



## BATS IN THE BELFRY

Over 20 villagers came to the presentation about the Osmotherley Bells on Wednesday 10th May with a declared commitment to providing something that will be a heritage to future generations. There was considerable enthusiasm to get the bells working again following an interesting presentation by David Town and Ian Staves.

The plan is to develop the options and try to cost them so that we can all get together again to prepare a presentation to the PCC. We hope that this will be early in June and an email will be sent to those who attended in April suggesting a time and date. For those villagers who have not yet registered an interest in this project but would like to find out what's going on then please register your interest to [m.hunter@fleetfactors.co.uk](mailto:m.hunter@fleetfactors.co.uk) and you can then get updates.

By the way we do not have bats in the belfry, but they do live in the church porch.

*Mike Hunter*



## INSECTS SOS (Insect Crisis -part1)

What is your reaction to the word Insects? *Nasties! flies, midges, wasps, beetles, mosquitoes and locusts.* Think again - now imagine a world without insects;

No pollinators - most plants, fruit and vegetables will vanish

Natural food chain collapsed – birds and insectivorous animals starved to extinction

Human food supply disintegrated (half of our food depends on pollinated plants) and a shortage of animal feedstocks

Roughly 80% of the world's population regularly eat insects!

No natural disposal of waste, corpses and dung, no breakdown of timber or leaves for recycling of nutrition

Within a few years, most mammals, fish, birds and amphibians will vanish: humans will suffer malnutrition and starvation.

Within a few decades most of life will be gone and the world will return to a state of a billion years ago.

In the words of Sir David Attenborough

*"If we and the rest of the back-boned animals were to disappear overnight, the rest of the world would get on pretty well. But if the invertebrates were to disappear, the world's ecosystems would collapse"*

You have probably already noticed that the decline of many insects such as wild bees and ladybirds, has already started. Flying insects have declined by an average of 60% in the past 20 years and 80% of butterflies are in decline. Bird and bat populations are falling, hit by the reduction in insects for food and loss of habitat. What is causing the demise of insects?

### MAN

**Global Warming** - climate breakdown with weather extremes bringing warmer, wetter weather leading to flooding, droughts, storms and changes to land use, water resources and pollution.

**Loss of habitats**, through agricultural practice (intensive use of land), destruction of rain forests, loss of wild areas, hedgerows, flower meadows and water sources.

**Treating insects as enemies** through increased acreage of land treated with pesticides and herbicides (massive increase in use of glyphosates)

**Light pollution** – light in urban areas is growing at 6% pa, but more than 60% of invertebrates are nocturnal. Light interferes with insects' biological clock of hibernation, mating and egg laying

It is not all gloom. Insect Crisis (Part2) to come, will show it is not too late to do something. Meanwhile, look after the wasps. They do a lot more good than harm.

*Mike Thomsett*

**OSMOTHERLEY SHOW**  
**HOME FARM**  
**THIMBLEBY DL6 3PY**  
**SATURDAY 5TH AUGUST 2023**  
**10AM-10PM**

**HORSES - CATTLE - SHEEP**  
**VINTAGE MACHINERY**

**SHEEPDOG TRIAL - DOG SHOW**  
**GUNDOG SCURRY - FELL RACE**

**TRADE & CRAFT STANDS**  
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**LICENCED BAR**  
**WITH EVENING ENTERTAINMENT TILL 10PM**

**Schedules and online entry available at**  
**[www.Osmotherleyshow.co.uk](http://www.Osmotherleyshow.co.uk)**

**IYENGAR YOGA CLASSES**

**Osmotherley Village Hall**  
 Tuesday 6-7pm  
 Thursday 2-3pm  
 Thursday 5.45-7pm  
 Thursday 7-8pm (men only)

**Catholic Church N'allerton**  
 Tuesday 10.30-11.30am

**Butterflies Dance Studio Thirsk**  
 Tuesday 7.30-8.30pm

**Methodist Hall N'allerton**  
 Wednesday 6.15- 7.15pm

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**Osmotherley and District Garden Club Forthcoming Events:**

**Saturday 27th May** Annual Plant & Produce Sale Osmotherley Primary School Playground 11.00-1.00pm (Any donations can be left at the school from 9.30am).

**Wednesday 31st May** Visit Helmsley Walled Garden. 2.00pm.

**Wednesday 14th June** Visit Snape Castle 2.00pm.

**Saturday 1st July** Plant Stall in support of Osmotherley Summer Games.

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