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# Osmotherley Area Messenger

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on  
**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm** (Doors open at 7pm)  
in  
**St Peter's Church, Osmotherley**

Tickets - £10 (£12 on the door) to include refreshments  
Obtainable from: Coffee Shop and Top Shop  
Other details:- 01609 883874

Proceeds for the Band and St. Peter's  
Consider wearing BLUE – favourite colour of St. George.  
*Ron Goacher*

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## Osmotherley Parish Council – Feb 2024

### Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting 15th February 2024

The PC meeting was attended by a resident concerned about the traffic issues on South End corner where yellow lines have not been replaced following resurfacing works. The issue has been reported to Highways by the resident and is to be followed up by the PC. The Clerk updated the PC on the issues of the running water from Cuddy Lane. A meeting took place between the Clerk, Highways and NYM to identify the issues and areas of responsibility. Landowners were identified and are to be contacted. The other surface water issue from the field near Westfields with water flowing down Clack Lane, is to be attended to by the landowners in the near future, according to recent information received. The council has a responsibility to ensure the trees owned by the PC are regularly inspected by an arborist for insurance and safety purposes. Following this an inspection from a NYM representative will then determine the scope of any work required.

The site for the replacement tree, blown down in 2022, will also be determined.

Work has been ongoing to bring the toilet refurbishment to a point where a contract can be agreed. It is hoped that this will be possible by the end of March 2024.

Councillors raised further highway concerns regarding road surfaces in Thimbleby and Kirby Sigston, which the Clerk is to report.

The PC considered three planning applications and supported each.

The defibrillator needs new pads and paediatric pads are also to be ordered.

The paint spill outside the Three Tuns/Moon House was noted and it is hoped that this will be cleaned shortly.

The next meeting of the PC will be the 21st March 2024.

Contact the Clerk at [clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com)

The council website is at [www.osmotherley.org.uk](http://www.osmotherley.org.uk)

*John Robinson*

Clerk to the Parish Council

### Message from Trevor and Kate from the Coffee Shop

I don't know how many of you know about Mike McGrother!

He came to the Coffee Shop at the end of January. He was "singing the Cleveland Way" to raise awareness of cancer, especially in men and wanting people to be open and talk about it, to let everyone know they are not alone! A very powerful message.

He came to the cafe and sang songs and was so passionate about what he was doing. An inspiration to us all. We even got a spot on Look North! He would like to come back to the Village Hall to share what he has done and bring his choir with him. To talk about his journey and cancer. The cafe will put on refreshments. I am just trying to find out who would be interested in coming. Please let me know if you want to attend.

It should be a great night of music, laughs and fun. Please support this worthy cause to stand up against cancer. It will be sponsored by the cafe and anyone who wants to join in and help is most welcome. Let's show what a village community can do. Please support us. Phone Kate 07814918473. email [Thecoffeeshopozzy@gmail.com](mailto:Thecoffeeshopozzy@gmail.com) or pop in and see us.

### Thank you from Osmotherley Pre-School

We owe a very big thanks to Osmotherley Writing Group for their donation of £180 to the pre-school. The money was raised through the sales of the book "Words from Osmotherley". Thank you also to the Community Group for their support at the December coffee morning which raised £109 for the pre-school. We are very grateful for your continued support and for the generosity of the community.

### Easter Holiday Club

We will be running a holiday club from pre-school during the Easter holidays. The sessions will be on Wednesdays and will have themed Easter and Spring activities. Children welcome up to the age of 8 and we welcome any children including those that do not currently attend the pre-school.

Keep your eyes peeled on our Facebook page or contact [bethany.bilby@gmail.com](mailto:bethany.bilby@gmail.com) for more information.

Spaces will be limited so please book early.

## Osmotherley Community Group

Our Community Coffee mornings continue to help bring our community together each month. We are looking forward to warmer weather as we plan for our March event and hope to see you there:

**Tuesday March 20<sup>th</sup> in St Peter's Church: 10 – 11:30 am.**

All are very welcome to come along and enjoy delicious home-made cakes and bakes, tea, coffee, and conversation.

### St Peter's Church

March is a busy month for St Peter's Church!

**Prayer:** Throughout Lent there are 'Stations of the Cross' prayer stations around the church. Please come and enjoy the peace of the church as you reflect on the Easter Story through using these prayer stations.

