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December 2025

Osmotherley Area Messenger

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

St Peter's Church

There are many activities and Services at St Peter's over the Christmas period and all are most welcome!

Sunday 30th November marks the 1st Sunday in Advent. Our Christmas celebrations will begin with a Candlelit Advent Service at 4pm followed by mulled wine and mince pies.

Sunday 14th December at 10.45am we have our Christmas Carol Service followed by refreshments. Come and join us for a celebration of Christmas with traditional readings and carols.

Sunday 21st December at 10.45am join us for our Christmas Angel Nativity Service (more details below).

Wednesday 24th December Crib Service at 6pm. Join us to build the Crib with readings and carols, suitable for all the family.

Wednesday 24th December: Midnight Mass at 10pm, celebrating the birth of our Saviour, Jesus, with the Christmas Eucharist.

Thursday 25th December: Christmas Day at 9am Christmas Morning Service at East Harlsey Church.



Christmas Angel Trail and Nativity Service

Angels will be arriving in St Peter's Church to celebrate the Christmas season.

Children from Osmotherley Primary School and Osmotherley Pre School will be providing "angelic art work". The Christmas Angel trail will open on Advent Sunday 30 November. Discover the angels as they reveal the Christmas story, by following the trail and completing the free angel quiz. The winner of the quiz will be drawn from all correct entries as part of the special Angel Nativity Service on Sunday 21 December at 10.45 am. This special service will re tell the Christmas Story, accompanied by Carols and Christmas music provided by members of our community. The service will be followed by festive refreshments. Everyone is welcome. The Christmas Angel Trail is open every day and provides an enjoyable Christmas activity for the whole family.

The Old Hall/Chapel, North End, Osmotherley

The Diocesan Trustees meet in early December to discuss the future of the building. We will keep you updated when we are informed of the outcome.



Osmotherley Wassailers

Join the Osmotherley Wassailers carol singing around the local pubs and collecting for Macmillan on Friday 19th December. Meet at the Golden Lion at 5:30pm, the minibus will leave at around 6:00pm and we will be back at the Golden Lion for a final carol around 8:30pm. All are welcome, but if we have more than 16 on the night we will be looking

for last minute volunteer drivers!

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Osmotherley Area Parish Council 20 November

The PC met on a cold and snowy Thursday evening and discussed the following issues:

The plan for councillor emails has been instigated and will be used going forward, as will the clerks new email (see below).

The Bog Hole ford culvert has been blocked by a fallen log and has been reported to NYC Highways. The hedges along Clack Bank corner have been cut allowing for easier passage.

The Remembrance Sunday village event went well.

Northallerton Swimming Pool is still closed for repairs. The Pre-School roof repairs and funding support was discussed.

An approach from Quickline to host a digital awareness course in the Village Hall was raised and it was confirmed that the Village Hall Committee will explore this further.

The Clerk asked councillors to consider the amount of precept required for next financial year, which will be discussed at the next meeting.

A new mobile library service is to be provided by North Yorkshire Library Services commencing Thursday 8th January 2026 at 10am, lasting 2 hours, with subsequent visits every 4 weeks.

And finally, the Christmas Tree, provided very kindly by Tristan Sillars will be erected as usual.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 18th December 2025. The council website is at www.osmotherley.org.uk and the Clerk should now be contacted

at clerk.areapc@osmotherley.org.uk The council and village website is at www.osmotherley.org.uk

John Robinson

Clerk to the Parish Council

07801591566



Owls: Those members who are going to the Christmas Lunch at The Wel-
lington Heifer on Tuesday December 9th please meet at the Queen Catherine
at 11.45am for the mini bus and lifts. Please bring the balance of £19 for two
courses with you in a named envelope to pay for your meal. The mini bus will
cost £5 per person.

Nature Notes November

Winter has arrived, although there are still leaves on some of the trees, but animals
and birds will have a harder time finding food.

Feeding the birds is almost a national pastime, giving them an important supply of food and
us the pleasure of watching them. Peanuts will encourage great spotted woodpeckers and
nuthatches, fat balls bring in gangs of long-tailed tits, sunflower seeds attract all the finches
and the robins and blackbirds will happily peck up anything left on the ground. It is also
very important that there is a source of clean water for them to drink and bathe in, and to
keep the feeding area clean to avoid spreading infections.

Shy wrens will dart around in the bushes and with the plentiful supply of apples this
year, you may be lucky to see redwings and fieldfares which have migrated here.

The dried grass stalks and seed heads not only look beautiful rimmed with frost but also
provide seeds for birds. And, if you haven't been too efficient at cutting back in the garden,
even lavender and violet seeds are welcomed.

If the snow and frost continue, there may not be any holly berries left for Christmas even
though the hedgerows have plenty of hips and haws. But there is an old country saying – 'a
cold November, a warm Christmas'.

With the mild, damp Autumn, there have been some interesting fungi and some people may
have noticed a semi-circle of purplish brown, low-growing toadstools in the churchyard.

The gills on the underside are mauve, but I have been unable to identify them.

There is so much to enjoy in the Winter - the beautiful sunsets and the bare trees against the
morning sky, the pale grass stalks and dried seed heads, and the stars on a clear frosty night.

