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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Pre-school Goodbyes

On Friday 22nd December we said a very sad goodbye to Gill. Gill has been with us at Pre-school for 34 years. A few of the committee members were even taught by Gill at pre-school! A special "Christmas coffee morning" was organised by Shirley, Heather, Marian & Helen and it was a wonderful send off.

Thank you to the organisers for planning such a great surprise event. Children from the school came across and sang a goodbye song - things got a bit emotional! Thanks to everyone who came and joined in the celebrations.

As a committee we want to express our thanks to Gill for her commitment, loyalty and enthusiasm that she has given to the pre-school. We simply would not be here if it wasn't for her. She has been involved in the education of hundreds of children and we hope to continue with her legacy long into the future. Gill - you'll certainly be missed!
Pre-School Committee



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Thank You from Gill Hunton

The words thank you really do not seem enough to express my thoughts and emotions as I walked into St Peter's on my final morning at pre-school. I anticipated something was happening but a coffee morning on the last day of term just seemed a bit too far fetched! To say that I was totally overwhelmed is an understatement as I looked around and saw so many faces, my brain went into overdrive and the last 34 years flashed before me. Children that attended pre-school years ago were now grown up, some with their own children who are now young adults also, but I recognised every single smiley face. Seeing staff and volunteers (you know who you all are) brought back so many memories of the 'old days' in the village hall, before School House became a reality! There are so many village residents that deserve thank you's ... all those who stopped for a chat when we were out and about, or supported fundraising, as well as providing little ones that kept pre-school running! Seeing the faces of my family made me ponder how they had managed to keep the secret Sally had somehow kept the retirement cake under wraps! Thank you to Miss Bamber for her kind words and to the children for singing to me well, I have to admit it did bring tears to my eyes! Thank you to Shirley, Helen, Heather and Marion for organising such a wonderful send off greatly appreciated ... what else can I say!

Yet another big thank you to Jenny, Clare, Annabelle, Sam and the present cohort of pre-school children ... how you managed to keep me in the dark is truly remarkable! Finally, the retirement gifts and cards blew me away again I didn't read them and take everything in until well after Christmas (Noravirus attacked me with a vengeance). So a Happy 2024 to you all, 'early years' has been a huge part of my life so, in early years speak, the transition process has begun and I'm now embarking upon the next stage of my learning journey. Many, many thanks and I'm forever indebted to Osmotherley.

An interview with Gill can be found on the next page .

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Osmotherley Parish Council - Dec/Jan

In December a proposal to 'wild' an area of village green central to the village was not supported by council. A replacement for the tree blown down in 2022 was discussed and agreed that the original site was unsuitable due to the culvert running down the length of the village green on North End. A revised alternate site for the replacement tree is being sought.

A planning application from Westlands Farm for the formation of a new glamping site was discussed and whilst councillors felt they couldn't support the application on the grounds of the unsuitable access road it agreed to have no objections to it going forward to the planning authority for a decision. The council have raised concerns with Highways regarding the water flowing down West End and Clack, which unfortunately comes from private land bordering the road in question.

The village public toilet refurbishment has been revised and further quotations sought for work to commence, hopefully, by the end of March 2024. A resident asked if the trees on North End could be trimmed further. The National Park would have to be consulted.

Two further planning applications were supported and it was reported that NYC had agreed to the Haynes Arms for the siting of static caravans and camping pods in an application we objected to back in 2020, having satisfied the planning authority of its many concerns.

It was agreed to raise the Parish Precept by 4% next year.

In January the meeting had no planning applications to discuss and the Clerk updated the council on the many highways issues, in particular the blocked culvert issues causing water to flow from Cuddy Lane and near the entrance to Westfields. A meeting with the Highways Officer responsible for our area would be held shortly to discuss further. The Clerk requested residents to inform him of pot-holes in the village, should they be at least 2 inches deep, with photos and location. Likewise other highway issues should be reported and would then be passed onto Highways at NYC for consideration. The bollard, knocked down on North End, has been reported and due to be replaced soon. The NY Council representative updated the PC on the financial position of the unitary confirming that savings to help balance a very beleaguered budget had been identified. He also confirmed that Stone Cross, Hambleton DC's old offices, would be sold.

The Clerk can be contacted at clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com

The council's website is at www.osmotherley.org.uk John Robinson Clerk to the Parish Council

Interview with Gill Hunton

Gill recently spoke with Heather Rowe to give a potted history of her time at pre-school.

How did it all start?

In the Summer of 1989, I took my daughter, Becca, to the playgroup in Osmotherley village hall. We had a rota for parents to run it, so I signed up. However something needed to happen~ we had more than 20 children aged 2 ½ to 5 years and by 2002, we realised we had outgrown the village hall. The building next to the school was almost derelict and had been offered to the residents of Osmotherley for educational purposes. Thanks to Michelle Wood and Jackie Faber, £80,000 was raised through events, donations and grants and a year of preparing the premises for habitation, Osmotherley Pre-school was born. It first opened for three mornings a week and had four activity rooms and four members of staff. Sue Hutchinson and I, who were also working as Teaching Assistants in school, led the pre school~ Sue had the qualifications and was musical; I had a finance background and loved the outdoors~ a perfect combination! I studied to gain a BA (hons) degree in Young Children's Learning and Development and when Sue H left, I became the Manager and the rest is history!

What have been your funniest moments?

Exploring paint Jackson Pollock style by squirting paint onto wall paper on the playground and riding bikes through it. I had to demonstrate and obviously the small tricycles weren't designed for adults~ I tipped backwards into the paint, to the great amusement of staff and children.

Another 'painty' moment occurred when I had to persuade one child to have his feet painted so he could make a footprint picture. I painted mine to show him it was ok and he proceeded to continue the painting, not on his own feet but right up my legs.

