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Osmotherley Area Messenger

Osmotherley Pre-School Update

We made wonderful memories in 2024 and have lots of achievements to celebrate! We have had a really exciting few months at Pre-School and have started 2025 with a bang. The children have been taking part in bird watching week; the Kitten Hunt in the church has been a big hit and we've had lots of winter walks. We had a successful Open Day in October and currently have healthy numbers of children. After the Easter holidays will be opening on Monday afternoons, so we'll be offering a full day on Monday in addition to full days Tuesday-Thursday). With this continued growth the Committee would like to thank all our staff for their dedication and hard work. They are our biggest asset and the reason that our pre-school is thriving.

Recruitment: we are looking for another team member to join us from April so that we can accept more children from our waiting lists. If you or anyone you know are Level 3 (early years) qualified and would like to join our close knit community then please get in touch.

Success: a big Well Done goes to Jenny, our manager, for completing her Level 3 Early Years SENCO qualification (Special Educational Needs). And to Annabelle, our deputy manager, who completed her Level 6 Early Years Teacher Training qualification and achieved Outstanding Participant Award (the best in her entire cohort!) Both completed the training in their spare time and we are so grateful for their dedication.

Fundraising: we received a grant of £3000 from The Woodsmith Foundation which has gone towards our brand new kitchen and storage in the hall-way. We now have an oven for the first time so have been able to bake with the children. We also received £300 from Broadacres and is for £300 which we are using to spruce up the downstairs toilet facilities. Unfortunately we were not successful in our bid for funding from Morrisons. We had submitted a grant application for £10,000 which covered new flooring inside, new windows and a sliding door, and new pour-in-place rubber flooring for outside. We are continuing to look for other grant and fundraising opportunities to cover the cost of these improvements as well as the repairs to the roof. We have had very successful fundraisers including receiving the proceeds from the Summer Games and a brilliantly attended Safari Supper and Wreath Making evening.

Volunteers: as we have grown in numbers we could use a spare pair of hands. If you have an hour or so to spare to join us for our Welly Wednesday walks, nature walks or trips to the Library Bus or Park we would love to hear from you. Volunteers will enable the children to continue exploring our wonderful village and we think you would enjoy it too! We would welcome one-off helpers or more regular support, whatever time you can spare. Contact pre-school to discuss more.

Roof and Building Lease We have had an initial meeting with North Yorkshire Council and they have come back with an offer for a 25 year lease with nil rent for the first year, £2,000 per year for the next 4 years and half of market rent for the remaining term. Whilst this is a positive step that we are being offered reduced rent and our lease will be renewed, it is a long way from the "peppercorn" rent of our current lease. Over the term of the proposed lease, this could cost the pre-school at least £40,000. Whilst we have seen an increase in numbers of children, unfortunately the annual fee, even at a reduced rate, would still be unsustainable. We are now writing to our local councillor (Cllr David Huggill) to request his support and have also contacted our local MP (Rishi Sunak).



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Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council has met twice since the last newsletter (19 December and 16 January) and discussed many issues at these meetings. A village team effort sourced and erected the village Christmas tree in testing conditions and special thanks go to the Thimbleby Estate and JT Atkinsons for enabling this to happen.

Concern over the footpath encroachment by overgrown hedges was raised and residents asked to cut these as a matter of urgency. The state of the footpath will then be reported to NYC for action.

The public conveniences refurbishment has been completed together with a storeroom for village hall use. It is hoped that the quality will help return them to the award winning state that existed in the early 2000s.

Four planning applications were considered and supported.

The Environment Group was invited to our January meeting to update the council on the issues they have been involved in. These included: supporting a Dark Skies initiative led by the national park; a lottery bid regarding the clean up of the Cod Beck and its tributaries and raising concerns over weedkiller use in the village.

It was agreed to revise fees and charges for the use of the Cemetery.

A resident had asked that the trees overhanging the road on North End be trimmed. A plan of trimming had been agreed with North York Moors (NYM) as the planning authority and the council will look into the issue of village tree growth in the next financial year.

Finally, NYM reported on the progress of a village car park . NYM have funds available to assist with the project, provided that the necessary traffic regulation orders were supported. Basically this means that if a supported car park is provided in the village, it would be necessary to revise the current parking arrangements in the village, with likely restricted parking times and resident permits. NYC did not feel that there was sufficient evidence that this would benefit both residents and visitors and therefore refused the application.

Our next meeting is the **20th February 2025** in the Supper Room as normal and any comments can be made to the Clerk at clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com

Osmotherley Garden Club

Are you enthusiastic about gardening but sometimes feel daunted? Do you enjoy company and wish to swap garden success and failures, seeds and plants and ideas with like minded people, then come along to our AGM **Tuesday 25th February 7pm** in the Village Hall. Join us for nibbles and drinks and hear about our programme for the year of planned visits and speakers. We look forward to welcoming new and old faces.

Date for the diary

March 18th 7pm Village Hall, Pooled Supper. Shared supper/chat. Sarah Hopps will join us.

