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# Osmotherley Area Messenger

## OSMOTHERLEY SUMMER GAMES 2025

**SATURDAY 5th JULY 2025**

Raising money for Osmotherley Good Causes 12 - 6pm

### SUMMER GAMES NEEDS YOU!

**YOUR HELP IS VITAL - without it the games cannot happen!**

To offer any help or support PLEASE contact (call or text)

Mike Rowe mob: 07502 263141 or Heather Rowe mob: 07751 881330

Your help is requested, and very much needed, to make this a successful community event and raise as much money as we can for the Ossie Preschool.

#### HOW YOU CAN HELP BEFORE GAMES DAY:

- Contact Mike and Heather to offer help
- Donate Tombola Prizes (we need a lot)
- Provide old crockery for crash the crock

All these can be dropped off anytime to Mike and Heather 30 South End or Village Hall on Tuesday, Wednesday 1st, 2nd July between 6-8pm

#### PREPARATION 2nd to 5th JULY:

- Wednesday 2nd July, 6 - 8pm: Transport stalls and materials to Village Centre for overnight storage (meet on green)
- Prepare Tombola prizes (in Village Hall)
- Friday 4 July, 5 - 8pm/ Saturday 5th July 9am - midday. Build and prepare the stalls for the event.

#### ON THE DAY (Saturday 5th July 1-4pm):

- Volunteer to serve on a stall
- Minimum 20 people are needed to serve for the short time of 1 to 2 hours (Free beer and Prosecco provided)

#### AFTER THE EVENT

- Sunday 6 July 10 am-midday Clear up

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#### Garden Club News:

We had a very successful visit to Langton Farm and have a varied summer/autumn programme ahead. **BBQ at Beacon Croft 12 noon Sunday 13th July.** £15 per person for members and guests. **Tuesday 5th August visit to The Manor Birkby** for members and guests.

You are very welcome to join the Garden Club and join these events. Annual membership is £5. Contact Sue Coward on 01609 883373 or [sueandnoel@gmail.com](mailto:sueandnoel@gmail.com)

**OWLS:** On **Tuesday July 8th** there is a trip to Mocha Chocolate Maker on the Aske Estate near Richmond, mini bus leaves the Queen Catherine at 3.30 pm, £12 for the event and £10 for the mini bus, Owls subsidising from Funds.





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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

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## Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting - 19th June 2025

The meeting was attended by representatives of the village Environment Group who asked for confirmation that the graveyard wall would now be left to recover from the weed/wildflower removal. The Chairman gave assurances that this was a one off and would not be repeated. The future of the proposed village car park was raised. The PC have documented this in previous newsletters but for **clarification...** The survey carried out by NYC did not support the development of a car park and the PC has no further routes to explore in this case. A publicly funded option would cost in excess of £500k and whilst over the years a lot of time and effort has been spent on researching this option, it is highly **unlikely** to happen. The trees owned by the PC will be trimmed in the autumn following consultation with the national park. This will only be to remove epicormic growth from trunks and where necessary to raise the height where it causes issues to vehicles or pedestrians.

The defibrillator training, which took place on the 22nd May, was attended by around 25 residents and was considered very successful and the Thimbleby defibrillator will be adopted by the PC to provide continued support.

Speeding cars were reported as a concern on North End, however there is little more that can be done by Highways without this issue being regularly reported to the Police to solve the issue, however the Police have a Community Speed Watch Scheme which can be accessed by searching for 'Community Speed Watch North Yorkshire Police'.

The play area equipment will have some maintenance and repair work done to maintain the safety levels required in the coming months.

The Cleveland Way path out of the village is in need of strimming and a directional arrow is also missing on Back Lane. The Clerk will follow this up.

Concerns were raised regarding the opening of the Pintail Nest Farm Shop on Winton Bank. The Clerk will follow up these concerns with the planning authorities.

