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Osmotherley Area Messenger

OSMOTHERLEY SUMMER GAMES - A great day and £2627.24 00 raised.

This year's games were a great success due to the exceptional support, generously given by village businesses, schools, organisations, plus significant time and effort given by so many people. This year's event had more stalls and games than for many years, with the old favourites as popular as ever and some great new additions.

£2627.24 was raised! This was distributed to village organisations who submitted a request and justification for funds for projects to the Village Hall Committee: 80% was donated to Osmotherley School and Pre-School; the remainder was donated to the Environment group and Parish Council. Towards converting a Village Hall storage room. An additional, extremely generous, £1000 was anonymously donated through the Summer Games Committee to Pre-School.

Jazz Boat 2025

A very big thank you to all who gave their time, donated raffle prizes, and joined in the occasion. It was a very successful evening, which hopefully everyone enjoyed and raised £2300 for Macmillan.



...Intermission...

We have taken the decision to take an 'Intermission' for season 2025/26.

Every season is busy; providing a season of film evenings to the standard we aim for takes the energies and commitment it does for the Osmotherley Film crew.

With our recent seasons operating with a smaller number of film crew and with crew changes behind the scenes at the end of our most recent season, it's a useful moment for us to take the opportunity for a breather. We feel this is the best way to help ensure the ongoing success of Osmotherley Film.

We are appreciative of the enjoyment across the community that our film evenings provide. We continue to be grateful for the support we receive from our audiences.

Further information will be on its way to all those on our regular mailing list. We will provide further updates along the way

OWLS: There will be an outing to The Gliding Club for lunch, on Tuesday September 9th, meeting at The Queen Catherine at 11.30, the mini bus will take 16 people costing £10 each. The remaining members will travel by car, to be arranged. The lunch costs £15 per person. If anyone finds they are unable to go please let us know ASAP. 01609 883427



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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

To book contact: Helen

Cameron 01609 883293,

Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting - July 17th 2025

The meeting was held in Kirby Sigston Village Hall as our last meeting in the summer cycle. The major highways news was that agreement had been sought, following issues reported in the village after heavy rainfall, for Highways to clear the gullies in the village over a few days in early August. This is very much done as a one-off event and the council would like to express their thanks to NYC for undertaking this vital maintenance work ahead of the cyclical gully maintenance due in February.

The NYC representative gave an update on the internet situation in Thimbleby and a representative of the company responsible for undertaking the works, Quickline, is to be invited to the next meeting in September.

Two benches have been repaired in the village, tree works approval applied for from NYMoors NP and support provided to a resident who feels that the war memorial is in need of some attention to make it more presentable.

The disabled access to the church was raised as a clear passage was not always available and the Clerk asked to raise with the owner of the QC.

The concerns surrounding Osmotherley Pre-School and the recent public meeting were discussed at length, with the full support of the council confirmed. During the meeting, we explored various ways in which that support could be demonstrated and how we might reassure the Pre-School Trustees that our commitment will be sustained. Following the meeting, the Chair wrote to the Trustees to reaffirm the council's support and outline the key areas discussed. He was also able to confirm a grant of £4,000 from the NY Councilors Locality Fund to support the Pre-School.

NYC have taken over the running of the Sheepwash Action Group (SWAG) raising an official response to anti-social behaviour at Cod Beck and Sheepwash. A number of events and posters will be available throughout August.

The steps in the village leading to the Catholic church, across the village green will be repaired following a resident fall.

A plea to residents to trim overhanging trees and bushes that can cause obstruction was also raised.

The next meeting of the PC is due in the Village Hall on the **18th September 2025**.

The parish website is at www.osmotherley.org.uk

The Parish Clerk can be reached at clerk.osmotherleyareapc@gmail.com

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St Peter's Church News

Sunday 28th September @ 5pm Harvest Festival and Supper at St Peter's Church, supported by the Community Group. All are very welcome to attend the Harvest Festival Service, followed by a light Harvest Festival Supper in the church.

Autumn Quiet Afternoons

If you would like some time to reflect, be still and enjoy the silence, please join us for one or all of our Quiet Afternoons.

Organised jointly, by the Quaker Meeting House and St. Peter's, each afternoon will open and conclude with a short reading, followed by half an hour of silence.

At the end of each session you are invited to share in tea/coffee and cake

There is no charge and each Quiet Afternoon is open to people of all faiths and none

Dates as follows:

Thursday October 9th Quaker Meeting House

Thursday October 16th St Peter's Quiet Area

Thursday October 23rd Quaker Meeting House

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Community Group News:

We are looking forward to welcoming everyone back to our Community Group Coffee Mornings on Tuesday 16th September 10 – 11.30 am in St Peter's Church. This month we will be raising money for MacMillan Cancer Support as part of their 'MacMillan Coffee Morning' fundraising event each September. Please do come along and support this great cause whilst also enjoying some coffee, cake and conversation! All welcome!

