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Free Digital Skills Workshop

Quickline, the company currently installing fibre broadband into the village, are offering a free digital skills workshop. The session will cover topics such as cybercrime, online safety and how to spot fake news. This will be followed by a drop in technical support session.

Osmotherley Village Hall

Friday 20th March 10-30-12.30

COD BECK TOADS NEED YOU!



If you are interested in giving a couple of hours to help to rescue toads from being squashed on the road, and putting them safely into the reservoir, please contact Mike Rowe on 07502 263141 or e-mail mkrowe61@gmail.com for more information. The toads will be moving into the reservoir at dusk from mid March to the end of April, to mate and spawn eggs. The more help we have, the more toads we can ensure reach the reservoir safely. Try this, it is great fun and very satisfying.

Osmotherley Swifts

One of the highlights of spring for many years has been the arrival of the swifts and we know many residents enjoy watching these amazing birds over the summer. Swifts return to the same nesting sites each spring after a staggering 3,400 mile journey from Africa and are almost entirely dependent on urban buildings to build their nest and produce their single brood of chicks. Across the UK swift numbers have declined by 58% over the last thirty years; a lack of suitable nesting sites and dramatic decline of insects are the key factors. The village Environment Group are keen to record any existing nesting sites and facilitate the expansion of available nesting. If you have swifts nesting at your home we'd love to hear from you and record how many breeding pairs you have. If you would like to host some nesting boxes we'd also love to hear from you - ideally you need a north, north/east facing wall at a height around 16 feet. Please drop us a line at environmentclimateosmotherley@gmail.com

Environment Group

The next meeting of the Environment Group is Wednesday 18th March, 7.30pm in the Golden Lion, everybody welcome.

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Jazz boat 2026 – Date for the Diary!

The boat and bus are booked for the 11th July. Tickets are on sale as per last year. Traditional Jazz band on board. All in favour of Macmillan Cancer Support.

Coffee shop holiday closures

We will be closed Tuesday 17 th March till Thursday 26 th March .
We will be closed Tuesday 14th April till Thursday 30 th April .



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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

Osmotherley Area Parish Council Meeting – 19 February 2026

Members of the Council met on 19 February, and much of the evening's discussion centred on the various water issues affecting the village. The Council has reported each concern to the relevant agencies. We are aware that residents have also reported these matters, which helps to emphasise the urgency.

The Pinfold leak – A spring has been identified beneath the entrance wall. It has been decided to monitor the situation to see whether it resolves once the current wet weather subsides.

The War Memorial leak – This is a recurring problem during very wet weather. The man-hole leak appears to have moved closer to the bus shelter, and the culvert may have a blockage that is not obvious without further investigation. The Clerk will continue discussions with Highways and may need to arrange further investigation of the culvert.

Burnthouse Bank – This annual leak has been reported to Highways, but no advice has yet been received.

Clack Bank – This issue was reported to Highways and Yorkshire Water in December, but no action was initially forthcoming. Further concerns were raised in January and again in mid-February when the leak and road surface appeared to worsen. On the evening of the meeting, it was noted that Yorkshire Water was in attendance. Following advice from Councillor Hugill, any residents who have experienced damage to their vehicles due to the water leak and associated potholes are encouraged to report this to North Yorkshire Council via Area2.thirsk@northyorks.gov.uk.

Other items discussed included what residents should do if they witness poor or inconsiderate parking. If vehicles are parked in a way that causes an obstruction - regardless of parking restrictions — this is a matter for the Police. If vehicles are breaching parking restrictions (for example, double yellow lines), residents should report this to the Council's Parking Services Team and request enforcement visits. The team can be contacted via email at Parking.sca@northyorks.gov.uk or by calling the Customer Service Centre on **0300 131 2131**.

The Chairman confirmed that matters relating to the Pre-School continue to progress positively, with solicitors engaged and some funding support from our North Yorkshire representative now in place.

Further highways concerns were raised by councillors, including parking issues near the mounting block on School Lane and the deteriorating road edge on Quarry Lane.

Finally, it was agreed to replace the tree on North End that was blown down a couple of years ago, with assistance from the Environment Group.

The next meeting will be held on 19 March 2026.

Residents may contact the Clerk at clerk.areapc@osmotherley.org.uk with any points for consideration.

John Robinson

Clerk to the Parish Council

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OSMOTHERLEY SUMMER GAMES Saturday 4th July 2026:

Request for applications to receive funds from any OSG 2026 proceeds

The Osmotherley Village Hall and OSG committees have agreed for the second year to offer village facilities and services the opportunity to submit proposals for projects and developments that could benefit from a donation of any proceeds available after the 2026 summer games.

Please e-mail requests by Friday 1st May to Mike Rowe at mkrowe61@gmail.com. Please include a brief description of the project or development, the benefits to the Village and community and estimated costs.

All applications will be reviewed by the Village Hall and OSG committees, any donations available and agreed will be notified to successful applicants in July after Summer Games when the proceeds available will be known.