The PC understand there are concerns in the village regarding the Pre School building and associated running costs. The Chairman assured all present that the PC is fully supportive of the Pre School and will do all it can to assist with maintaining this vital part of the village infrastructure. A public meeting will be held in the village hall on 16th July to discuss the issues further. The parish website is at [www.osmotherley.org.uk](http://www.osmotherley.org.uk)

The Parish Clerk can be reached at [clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com)

Regards

*John Robinson*, Clerk to the Council

## NATURE NOTES: 18th June

Now that the dog roses and elderflowers have taken over from blackthorn and hawthorn blossom in the hedgerows, you might want to think about making your own elderflower cordial.

The much-needed rain rescued annual plants and grassland, although more is needed – sorry, sun-lovers! Nature is wonderfully resilient and it is great to see the rebels which insist on re-appearing after they have been mown down – daisies, buttercups and white clover. Hurrah!

The curse of the strimmer is evident when banks and verges are unnecessarily cut – not for safety or sightlines but because it is easy to do. The ox-eye daisies have been exceptional along the verges of the A19 and thanks should go to North Yorkshire Council for their revised mowing practice which has enabled these flowers to flourish. There was a bank of them on the way up Clack Bank but alas, much of it has been mown and the daisies left wilting on the ground.

However, a walk from Oswaldene to roughly opposite the wood yard yielded 40 different plants in flower. A list is on the Environment notice board and it would be interesting to know if others can identify more. The little yellow Tormentil hugs the ground while Hedge Bindweed decorates the hedges with pure white flowers (not welcome in the garden but a delight in the wild). Dove's Foot Cranesbill manages to hold on in the corner of the churchyard behind the Fish & Chip shop but little else except determined buttercups and a tangle of Goosegrass or Cleavers, Poppies and Sow Thistles outside the church.

The swifts are back too – what would an Osmotherley summer be like without them wheeling and screaming round the village? Ted Hughes wrote a poem about swifts and part of it says "They've made it again, Which means the globe's still working, the Creation's still waking refreshed, our summer's Still to come." Long may they continue to come.

Not just swifts but a flycatcher, spotted one evening, sitting on a telephone wire and darting out every time an insect flew past.

## St Peter's Church News

### Sea Sunday: July 13th at 10.45am

Sea Sunday is a time when we can come together to give thanks for the vital role all those who work on the sea, play in our lives. This year we will be celebrating the work of RNLI and hearing about the important work of lifeboat volunteers. There will be video presentations, good sea faring hymns and possibly a sea shanty or two! The service will be suitable for the whole community.

**Men's Breakfast at St Peter's Church – 24th July - 9.30 – 11.30** (4th Thursday each month) in the church. Come and join Rev Bill and men from the village for a bacon butty, coffee, tea and conversation. All are very welcome.

### Community Group News:

No Community Coffee this month as we take our summer break. We will meet again on **Tuesday 16th September**. A big thank you to all who have been involved in helping at, baking for, and attending our community events – we couldn't have done it without you! Please contact [rachel@rossrussell.com](mailto:rachel@rossrussell.com) if you are interested in getting involved with the Community Group, we are always ready to welcome new members to the team!

#### **Tuesday 1st July: 7pm @ The Old Vicarage**

There will be a meeting for all those who have been involved in helping to run our Community Group this year and for all those who might like to be involved in planning for, and helping with our Community Group plans for next year. All are welcome – there will be Coffee and Cake!

### Osmotherley Primary School

At the end of this academic year we will be bidding a fond farewell to Ms Pickard who is retiring after 36 years of teaching - most of those at Osmotherley School. We are very sad to see her go but we are also delighted for her and grateful for all of her hard work and the tremendous care she has shown for the children over the years. If anyone would like to join us to wish Linda well on her last day, we will be in the Village Hall at 3.15pm on **Friday 20th July**. Parents, carers, pupils and friends, both past and present, are all welcome.

If anyone would like to make a contribution to a leaving gift, please pop into school or leave it at the Top Shop.

Many thanks from Osmotherley School.

### Osmotherley Pre-school

#### Pre-school Lease Meeting

We are holding a public meeting (as an EGM) on **16th July** at 7.30pm in the village hall supper room.