Osmotherley Pre-school 50:50 Club Draw

Congratulations to our recent winners, who each won £45.50.

December: Richard Robson, **January:** Bethany Bilby. If you would like to enter the draw please contact Anna on 07816 419101 or anaramshay@outlook.com. The cost is £1/ticket/month and you can either pay by cash or BACS transfer, speak to Anna for more details.

Mobile Library Dates

The Mobile Library visits Osmotherley once a month: corner of Oswaldene on Thursdays 10-12 noon. Forthcoming dates: Thursdays 20 February, 20th March and 17 April 2025.

Osmotherley Village Theatre Re-Launch

Remember Neville's Island, The Nativity, Under Milk Wood? Or new to the village and love amateur theatre? Since Covid, live theatre has been missing from village life and it's time to begin again! So to start us off, OVT invites you to a social and play-reading evening (no commitment to reading or learning lines!) on **Friday 7th February 7.30pm** in the Village Hall. Come and join in the fun of playreading or just relax and listen with a free glass of wine!

St Peter's Church News

Candlemass Christingle Service We will celebrate Candlemass on **Sunday 2nd February** at 10.45am at St Peter's, with a special Service which marks the end of the Christmas season in the church. We will dismantle the crib and light candles as we reflect on Jesus' coming as a light in the darkness. The Service will be followed by refreshments. All are welcome: the service is suitable for all ages.

Community Group News: Tuesday 18th February: Community Coffee morning in St Peter's Church from 10-11.30am. Come and join us for coffee, cake and Conversation. All Welcome!

Advanced notice: on **Tuesday 18th March** we will have a **soup lunch** instead of a coffee morning. 12 –2pm. All Welcome!



Every month brings something different in an Osmotherley Film season – it's the aim of bringing a wide range of film to our audiences across a season. We look forward to welcoming you to this month's film evening, Wicked Little Letters starring Olivia Colman, Jessie Buckley, Anjana Vasani, Timothy Spall, and Gemma Jones

Friday 21st February

Wicked Little Letters [2023] Cert 15 100 mins

In 1920s Littlehampton a series of rude letters start to arrive in the post to members of the local community. But who is the author of these messages? Will the local Police be able to track down the culprit? Based on real events (believe it or not!) A top class cast deliver a thoroughly enjoyable film. (ps we hope you won't blush too much at the 'ripe' language at large in the film – it's integral to the story).

Guests welcome (must be 16+ yrs of age). Guest Fee: £6 Doors open 7.30pm; film starts 8pm. For season information, including previews and trailers, see:

www.osmotherleyfilm.co.uk

St Theresa's Hospice Fundraising Success

We raised £830 at the Christmas Games & Quiz night this year. The money was raised for St Theresa's Hospice in memory of our dear friend, Gary Greening. The Hospice staff were delighted to receive the sum and have passed on their thanks and best wishes to everyone who was involved. Special thanks to Kate and Trevor at the Coffee Shop for their generous support, Top Shop and all those who contributed to the raffle and tombola as well as to our event support team: Eleanor, Dhonla, Marian, Nel, Hetty and Pat and to Brian for being a star of the technicians and of course to the indomitable Barrie, our Quiz Master.

Thank you to everyone who came to support the event, got into the spirit, gave generously and helped to make it a great night!



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Dates for your Diary

February

Sun 2nd Candlemass Christingle Service, St Peter's Church, 4pm
Weds 5th Environment Group Meeting, Methodist Chapel 7.30pm
Thurs 6th Pre-School Fundraising Meeting, 7.30pm
Frid 7th Re-launch of Osmotherley Village Theatre, Village Hall 7pm
Tues 11th OWLS Meeting, St Peter's Church, 2.30pm
Tues 18th Community Coffee Morning, St Peter's Church 10 - 11.30am
Thurs 20th Mobile Library, Oswaldene 10-12 noon
Thurs 20th Parish Council Meeting, Village Hall 7.30pm
Fri 21st Film Club *Wicked Little Letters*, Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm
Tues 25th Osmotherley Gardening Club AGM Sandwiches, quiches and
drinks. Membership renewals, Village Hall 7pm

March

Tues 18th Osmotherley Community Group Soup Lunch, St Peter's Church 12 - 2pm
Tues 18th Osmotherley Gardening Club, Pooled Supper, Village Hall 7pm
Thurs 20th Mobile Library, Oswaldene 10-12 noon

April

Sat 5th Piano Recital Sarah Beth Briggs, St Peter's Church, 7pm

OWLS: Meeting in St Peters Church on **Tuesday 11th February** at 2.30pm. A speaker from The Hedgehog Preservation Society is coming to talk to the group . Please bring your subscriptions of twenty pounds if you wish to rejoin and you have not done so already . We should have the 2025 Programme to pass on to you. See you all then.



Environment Group

Next meeting is **Wednesday 5th February 7.30pm** in the Methodist Chapel. Hope you can join us!

The Mending Group has been very well attended. Future meetings will be posted on the village noticeboard & Facebook page.

Allotment Plot Available

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