Osmotherley Community Group

Our **March Coffee Morning** will be on **Tuesday 17th March from 10 – 11.30 am** in St Peter's Church. We will be joined by 'Chopsticks', with a stall selling handmade Easter crafts and gifts. Chopsticks is a local charity supporting adults with learning difficulties through meaningful work. Please do come and join us for coffee, cake, and conversation. All Welcome!

St Peter's Church

St Peter's **Mothering Sunday Service: Sunday 15th March** at 10.45am in St Peter's Church This year our special service will celebrate all those in our community who provide love, care and support. Our theme will be **'Hearts of Gold'**

There are many people in our lives who have helped us because they simply have a 'heart of gold'. We come together to give thanks for them all, whether past or present There will be posies and tokens of thanks and the service will be followed by refreshments. Everyone is welcome!

Palm Sunday: Sunday 29th March. Meet on the **Village Green at 10.45 am** to process with palms into church for our Palm Sunday Service. Refreshments will be served after the service, all are welcome.

Easter weekend: 3rd – 6th April

Good Friday: at 12 noon – a service of reflection for Good Friday.

Easter Sunday: at 10.45 am A joyful Easter Service to celebrate the resurrection, followed by refreshments. All Welcome!

'Easter Daffodil Weekend' at St Peter's Osmotherley

Full details of this event are included in the poster enclosed with this edition of The Messenger.

We hope you will enjoy the weekend and that you will feel able to help us create a 'Host of Golden Daffodils'

An invitation is extended across our community, to bring daffodils to St Peter's - in jam jars, vases or just as they are- no need for special arrangements!

Perhaps you would like to bring daffodils to remember a loved one or simply to celebrate Easter and the coming of Spring.

To avoid disruption to the Good Friday Reflection at 12 noon, we should appreciate it if daffodils could be brought to church after 2pm on Good Friday.

Thank you for your support

NATURE NOTES

'February fill-dyke' has lived up to its nickname this year. It is difficult to remember how dry and hard the ground was last Summer. The promise of an early Spring was halted in its tracks by heavy rain and cold winds and a couple of thin falls of snow. Nevertheless, that didn't stop the snowdrops from flowering in profusion, nor the winter aconites from opening up with little ruffs of green round their yellow faces, and once those two have arrived, everything else follows. Celandines and coltsfoot come early too, the coltsfoot flowers coming before the leaves. Butterbur too flowers before its enormous leaves and was actually used to wrap butter in before the days of refrigeration. Young nettles are showing, along with docks and dandelions – an important source of nectar for early bees. Blackbirds are building their nests and seeing off the competition; robins have now paired up and are constantly singing in the branches anywhere near where humans are raking and turning over leaves. Refugee pheasants gather in our garden and are not welcome: damaging primroses, crocuses and fritillaries and stealing the hens' corn, and the males are scrapping for dominance, but a visit from a stoat was much more interesting. Like many other animals, stoats are starting to choose sites for their nests, with rabbit burrows on hand for food, this being the start of the rabbit breeding season when many of us are only too pleased to have a few predators around.

Tawny owls have been calling all Winter but will now be establishing their nests.

So although everything looks rather dreary and grey, with just the odd welcome day of sunshine, life is stirring in ponds and ditches, hedges and woods, verges and fields. Next month there will be so much to write about.



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Dates for your Diary

March 2026

Thurs 5th Mobile library, Oswaldene 10am-12pm
Tues 10th Owls Trash to Treasure talk, St Peters 2.30pm
Sun 15th Mothering Sunday Service: St Peter's 10.45am
Tues 17th Coffee Morning, St Peter's 10-11.30am
Tues 17th Garden Club Annual Dinner, Golden Lion 7pm
Wed 18th Environment Group, Golden Lion
Fri 20th Digital Skills Workshop, Village Hall 10.20-12.30
Sun 29th Psalm Sunday Service. Meet on Village Green at 10.45 am

April 2026

Thurs 2nd Mobile library, Oswaldene 10am-12pm
Friday 3-Sun 5th Easter Weekend Services and Daffodils, St Peters (see insert)
Sat 4th Easter Concert, St Peters

Wine and Cheese Evening

A big thank you to everyone who came along and made it such a fun evening. We hope everyone has recovered. Congratulations to Hilary's table for showing supreme knowledge and gaining the most points! Also a great big thank you to Sarah Carter who used her professional expertise to recommend wines for each round and provide descriptions. Although it wasn't a fund raising evening, thanks to a great raffle prize donated by Maureen and Wendy, we raised £213 for Preschool. £113 was left from the ticket money and will be donated to the school.

Osmotherley Preschool

50:50 January Club Draw Winner..... Sue Bell

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.

Owls: There will be a meeting in St Peter's church on Tuesday 10th March at 2.30. A talk entitled 'From Trash to Treasure'; a project about sourcing discarded school equipment from our local area and sending it to aid schools in The Gambia.



Subscription of £25 due if you have not paid already.
There will be an opportunity to sign up for a trip to Bolton Castle on April 14th.

Mobile library

Mobile library visits: 5th March, 2nd April, 30th April and 28th May. 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

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