We will be discussing the options presented by North Yorkshire Council for the Pre-school Lease and how the committee intend to proceed. We are committed to the ongoing success of the Pre-school and welcome everyone to discuss this with us.

#### Race night 26th September

Fancy owning a horse? Or perhaps trying your hand at being a jockey? We are hosting a race night with a twist on Friday 26th September, we look forward to seeing lots of people there for some fun! There will be a bar and food. Everyone welcome, tickets and sponsorship available soon.

#### 50:50 Club Draw

Congratulations to our June winner Jane Bell!

If you would like to enter the draw please contact Anna on 07816 419101 or [anaramshay@outlook.com](mailto:anaramshay@outlook.com).

The cost is £1/ticket/month and you can either pay by cash or BACS transfer (including standing orders for regular payments), speak to Anna for more details.



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## Dates for your Diary

### July

Tues 1st - 7pm. The Old Vicarage. Community Group planning meeting.

Wed 2nd-Sat 5th - Summer Games Preparation.

Sat 5th - 12-6pm - Summer Games.

Sat 5th - 1-4pm - Garden Club plant stall at Summer Games.

Sun 6th - 10am - midday. Summer Games Clear up.

Tues 8th - Owls trip to Mocha Chocolate Maker - Bus 3-30pm from outside QC.

Thurs 10th - Mobile Library 10-12am, Oswaldene entrance.

Sat 12th - 5.45pm. Bus leaves village for 'Jazz Boat.'

Sun 13th - Sea Sunday Service, St Peter's Church.

Sun 13th - Garden Club BBQ at Beacon Croft - Garden Club members and guests.

Wed 16th - Pre-school lease meeting - 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Thurs 24th - Men's Breakfast 9:30-11:30, St Peter's Church.

### August

Sat 2nd - Garden Club stand at Osmotherley Show.

Tues 5th - Garden Club visit to The Manor, Birkby - Members and guests.

Thurs 7th - Mobile Library 10-12 am, Oswaldene entrance.

### September

Fri 26th - Pre-school race night - Village Hall, details to follow.

## WELCOME BACK – OSMOTHERLEY VILLAGE THEATRE

After a long absence, Osmotherley Village Theatre returned with a one-night performance of an expanded play "Butter in a Lordly Dish", based on a 1948 BBC radio broadcast of an Agatha Christie thriller. One of the consequences of Covid has been that many social activities have been lost and never recovered. It takes an enthusiastic team or an individual with a lot of drive to revive the fortunes of amateur theatre. But in Osmotherley, there was just that man, Brian Holder as playwright, producer and director. Starting with the Christie script, he recreated the static recording into a live performance and augmented this by writing a first act to introduce the cast before they made their live broadcast in the second act.

What made it fascinating and perhaps confusing was that the audience was now presented with a play that was neither just a scripted broadcast nor a fully acted-out drama – but something between the two. Despite the cast simply speaking into a BBC studio microphone they just couldn't help themselves from acting out their roles.

Every member of the large cast excelled in their cameo parts but special mention must be made of the lecherous Sir Luke Enderby (played by Barrie Robinson) and his intended lover Julia Keene (Heather Rowe). Their assignation in a country cottage ended in typical Christie style with a gruesome murder served up as a luxury meal on a "lordly dish".

The production was a fine example of a splendid team effort by the cast and backstage led by an inspired producer/director. By the welcome given from a packed audience, it was clear that amateur theatre is back in demand. Long may Osmotherley Theatre continue in the future to satisfy that demand.

**Mobile library:** Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.

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

## Osmotherley Quaker Meeting House for Hire

Large hall ideal for children's parties and other gatherings, big kitchen, two toilets, outside space, coal fire and good heating. Cost is £12 per morning, afternoon or evening session. Contact Annie Peart on 07799 374379.

**Village Hall Bookings:** Please contact Clare Scott via [bookings@osmotherleyvh.org.uk](mailto:bookings@osmotherleyvh.org.uk)