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Osmotherley Area Messenger



Easter Daffodil Weekend

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April 3rd - 6th St Peter's Church

Daffodils symbolise hope, joy and new beginnings. Join us to celebrate Easter and the coming of Spring.

You are invited to bring daffodils to St Peter's after 2pm on Good Friday, April 3rd. (We respectfully request that you observe the period of reflection between 12 noon and 1.30pm). Daffodils can be brought in vases or jam jars or just as they are - no need for complicated arrangements.

On Saturday April 4th - amongst the host of daffodils - we will be holding a Daffodil Tea from 3pm to 5pm. This will be free entry with donations going to Marie Curie Great Daffodil Appeal. There will be cakes celebrating 'all things lemon' and music from the Community Choir and local musicians.

Following a traditional service on Easter Sunday, the weekend will conclude with a concert in St Peter's at 6pm on Easter Monday. Eleanor Gill, Director of Music at St Peter's and leader of the Community Choir, along with guest musicians, will provide a varied programme including piano, cello and organ. There will be a retiring collection.

The concert will be followed by a glass of wine or soft drink.

The Daffodil Weekend is for everyone. We do hope you will be able to join us. Happy Easter.



Summer Games Saturday 4th July 2026

Please put this in your calendar to help and/or attend. Any questions, offers of help, new suggestions etc contact Mike Rowe 07502 263141.

£2627.74 was raised last year, with significant donations to preschool, school and the environment group. It would be great if we could do that again.

Garden Club

We have had very cold, windy and wet weather but the snowdrops and aconites have crept through to cheer us up. Now we have a glimpse of yellow sunshine and blue skies, the early blossom is gorgeous and the emerging narcissi are a delight. Perhaps now is a good time to venture back into our gardens?

We had our annual Winter Dinner at the Golden Lion on St Patrick's night. We had a lovely meal and a lovely crowd of garden club members and committee. The wild flower pictures were even more testing by candlelight - lots of friendly laughter!

If you're thinking of joining the Garden Club it is only £5 annually and we have a very varied and interesting programme of talks, demonstrations and visits.

Tuesday April 14th 7:30pm Village Hall - The Cottage Garden by Keeley Metcalfe.

May 19th 2pm Tree walk around Osmotherley with refreshments.

Saturday 16th May 11:30-1pm Plant and Produce Sale School Playground. Bring something to sell and bring a new plant home.



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Osmotherley Area Parish Council 19th March

All councillors attended the final meeting of the financial year and the Clerk updated them regarding issues from the previous month's meeting which included the planting of a Himalyan Birch on North End green, the water leak on Burnthouse Bank being investigated in March by Highways, the damaged bollards on North End which are on order and the disabled door at the public conveniences which has been repaired.

Two further water leaks have been reported to Highways; one on Quarry Road and the other on South End. A request has been made to Passenger Transport at NY for an additional bus stop at the top of Clack Bank. No reply has been received to date.

The Thimbleby defibrillator, sourced by the Thimbleby community a couple of years ago has been taken under the financial support of the PC.

Two planning applications were considered and supported. The recent application at Pintail Nest on the A684, was disappointingly granted even though the PC objected.

The next meeting is on 16th April 2026

John Robinson

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Owls

Those of you who have put your names down for the outing to Bolton Castle on Tuesday 14th April, leaving the Queen Catherine at 10 o'clock. There will be time to look round the castle and lunch is available in the cafe. The cost for the mini bus will be £13 per person; please bring the money in a named envelope. The entrance fee for the castle is £11.50. Please bring the correct amount to be handed in on arrival.



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**Celebrating
The Life of Gill McKee**

A memorial service for Gill will be held at St. Peter's Church on Friday 1st May 2026 at 4:30pm and afterwards retiring to The Golden Lion to raise a glass of Campari in her honour. Everyone who knew Gill is very welcome to attend.



Environment Group

The next meeting of the Environment Group is Wednesday 22nd April at 7:30pm in the Golden Lion, all welcome.

St Peter's Church News

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!

Osmotherley Community Group

Our **April Coffee Morning** will be on **Tuesday 21st April from 10 – 11.30 am** in St Peter's Church. Please do come and join us for coffee, cake, and conversation.

All Welcome!