What have been your favourite things about Pre-school

Time of year with the children? It's Autumn~ so many brilliant forest school opportunities. Christmas is lovely too, but exhausting!

Nursery Rhyme? It has to be Jack and Jill.

Book? I always loved the Percy the Park Keeper and Animals of Farthing Wood series. More recently the Stick Man and Gruffalo books have joined my list. Anything to do with nature!

What have been your proudest moments?

Sitting opposite the Ofsted inspector when we gained our outstanding grade.

Becoming Early Years Educator Nursery Manager of the Year Being runner up in the Outstanding Individual Practitioner Award (which included a lovely trip to London!)

I love my job~ it's physically and emotionally demanding, but so rewarding when all the hard work to meet the needs of each unique little individual means they move successfully onto the next stage of their education.

What plans have you got when you retire?

I've got 4 grandchildren aged 2-11 so will be kept busy.

I'm going to catch up with gardening and decorating~ I'm sure there will be lots more too!

Community Group

Thank you to all who helped, baked, and came along to support our January Community Coffee morning – it was a cold, icy day outside; but inside the church there was a warm atmosphere, delicious cakes and plenty of conversation, a lovely morning!

Our February Community Coffee Morning is on **Tuesday 20th February at St Peter's Church: 9.30 – 11.30. All are very welcome!**

Community Coffee mornings will be the 3rd Tuesday each month until June:

19th March: 10 – 11.30 am

16th April: 10 – 11.30 am

21st May: 10 – 11.30 am

18th June: 10 – 11.30 am

St Peter's Church

There will be a Christingle Service at St Peter's Church on Sunday 11th February at 4pm. All are very welcome to attend, this will be a special, family friendly, service in which we will explore the meaning of Christingle as we build the Christingle Orange together.

There will be refreshments after the Service.

Shrove Tuesday (Pancake day is on Tuesday 13th Feb)

Ash Wednesday, which marks the start of Lent, is on Wednesday 14th February.

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service at 10 am at Leake Church and at 6.30pm at Ingleby Arncliffe church for those who would like to receive the ashes.

Mothering Sunday is on Sunday 10th March – more details will follow in the March issue but save the date for our Mothering Sunday Service at 10.45 at St Peter's – all are very welcome!

Just a reminder that the collection point for Hambleton Food Share is in the church. You can look online at info@hambletonfoodshare.org.uk to see their current list of shortages and there is a 'phone number for those without a computer - 07514 244158

I know that there will be many people who give via their supermarket but I hope we can encourage a few more to contribute.

Local Archaeological Lecture

Robert Thorniley-Walker is presenting on the vast array of archaeological finds up at Sheepwash and Scarth Wood Farm. Swainby Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30, Tuesday 6th February, £4 admission. From the failed Georgian dam to the Bronze Age and Neolithic works.



Friday 16th
February (2013)
114 minutes

The Secret Life of Walter Mitty is a 2013 American adventure comedy-drama film directed, co-produced by and starring Ben Stiller and written by Steve Conrad. The film also stars Kristen Wiig, Shirley MacLaine, Adam Scott, Kathryn Hahn, and Sean Penn. It follows a maladaptive daydreamer named Walter Mitty on his quest to find a missing negative print and its elusive photojournalist for *Life* magazine's final print issue.

Where? the Village Hall Doors open 7.30pm, Film starts 8pm
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Dates for your Diary

February

Tues 6th Local Archaeology Lecture, Swainby Village Hall, 7.00 for 7.30pm

Sun 11th Feb Family Christingle Service St Peter's Church 4pm

Fri 16th Osmotherley Film, Secret Life of Walter Mitty, Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm

Tues 20th Community Group Coffee Morning, St Peter's Church 9.30 - 11.30am

Thurs 22nd Mobile Library, Oswaldene 10am-12 noon

March

Tues 12th Owls Meeting St Peter's Church 2.30pm

Tues 19th :Community Group Coffee Morning, St Peter's Church 9.30 - 11.30am

Thurs 21st Mobile Library, Oswaldene 10am-12 noon

Sun 10th Mothering Sunday Service, St Peter's Church 10.45am

April

Friday 26th Osmotherley Silver Band Concert, to celebrate St. George's Day, St. Peter's Church 7pm.

Christmas Quiz

We raised £535.50 at our Christmas Quiz for the Crisis At Christmas appeal... which smashed last year's figure of £465!

Many thanks to everyone who attended and to everyone who made it happen - Barrie for being Quiz Master, Bob for recording the music rounds and Marion and Katerina for front of house help.

Special thanks also go to The Coffee Shop, The Community Group, Top Shop, Whitegates Nursery, Marks and Spencer Northallerton and Tesco Northallerton for their generous donations to the raffle and tombola and to everyone in the village who kindly donated items to the tombola. Hilary Day

OWLS : The next meeting of Owls will be in St Peters Church on Tuesday 12th of March at 2.30 pm to discuss the 2024 programme .

We are hoping to revert to the original format of Owls where two or three members together , organise a month's meeting, a Speaker /Event / Outingplease come with ideas .

Refreshments will be served !

Look forward to meeting up . Margaret and Barbara

Pre school 50:50 Prize Draw

Our first winner of 2024 has been drawn,

This months 50:50 prize winner is Jon Coates congratulations!!

Our current prize fund stands at £55. If you'd like to get involved drop us a Facebook message or contact annaramshay@outlook.com / 07816419101

The next draw will be held on the 14th February

Mobile Library

.Here are the forthcoming dates for the Mobile Library visits to Osmotherley:

Thursday 22nd February

Thursday 21st March

Thursday 18th April

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