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## Osmotherley Area Messenger

### “The Worshipful Company of Osmotherley Clockwinders”

**Question: What task has taken place in the village every week for the past 129 years? (answer on page 4)**

And this could be you!

People are often surprised to find that the clock is still wound by hand, unlike many that have been converted to electric drive. It's a magnificent piece of Victorian engineering the size of a large chest freezer; and is driven by three dustbin size cast iron weights that have to be wound up the tower each week. This is now undertaken by a rota of twelve clock winders, “The Worshipful Company of Osmotherley Clockwinders”, who humbly dedicate themselves to the task.

We keep a waiting list of people who have expressed an interest in joining us and we now have some vacancies on the list and welcome applications. It must be said that the road to becoming a full Winder is long and arduous and that not all who start will necessarily finish the journey. However, full training is given before a Winder first undertakes a lone wind, including detailed Operating Instructions, Risk Assessment, and the Canons [the Clockwinders' Code of Conduct]. But we're pleased to say that no-one has ever failed to make the grade. Traditionally a male organization, we are now open to all genders, LGBT, and non-binary applicants. We were recently delighted to welcome our first lady Winder. Winding is not without its perils, and we celebrate our work at the annual Clockwinders' feast, surely thee hottest ticket on the Osmotherley social scene!

If you think you might be interested in becoming a Winder, please contact the Secretary as below.

*Hugh Thompson*, Secretary and Director of Human Resource, The Worshipful Company of Osmotherley Clockwinders.

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### Osmotherley Brass Band

We meet on Wednesday evenings in the Quaker Meeting House, Osmotherley, DL6 3AA.

We are a friendly group (from teens to 80+) and welcome all who would like to be involved in brass band music.

We play for enjoyment and to support local events.

We enjoy playing a variety of music and welcome you to come along and meet us to see what's happening.

Please contact us on 07305812888 to arrange a visit. *Helen Jane Liphthorpe*

### Mobile Library

The next visit will be on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September between 10am and 12 noon.

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# Osmotherley Area Parish Council-July

The councils last meeting before its August 'holiday' and the issues discussed included:  
The bog hole footbridge - work would begin early August (update, indeed work has begun).

The hole in the road on North End and verge has been repaired.

Concerns over blocked drains was discussed and the Clerk asked to write to the Director of Highways at NYCC.

Second homes and holiday home concerns were discussed following the Whitby vote and a national questionnaire would be completed, researching concerns of communities and regions.

A weeks speed survey has been completed in Thimbleby following concerns that many were exceeding the 30mph limit (update, results compiled show that only 5% broke the limit and none over 45mph).

A tree survey has been carried out and the application has been submitted to NYM to enable work in the autumn to trim them to limit encroachment on nearby properties. Approval awaited.

The Ukrainian flag, to show support for the country and approved by the church, has now been erected. Thanks to all those involved.

Highway issues included pothole repairs in School Lane, set damage on the edging of the green and bollard damage on North End.

The Police report included concerns over anti social behaviour at Cod Beck, which with the current fire risk concerns is taken very seriously by the police.

The public conveniences have had two issues, a water leak meant that the stop cock had to be located, which was more difficult than first thought. Drains then became blocked and the toilets closed for a couple of days. Thanks to Yorkshire Water for assistance in rectifying both problems.

Concerned residents raised issues over the firework display and the sign at Moon House. Both these discussed and reported to the correct authorities.

Two planning applications were received were discussed and supported.

The school would soon be undertaking a consultation exercise to combine the pre-school and primary school into one organisation.

*John Robinson*

## Osmotherley School



The children at Osmotherley School work hard all year so, after two years of disruption, it was wonderful to see the return of our customary special events this summer term. The sun shone on sports day, and it was lovely that so many families were able to attend and stay for the BBQ afterwards. The Acorns Class enjoyed their educational visit to Butterfly World and the Oaks Class were invited for a day at the Deer Shed Festival to try a range of arts activities.

The pupils in Year 5 and 6 went to Liverpool for their residential visit (see photo). They had a full itinerary, including a ferry ride across the Mersey and a trip to Crosby beach to see the sculptures of Antony Gormley's 'Another Place'. They visited the Walker Art Gallery, the World Museum and the Maritime Museum, where they took part in a workshop on the legacy of slavery. They also visited the two cathedrals and the city's mosque. In the evenings, there was time for playing board games and a trip to a pizzeria on the last night. The children behaved impeccably and at the end of the three days, our Blue Badge guide (Miss Bamber's dad) made them all honorary Liverpoolians!

The summer term ended with our leavers' service. The children, who were leaving to move on to new schools, received a traditional Osmotherley School send-off with its mix of laughter and tears. We will miss them all, but we wish them the best of luck.

In September, we look forward to welcoming the new Reception children into our school family.