Calling all bakers!

Do you enjoy baking? We would love to invite members of our community to join the list of those willing to bake for coffee mornings. We always try to provide a good selection of cakes and bakes and are very grateful to all those who currently provide delicious offerings each month...but we are getting a little short of people to ask. The more we have on the list, the less regularly we need to ask for cakes each month. Could you consider joining the team?

Email clarescot@gmail.com if you would like to join our bakers.

Thank you!

Nature Notes

21st March - the first day of Spring.

A walk across the churchyard offers a few brave daisies in a green desert of grass and one white dead nettle plant flowering (cowering?) in the corner. The Church of England policy on churchyards and trees 'focuses on managing them as valuable wildlife habitats' but Osmotherley's churchyard supports very little. If anyone has driven through Crathorne very recently, they would have seen a glory of native daffodils filling the churchyard there. What pleasure this brings – and what a difference it would make to our village to have our churchyard alive with plants and insects and birdsong. Have a look at the website [www.caring for God's Acre.org.uk](http://www.caringforGodsAcre.org.uk).

The footpath to the valley steps is showing signs of things to come, but down the valley steps, celandines and dog's mercury are flowering and in amongst the damp moss, the tiny acid yellow flowers of moschatel. Further down where it is boggy, the marsh marigolds (or kingcups) are in flower and there are more of them in the marshy area to the left of the path, where there are two or three big stands of goat willow covered in yellow catkins (once called goslings) and a-buzz with bees. On the other side of the path, many alder trees have been felled – siskins, goldfinches, chaff chaffs and redpolls would all have enjoyed feeding on the tiny female cones.

Wild garlic is plentiful in the woods and well worth gathering to make into soups, pesto, or chopped into an omelette. It is difficult to mistake for anything else with its pungent smell and definitely not to be confused with poisonous dog's mercury with its dull tiny white flowers and no scent. Young stinging nettles also make excellent soup, with leeks and potatoes – wear gloves to gather the young leaves which lose their sting once cooked.

Fresh green hawthorn leaves are breaking through now and the fat sticky buds of horse chestnut are bursting open. Blackthorn has been flowering for the past few weeks and will, of course, be followed by sloes later in the year,

Coming back into the village from the Snilesworth road, at the junction are several patches of white violets, easy to miss but delicately scented if you kneel down to them, and primroses in the bank on the way to the water splash, although wide tractors have damaged much of the bank and many plants have been lost.



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Dates for your Diary

April

Thurs 2nd, Mobile library, Oswaldene 10am-12pm.

Fri 3rd -Sun 5th, Easter Weekend Services and Daffodils, St Peter's.

Fri 3rd, Good Friday, Service of Reflection 12noon, St Peter's.

Sat 4th, Daffodil Tea, 3-5pm, St Peter's.

Sun 5th, Easter Service, 10.45, St Peter's.

Mon 6th, Easter concert, 6pm, St Peter's.

Tues 14th, Owls visit to Bolton Castle leaving Queen Catherine 10am.

Tues 14th, Garden Club talk "The Cottage Garden" with Keeley Metcalfe, 7.30pm, Village Hall.

Thurs 16th, Parish Council meeting, 7.30pm, Village Hall

Tues 21st, Community Group Coffee Morning 10am-11.30pm, St Peter's.

Wed 22nd, Environment Group meeting 7.30pm, Golden Lion.

Thurs 30th, Mobile library, Oswaldene 10am-12pm.

May

Fri 1st, Memorial Service for Gill McKee, 4.30pm, St Peter's and afterwards Golden Lion.

Sat 16th, Garden Club Plant and Produce Sale, 11.30-1pm, school playground.

Sat 16th, Swainby Repair Café, 10am-12 noon, Village Hall.

Tues 19th, 2pm, Garden Club tree walk around Osmotherley with refreshments,

Thurs 28th, Mobile library, Oswaldene 10am-12pm.

Swainby Repair Café

Saturday 16th May 10—12 noon at Swainby Village Hall.

Bring your broken things and our volunteers will repair them. From electronics and toys to toasters and ornaments.

Mobile library

Mobile library visits: 2nd April, 30th April, 28th May. Always between 10am and 12 midday at the entrance to Oswaldene.

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