learning together'.

St Peter's Welcomes Everyone

Osmotherley and District Garden Club

Love Food, hate waste? O&DGC are hosting a talk by the **North Yorkshire Rotters**, a group of volunteers funded by NYCC who give information and advice upon ways to reduce waste specifically by home composting and also ways of reducing food waste. The talk begins at 7.30 prompt on Tuesday 14th September by ZOOM. It will last approximately 50 minutes with a Q&A session at the end. This talk is also open to non-members of O&DGC and there will be no charge although we hope you will consider joining Garden Club in the New Year when we will be collecting subscriptions after our 'COVID Amnesty' of 2021. To take part please contact Carolyn at ossygardenclubsec@gmail.com for further details and be provided with the Zoom link before Monday 13th September.



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September

Sun 12th Education Sunday, 10.45 St Peter's Church

Tues 14th O&DGC A talk by North Yorkshire Rotters 7.30 prompt by Zoom

Sat 18th Karen Tutty Racing Open morning 10.30

Fri 24th– Sun 26th Macmillan World's Biggest Coffee Morning –in your home or garden.

Fri 24th Village Green Raffle (Ticket sales 10-4, draw at 4pm)

Sun 26th Marlies' Fundraising Walk for Macmillan 4pm start from Oswaldene.

October

Village Harvest Friday October 1st at 6pm, St Peter's Churchyard.

Friday afternoons: Fresh Fish deliveries begin—more information in October Messenger.

In Memory of Anne Abbott

Thank you for all the donations in remembrance of Anne. It has been decided to plant a native cherry tree in the village and the Parish Council have offered a site just inside the Cemetery. Any remaining monies will be spent on a small plaque and some snow-drop bulbs. The tree will hopefully be purchased sometime in September. Once again thank you, Maureen Downey.



Website: www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk

Contact us: osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com

As 'Messenger' goes to press, we are cautiously hopeful that we will be able to launch a new season of film this month, per tradition. We are working away behind the scenes with this as our goal. We are keen to get our famed film evenings operational once more for our audiences, providing current guidelines allow us to do so!

What is Osmotherley Film all about? It's about bringing the joy of film to our village in a wonderfully diverse range of films: British, international, drama, 'light', thought-provoking, foreign language & more... moreover it's about sociable film evenings at the heart of our community.

The scheduled dates for the season will be every 3rd Friday of the month: **Sep 17, Oct 15, Nov 19, Dec 17, 2022 Jan 21, Feb 18, Mar 18, *Apr 22, May 20, Jun 17. (*=4th Fri)**

Film evenings take place in the Village Hall: doors open 7.30pm, films start at 8pm.

****Please check our website ADDRESS early in the month for our news release on the launch of the season, membership fees; the programme of film ****

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Memories of Building Cod Beck Reservoir (cont) Bob revealed that as a child he used to play there, "We played there. On a weekend we used to sit near the moor gate and open and shut it for cars hoping to get a penny! My mother and father also went up there walking."

Danny said "There would be people walking there but not in the numbers you see now. They didn't have transport like now."

Both Bob and Danny spoke about the changes to the site, not least the number of visitors that Cod Beck now attracts, with Danny ending his interview with a word of warning of the hidden dangers of the reservoir:

"It is very deep and dangerous – when you see a duck swim towards the bottom end it goes straight down due to the strong current."

So, Cod Beck has a relatively short history as a reservoir but the building of the dam changed the landscape around the reservoir, as seen in the photos in the article. It has since become a popular destination for and visitors and residents alike, walking and enjoying the beautiful countryside in and around Osmotherley.

The Journalism Club would like to thank Bob Alderson and Danny Mangan for sharing their memories of Cod Beck.