Over the past academic year we have raised funds in support of community events in the village as well as for local charities. We are very pleased to let you know that the following charities have each received £100 from our monthly coffee mornings; Chopsticks, Northdale, Jenny Ruth, Yorkshire Cancer Trust, Herriot Hospice and Cleveland Mountain Rescue. Our MacMillan Cancer Coffee morning last September also raised £145. It is wonderful to be able to support these local charities through our Community Group events. Thank you for your generosity! Please contact rachel@rossrussell.com if there is a local charity or fundraising initiative in the village in need of our support which you would like us to consider.

Osmotherely Pre-school

Update from Pre-School Meeting 16 July 2025

The Pre-School Committee would like to thank everyone who attended the meeting in July. There was a brilliant turnout of almost 30 people including those from across the community, the Parish Council and Councillors from The North Yorkshire Council. The conversation was enthusiastic and there is clear passion for supporting the long-term viability of pre-school and the importance of protecting education within the village as well as the overall sustainability of the village. Preserving the pre-school is integral to the future of the school and overall community that we live in. As a charity, the committee are all volunteers acting in their spare time. The Parish Council and other kind individuals have agreed to support us with lease negotiations and other projects.

The attendees unanimously voted in favour of a 25 year lease with a 12 month rent free period, £2,000 per year for the subsequent 4 years and then 50% market rent for the remaining 20 year period. Whilst the pre-school has flourished since its Outstanding grading from Ofsted, and numbers of children attending have grown so that finances have improved, we are conscious that committing to rent payments could threaten its financial viability. We are continuing to negotiate this with the Council to obtain the best available option for the pre-school. We need to renew with a long lease in order to raise funds through grants and other donors to repair the roof. If you wish to help the pre-school with this issue please contact Beth Biby bethany.bilby@gmail.com

Race night 26th September

Osmotherley Pre School presents a Night at the Races....but not as you know it!
When: Friday 26th September 7pm till late
Where: Osmotherley Village Hall
Price: £7.50 per ticket (including a pie and peas supper)
Horses are for sale beforehand, £1 per horse and the winning horse receives £10.
You don't have to attend the evening to be an owner.
We are also looking for race sponsors, £10 per race

50:50 Club Draw

Congratulations to our August Winner....**Diane Swales!**

The cost is £1/ticket/month and you can either pay by cash or BACS transfer (including standing orders for regular payments)

If you would like to enter the draw or would like to purchase a horse/sponsor a race please contact Anna on 07816 419101 or anaramshay@outlook.com.



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Dates for your Diary

September

Thu 4th mobile library Oswaldene entrance 10 am.

Tue 9th Owls Gliding Club pick up QC 11.30 am

Fri 12th Puddings and Prosecco Village Hall

Tue 16th Community group coffee morning St Peter's Church 10-11.30am

Thu 18th Parish Council meeting Village Hall

Fri 26th - Pre-school race night - Village Hall 7.00pm

Sun 28th Harvest Festival and supper St Peters Church 5pm

October

Thu 2nd mobile library Oswaldene entrance 10 am

Wed 9th Quiet afternoon Quaker meeting house 2.15pm

Fri 11th Jumble sale for pre-school Village Hall 6-8pm

Wed 16th Quiet afternoon St Peter's quiet area 2.15pm

Wed 16th Environment Group meeting Methodist Chapel 7.30pm

Wed 23rd Quiet afternoon Quaker meeting house 2.15pm

What next for The Old Hall and attached Chapel, 18 North End, Osmotherley?

For almost 400 years the Old Hall and its chapel has served as a place of catholic spirituality and worship. Its history can be traced back to 1683, when the Old Hall was donated to a group of Franciscan monks to minister to the local community and support pilgrims visiting the Shrine on the hill above Mount Grace Priory. It is a part of our rich ecumenical community.

Sadly, the Hall has been left empty for some years. However, the RC Diocese of Middlesbrough is now looking for ideas which would support the continued and sustainable use of the property and the chapel. The Bishop has proposed a meeting in October to hear from all interested parties.

We have formed an interest group and would welcome hearing from or meeting anyone with an interest, curiosity, knowledge, expertise or ideas on how this unique property could be brought back to life.

This is a great opportunity for us to bring this significant house and garden back into use as an asset for our community, and for those visiting Osmotherley, the Lady Chapel and Mount Grace Priory. Please contact either Sue Coward (sueandnoel@googlemail.com) or Liz Walmsley (liz.walmsley@gmail.com). Timing is short but we hope to hold a meeting in Osmotherley in September to build on these ideas.

Environment Group Many thanks to those who attended the Bat Night in August, we had a very enjoyable evening with 5 species of bat identified. The next event is the Jumble Sale with Pre-School on Friday 11th October, 6-8pm in the village hall. The next Environment Group meeting is Wednesday 16th October 7: 30pm in the Methodist Chapel & as always, everybody is welcome to attend.

Mobile library:

4th September, 2nd October, 30th October 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