Osmotherley Community Group

Our Christmas Coffee Morning and Fair will be on **Tuesday 2 December** from 10 – 12.00noon. There will be Christmas stalls with gifts for sales from local Charities and a visit from the children from Osmotherley School. Please do come and join us for coffee, Christmas treats, and conversation! All Welcome!

Osmotherley Village Theatre

Pantomime is coming to Osmotherley in February 'Oh no its not!' 'Oh yes it is!' However, we need a cast, scene painters etc. If you think you would make a great Ugly Sister, Fairy Godmother or Baron Hardup, or you want to help in any way, please come along to our read through night on Tuesday 2nd December 7.30pm in the Village Hall

Garden Club

The Garden Club programme finished for 2025 with an excellent talk from Sarah Hopps who discussed "Right Plant Right Place". Her knowledge of plants and their ideal growing conditions was really helpful and the audience really enjoyed it and contributed with lots of questions.

The Committee is now planning our programme for 2026 and so far we have the following:

17 February AGM with a speaker

17 March Annual Dinner at the Golden Lion 7pm for 7.30pm

We will be renewing memberships at the AGM with the membership fee continuing at £5 per year. Janet Brisley, our excellent treasurer, is retiring after the AGM and we will be seeking a new Treasurer - Please could you help?

Last thought, now is the time to plant your tulips - the cold weather helps to avoid tulip blight.



Friday 12th December
7.30 for 8pm

Osmotherley Film Festive Screening

We are pleased to be showing the 2018 Royal Ballet production of the Nutcracker with Marianela Núñez as the Sugar Plum Fairy. The story of Nutcracker begins on Christmas Eve, and follows a young girl, Clara, who receives a Nutcracker doll as a present. As the evening draws in, reality and dreams merge and Clara and her Nutcracker doll go on a magical adventure. We hope you will join us to start your Christmas 2025. £5 to include mince pies and mulled wine.

We are planning some other 'Pop Up' films for the New Year which we will let you know about when we finalise details. We will soon be planning the relaunch of Osmotherley film from September 2026. If you would like to help, let us know, likewise if you have a film suggestion. Our email address is osmotherleyfilm@hotmail.com
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone.

Environment Group

The next meeting of the Environment Group is on Wednesday 14th January 7:30pm in the Golden Lion. Everybody welcome.

Home Library Service

The **Home Library** is a free service. We select and deliver books, audiobooks, DVDs, and information to the homes of people or families who find it difficult to get to their local library due to age, illness, a disability or if you are a carer. We also offer this free service to people who live in residential settings. We already deliver to the Osmotherley area, but we would love to build more interest in our service and to deliver to as many people as possible. For more information contact your local library or speak to your friendly Mobile Library driver and they'll pass on your request.



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Dates for your Diary

December

Tue 2nd Osmotherley Community Group Christmas Coffee Morning and Fair, St Peter's Church 10-1pm

Tues 2nd Read through for Cinderella Village Hall 7.30pm

Tue 9th OWLS Christmas lunch, Wellington Heifer, Ainderby Steeple. Meet 11.45am

Fri 12th Osmotherley Film The Nutcracker Village Hall 7.30 for 8pm

Sun 14th Carol Service plus refreshments, St Peter's Church 10.45am

Thurs 18th Parish Council Meeting, Supper Room, Village Hall 7.30pm

Fri 19th Wasailling, Carol Singing around the local pubs, Golden Lion 5.30pm

Sun 21st Christmas Angel Nativity Service, St Peter's Church 10.45am

Weds 24th Crib Service, St Peter's Church 6pm

Weds 24th Midnight Mass, St Peter's Church 10pm

Thurs 25th Christmas Day Service, East Harsley Church 9am

January 2026

Thurs 8th Mobile Library, Oswaldene entrance 10 -12 noon

Weds 14th Environment Group Meeting, Golden Lion 7.30pm

Thurs 15th Parish Council Meeting, Supper Room, Village Hall 7.30pm

February 2026

Sat 7th Call My Bluff Wine and Cheese Evening, Osmotherley Village Hall 7pm

Tues 17th Garden Club AGM, Osmotherley Village Hall 7pm

March 2026

Tues 17th Garden Club Annual Dinner, Golden Lion 7pm

Osmotherley Preschool

50:50 Club Draw

Congratulations to our recent November winner: Sally Hutchings

If you would like to enter the draw, please contact Anna on

07816419101 or anaramshay@outlook.com. Forms are available from Pre-school if you would like one. The cost is £1/ticket/month and you can either pay by cash or BACS transfer. Speak to Anna for more details.

Messenger Delivery Volunteers in Thimbleby

Over many years, Mike Read has done a fantastic job ensuring that Thimbleby residents receive their copy of The Messenger on time. As many of you will know, Mike has moved on to 'pastures new' and is now unable to continue in the role. Therefore, he's looking for someone to volunteer to take over his delivery duties. If you are interested, or just want to find out a little more about what the role requires, please contact Mike on 01609 883525 and he will be happy to explain the role.

Mobile library

No service in December. New Mobile library visits Thursday 8th January, then every four weeks. Always between 10am and 12 midday at the entrance to Oswaldene.

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