*Jane Bamber -Headteacher*

# Osmotherley Community Group

## Looking back and looking forward

This will be the 10th year of operation for Osmotherley Community Group. Last year we trialled several new ways of serving our community including collection and delivery services, regular weekly gatherings through Tuesdays Together, alongside larger events for Harvest, Christmas and The Platinum Jubilee. We also supported Teesside Hospice, Northallerton Chopsticks, organisations working with Ukrainian families and The Friarage Hospital through the sale of our Soup Recipe Book.

Over the Summer, we will be reviewing our activities and considering how we can build on our previous experiences in ways which are both manageable and sustainable.

Look out for further details in the October issue.

Till then, thank you to all our volunteers and everyone who has supported our community - we look forward to our continuing work together.

## September at St Peter's

There will be a service every Sunday at 10:45 am to which everyone is welcome.

Education Sunday September 11th at 10:45am.

In May 2022 Clive and Paul cycled 450kms across Zambia in support of Lendwithcare. They travelled through towns, villages and countryside experiencing the wonderful country and its people first hand. They will be sharing some of their experiences and memories from the trip and describing the inspiring and important work Lendwithcare does to help people in poverty in the developing world and providing them with the knowledge and resource to improve their own lives and those of their families and communities.

We hope you will join us for this special service.



### New Season – New film – Join Us!

Join us for a wonderful cinematic journey **from this month through to June next year**, as we bring you an enjoyably diverse selection of all that film-world can offer. (10 films).

The all-important dates for your diary (all are Fri): **Sep 23, Oct 21, Nov 18, Dec 16, (2023) Jan 20, Feb 17, Mar 17, Apr 21, May 19, June 16**

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**See our website** for full season details, membership information, Season Guide to download and your membership form to complete/return, **join us as a member**. Most important. Members make it happen! Your ridiculously good value membership fee gives us the funds to operate for the season. **This season's membership fee? £35 (10 films)**

Want to know more? Email us at: [osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com](mailto:osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com)

It all begins on **FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER**.

Where? Osmotherley Village Hall (transformed into your cinema for the night!)

Doors open 7.30pm; our film will start 8pm

**Our opening film: BELFAST [2021] [UK] Cert.12A 98mins**

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A memoir to childhood and love-letter to a City, through the eyes of that childhood. Set against the backdrop of the stirring of 'the Troubles'. *Oscar (2022): Best Original Screenplay; BAFTA (2022) Best British Film*

On the night, come early to enjoy a chat with others but also to give us the opportunity to register your membership. You are welcome to bring your own refreshments to enhance your enjoyment of the evening.

**Ever wanted to be part of the film crew?** If you would like to help us run the season, please get in touch or see us on the night. Enthusiasm, teamwork, enjoyment of film : that's what it's about. (& don't worry if you don't feel you're a film guru).

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## Dates for your Diary

### September

Tues 6th - Osmotherley & District Garden Club - Talk on hardy perennials - Village Hall, 7:30pm.

Thu 8th - Mobile library - Entrance to Oswaldene/West End, 10am - 12noon.

Sun 11th - Education Sunday, St Peter's. 10:45 am.

Tues 12th - OWLS visit to Kiplin Hall - Meet at Queen Catherine, 11:30 am.

Fri 23rd - Osmotherley Film - "Belfast" - Osmotherley Village Hall, doors open 7:30pm, film starts 8:00pm.

### October

Sun 2nd - Harvest Festival - St Peter's Church, 10:45am.

### Annual Assumption Pilgrimage

This year the Annual Assumption Pilgrimage up to the Lady Chapel was held on Sunday 14 August, when people from around the Diocese of Middlesbrough and beyond gathered together at the Lady Chapel.

The Diocese would like to take this opportunity to thank village residents for their kindness, generous support and patience given by local people whose lives can be disrupted at this time. Every effort has been made to minimise the disruption caused.

Yours sincerely,

*Very Rev Mgr. Canon Robinson V/G*

**Vicar General**

Diocese of Middlesbrough

***"Answer: (to question on page 1) - Someone has climbed the ladder in the tower of St Peter's church to check, adjust and wind the village clock".***

### Summer Games 2022

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the Summer Games this year: donating prizes, setting up, running stalls, clearing away and being there to make it a wonderful community event. You have helped to raised £1765.00 for the Village Hall.

**SAVE THE DATE! Summer Games 2023 will be back to the first Saturday in July, 1st July.**

Regards

*Mike and Heather Rowe*

### Osmotherley and District Garden Club

'Is it a weed or a priceless, rare specimen?' A talk on 'Unusual Hardy Perennials' by a visiting speaker, Howard Leslie, will take place on Tuesday 6th September at 7.30pm in Osmotherley Village Hall. This talk is free to members, guests welcome @ £2pp.

### OWLS

The Owls trip to Kiplin Hall, Tuesday 13th September. Meet at the Queen Catherine at 11:30 for lifts. Any members who have not put their names down but would like to go please ring 01609 883427.

### Village Hall Bookings

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

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