The prayer area is also open every day for quiet reflection. There is cold water in the fridge and biscuits available if you would like refreshment whilst you are there.

Lent course each Wednesday evening during Lent at 7pm. Please contact Rev Bill for more details.

**Mothering Sunday:** Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March at 10:45 am in St Peter's Church. A special service to celebrate our mothers and other important women in our lives. There will be posies and refreshments as part of the service. All are very welcome.

**Palm Sunday Procession and Service:** 24<sup>th</sup> March, meeting at the war memorial at 10:45 to process to church for our Palm Sunday Service with a dramatized reading of the Passion of Christ. All are very welcome.

**Good Friday:** A Good Friday reflection with Hot Cross Buns at 12 noon in St Peter's Church. This is a family friendly, community event and all are very welcome.

**Easter Day:** Easter Celebration Communion Service at 10:45 am in St Peter's Church. All are very welcome to come and join us as we celebrate this special day.

Thank you

Rachel



Every film season brings a rich variety of film to the big screen. More recently given the Hollywood treatment, this month we bring the original film adaptation of the novel by Fredrik Backman:

**A Man Called Ove [2015][Swe.] Cert. 15 116mins (Swedish. Subtitled)**

*Starring: Rolf Lassgard, Bahar Pars, Filip Berg*

Ove is a man who seems at war with the world. Nothing is as it used to be. People not as they used to be. To those in his local community he is renowned as being grumpy with the world. This is all a far cry from his younger life; a life shared with his beloved wife and in which they raised their family.

With the arrival of new neighbours – at first, irritating and annoying – over time human kindness and connection brings meaning back to Ove's world.

### Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March

Where? the Village Hall

Doors Open 7.30pm; film starts 8pm

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## Dates for your Diary

### March

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

Tues 12th - OWLS Meeting St Peter's Church 2.30pm.

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

Tue 19th - Osmotherley Pre-School Committee AGM, at the Pre-School 7.30pm.

Thurs 21<sup>st</sup> - Mobile Library, Oswaldene 10am-12 noon.

Thurs 21st - Osmotherley Area Parish Council meeting, Village Hall.

Sun 24<sup>th</sup> - Palm Sunday Procession and Service: 10.45 meet at the war memorial.

Fri 29th - A Good Friday reflection with Hot Cross Buns at 12 noon in St Peter's Church.

Sun 31st - Easter Celebration Communion Service at 10.45 am, St Peter's Church.

Sun 31st -Easter Celebration at 6.30pm at Osmotherley Methodist Church,

### April

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> - Mobile Library, Oswaldene 10am-12 noon.

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

## Nature Notes in Osmotherley

Having had one of the wettest and certainly warmest Februarys ever, plants are beginning to show a bit earlier than usual and villagers might like to know what to look out for in the weeks ahead.

On the uncut verges, there are early signs of Goose Grass or Cleavers, White Dead Nettle (which does not sting!), Herb Robert, and young Dock leaves. The Lesser Celandines are beginning to flower and under the hedges there are quite a few drifts of snowdrops, which seem to have enjoyed this very wet Winter.

Ivy flowers are now turning into black 'berries' and the Hazel bushes are full of catkins (Lambs' Tails) waving in the wind. A few Daisies are opening up too – a sure sign that Spring is on the way.

Dog's Mercury, found in hedge bottoms and woodland, is one of the earliest plants to arrive. Much more attractive is the little Moschatel which often grows on banks of streams or edges of damp woodland. It has wonderful acid-green flowers and foliage and grows close to the ground. Look out for it near the bottom of the valley steps and in the woods.

As the days lengthen, everything rapidly starts to show and there will soon be many more wild flowers to look out for. If the verges outside your house are left uncut until late summer, you will be surprised at how many wild plants we have – all of which have a part to play in encouraging insects and birds. A 'weed' in your garden is only a plant in the wrong place and we all need to learn to love dandelions which are a wonderful early source of nectar for bees, have edible leaves for salads and exquisite seed heads.

*Angela*



**OWLS:** Meeting in St Peter's at 2.30 pm, Tuesday, March 12th to plan future events.

### Mobile Library:

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June.

Always between 10am & 12 midday at the entrance to Oswaldene.

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