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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Celebrating the Coronation of King Charles 7th May 2023

Calling all villagers. This is an invitation for everyone to come together in the middle of the village - dressed for the occasion, with a picnic and other refreshments if you wish - to celebrate the Coronation of King Charles on Sunday 7th May at 2pm. Hopefully we can manage a village photograph to capture this memorable occasion.

It would also be nice if you could decorate and put bunting up round your own property to make the village look festive .

Osmotherley and District Garden Club

Osmotherley and District Garden Club would like to share a 'taster' of their 2023 programme of events with readers of The Messenger. The first talk of the year is on Tuesday 11th April by Peter Wilkinson on 'Small Garden Design', in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. On May 27th we have the very popular Annual Plant & Produce Sale. This is followed by visits during May, June, July and September to Helmsley Walled Garden, Snape Castle, Thornton Hall and Mount Grace Priory. Talks on 'Wildflower Gardening', 'Low Maintenance Gardening' and 'Shady Characters and Shy Maidens' are planned for August, October and November. We will also be supporting Summer Games and holding the Annual BBQ in July.

If you are not yet a member please request further details of any of the events listed above from ossygardenclubsec@gmail.com Membership is currently £2 per year or £1 for over 60 or under 16. Members receive regular communications about events via the newsletter and private Facebook group, plus additional benefits such as discounts at a local garden centre and the Thompson and Morgan seed catalogue.

We look forward to seeing you!

A plea to all nature lovers

Following on from Terry Neasham's excellent and timely article about the decline of swifts here in Osmotherley, it is worth repeating the message that there's need to leave areas of the village and in gardens less tidy to provide cover, food and nest sites for insects, birds and small mammals. No-one wants to see the village looking uncared for, but there is a difference between neglect and careful conservation.

The churchyard is a case in point: it is mown all over every week in the Summer months, leaving nowhere for plants to flower and seed, even round the edges, and nowhere for invertebrates to thrive. Surely it would be possible to mow a few paths through the long grass so that it would be obvious that the area was being maintained? If householders would consider conservation before mowing the verges outside their homes, then there would be valuable areas for wild life. During lockdown, there was far less tidying and I counted 15 different wild plants along the base of the churchyard wall in School Lane and at least 30 varieties of wild plants walking up West End. They were noticeably absent last Summer.

In replacing the bridge at Bog Hole, wych elm and blackthorn were removed and nothing has been replanted - just one small example of another loss of natural growth.

Britain has lost about 85% of its insects - a truly shocking statistic - and anyone who has been watching the latest David Attenborough programme, Wild Isles, will know that he has repeated this message time and again.

Come on Osmotherley - let's show that we care about nature in both senses and please do your bit to help our threatened wild life - we can all make a difference however small - and maybe we will see swift numbers increased as a result.

Angela Thomsett



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Osmotherley Area Parish Council

Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting 16th March 2023.

An almost full complement of councillors met to catch up and consider the issues in and around the village. Numerous water leaks, onto both road and footpaths throughout the village, have been reported either to Yorkshire Water or Highways for inspection. Many are due to field runoff but others have been inspected and solutions sought.

Concerns over the replacement of increased strength street lighting was taken up by the council with HDC and solutions agreed.

Damaged granite sets on the village green will be repaired as soon as possible by Highways.

The bus stop sign has been replaced near Oswaldene however the pole is awaiting its sign!

Residents at the foot of Clack Bank reported to the PC that they will continue to press local government for a speed limit reduction and have also written to Rishi Sunak for assistance.

Concerns over the damage to the village green near to Robbin Hill by parked vehicles was raised and discussed.

Potential safety issues were reported relating to the footpath on Clack Bank. There are some stretches where the hedges are encroaching resulting in pedestrians having to walk in the road.

It was agreed to survey the route, liaise with the landowners responsible and determine a solution.

Three planning applications were considered and supported from Thimbleby, Ellerbeck and Sowerby under Cotcliffe.

Finally it was noted that the Cleveland Way sign was damaged and the Clerk confirmed a replacement is on order from NYM.

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OWLS

Those of you who are going on the visit to Goldsborough Hall on April 11th please meet outside The Queen Catherine at 1pm to travel by mini bus to the Hall . We should return at around 4.30 pm. If you have not paid (£20 +£5 towards the bus) please drop the money off at Margaret's by April 2nd at the latest. Any problems contact Margaret on 883427 or Barbara on 883513.



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Thank you to everyone who supported our soup lunches in February and March. We were pleased to welcome students and staff from Northdale who brought their hand made goods for sale. In addition to sales, money from soup donations contributed towards Northdale's fundraising for a defibrillator.

At the soup lunch in March, we were very pleased to be able to give Northdale a cheque for £350 which means that they have now raised enough money to buy the defibrillator! A big thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way.

Advance Notice

'Tuesdays Together' will begin again on **Tuesday May 9th** - 10 am - 12 noon

Northdale is a registered charity providing training and work-based activities for adults with learning disabilities and or physical disabilities from across the Hambleton and Richmondshire districts of North Yorkshire - why not visit Northdale at Yafforth Road Northallerton DL7 0LQ?

St Peter's Church

Good Friday in the Community April 7th at 12 noon at St Peter's Church. There will be a short time of reflection, followed by hot cross buns

Everyone is invited to join us to mark this very special day

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy and Peaceful Easter

SUMMER GAMES NEEDS YOU

If you can help on or before 1st July please

1) Contact Mike Rowe : 07502 263141,

or

2) Come to village hall Thursday 20 April 8pm

Osmotherley Film

Friday 21st April. This month's Film Member's Choice - The Importance of Being Earnest. 7.30pm for 8pm.

Email us at: osmotherleyfilm@gmail.com Tel 07971 863332

Mobile Library - Thursdays: 20th April, 18th May and 25th June.

Stopping at Oswaldene as always between 10 am and 12 midday.

A Walk around the village

Interested in Osmotherley's History?

Trevor Mitchell will lead a walk around the centre of Osmotherley and talk about the history and architecture of the village. Meet outside the coffee shop on Monday 24th April, 6.30pm. Free of charge.

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Dates for your Diary

April

Fri 7th, 12 noon Good Friday in the Community, St Peter's Church
Tues 11th, 1pm, OWLS' Trip to Goldsborough Hall, meet at Queen Catherine
Tues 11th, 7.30pm Garden Club Talk, Osmotherley Village Hall
Thurs 20th, 10-12 noon, Mobile Library, Oswaldene
Thurs 20th, 8pm. Summer Games meeting. Don't forget—we need you! Village Hall.
Fri 21st, 7.30pm. Osmotherley Film. The Importance of Being Earnest. Village Hall.
Mon 24th, 6.30pm A Walk Around the Village, meet at the Coffee Shop

May

Sun 7th, 2pm Coronation Celebration, Osmotherley Cross
Tue 9th 10-12 noon Tuesdays Together, St. Peter's Church.
Thurs 18th, 10-12noon, Mobile Library, Oswaldene
Sat 27th Garden Club Plant & Produce Sale

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