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Dates for your Diary

May

Monday 7th, Coffee Morning, Church House.
 Thursday 10th, Happy 50th birthday to Dawn Austin.
 Sunday 13th 4pm, Ampleforth Scholars choral and musical feast, St. Peter's
 Monday 21st, 7pm for 7.30, Parish Assembly, Village Hall.
 Thursday 24th 3.45 pm, Hanging Basket Workshop, Osmotherley School.
 Saturday 26th, Sheepwash and Cod Beck Action Day—subject to weather.
 Sunday 27th, Sheepwash and Cod Beck Action Day—subject to weather.

June

Friday 1st, Messenger Issue 2, delivery due.
 Wednesday 6th 7.30 pm, Robert Houssart (Gloucester Cathedral) organ concert, St. Peter's
 Friday 8th 7.30pm, Village Character Workshop, Village Hall and village.

July

Saturday 7th, Osmotherley Games, Osmotherley village.

Yorkshire Water

Yorkshire Water values its customers and their opinions, that's why we'd like to invite you to meet with us at the Parish Assembly on 21 May.

We'd like to understand more about the issues that concern you, and how we can work with you to address them. To help us prepare for this event, we will shortly be sending out a questionnaire to homes in the area to gather views and opinions about our service. Based on the information you supply we will create a presentation and exhibition, which will hopefully answer some of your questions.

We're already aware of the

supply interruptions and discoloration that some residents have experienced over recent years. To help alleviate these problems, and to continue to meet strict drinking water quality regulations, the blend of water supplied was changed to a clearer and harder water in 2003. The new, more secure supply comes from a blend of reservoir (Roundhill and Leighton), river (Ure) and borehole (Ainderby Steeple) water treated to a much higher standard. We now no longer use Cod Beck and Osmotherley water treatment works and hope the new supply will make previous problems a thing of

the past.

You may have other questions related to this change or other areas of our service. We would like to try and answer them. Please look out for the questionnaire and tell us about the things that you'd like to know more about, whether that's recreation activities at Cod Beck, or the taste of your tea. We welcome your feedback and look forward to meeting with you.

We'd like to thank the Parish Council for the opportunity to communicate with it's residents in this way.

Yorkshire Water will shortly be sending a questionnaire to all households and will attend the Parish Assembly on May 21st to answer any questions



Issue 1

May 1st 2007

Advertising in The Messenger

In future issues it will be possible to place adverts in the Messenger. A pricing schedule is currently being determined for this.

These could include business adverts, personal notices and private sales. If you are interested in making use of this service then please contact one of the editorial team.

The Traffic Action Group (TAG)

This group was set up to carry forward action from the Parish Plan. Do you have any example of traffic congestion in Back Lane, Paradise Row or North End?

If so please contact Maurice Drabble on 01609 883228

Osmotherley Area Messenger

The Osmotherley Area Messenger

Welcome to the inaugural issue of the Osmotherley Area Messenger. The publication of a community newsletter was one of the outcomes from the Parish Plan—requested by a number of villagers in order to improve local communications.

The Messenger will serve the villages of Osmotherley, Thimbleby and Ellerbeck and will be issued monthly. It should arrive through your doors around the 1st of each month and is intended

to include any articles and details of forthcoming events that may be of interest to residents.

If you have any events that you would like to publicise, notices you would like to place, or any articles, then please contact a member of the editorial team (see back page).

Obviously in any such endeavour 'many hands make light work' and any offers of help will be gladly received, particularly with regard to delivery.

Messenger Delivery

In order for this newsletter to be a success we need commitment from a group of volunteers to deliver it each month. Below we have divided the villages into manageable areas. If you feel you can take responsibility for one of these areas then please let us know.

- Clack Bank;
- Oswaldene;
- School Lane and Queen Catherine Row;
- West End;

Parish Assembly

The Annual Parish Assembly will take place in the village hall on Monday May 21st. From 7pm onwards, Yorkshire Water are hosting a display as a welcome to the village assembly with tea, coffee and snacks etc.

Proceedings start at 7.30pm and will be opened by the chairman of Osmotherley Parish Council, with new parish councillors present for introductions. In attendance will also be:

Yorkshire Water to discuss comments made in the Parish Plan regarding water issues and their involvement with village projects;

The National Trust to discuss car parking at Sheepwash;

NYCC highways to discuss issues with traffic and parking;

North Yorkshire Police;

Fire Rescue Service;

North York Moors National

Park;

Councillors Tim Swales and John Morley as the ward members for Osmotherley and Whorlton (Sheepwash car parks are in Whorlton parish).

Church News

The Monastery of Our Lady of Mount Grace

Mass times:

Saturday 3.30pm at the Lady Chapel

Sunday 10.30am in the village

Both the Church in the village and the Lady Chapel are open during the day, if people want to go in for a few minutes of quiet prayer.

A weekly newsletter is available on the website at www.ladychapel.org.uk

St Peter's

Sunday services:

10.30am each Sunday. All are services of Holy Communion, except for the 2nd Sunday of the month, which is Morning Worship. **All are welcome.**

The Promenade Concert Series 2007 begins this month:

13th May at 4pm in St Peter's: the Ampleforth Scholars just back from touring will provide a choral and musical feast

6th June at 7.30pm in St Peter's: Robert Houssart (Gloucester Cathedral) organ concert

Tickets will be available on the door for both events. More information in the Church Porch.

Community Forum

The Northallerton and Villages Community Forum is a group of people who represent the Public, Private, Community and Voluntary sectors that operate in its area.

The forum is not an elected body but exists to bring added value to the work that is undertaken by statutory organisations. The forum highlights and discussed issues

important to local people. Membership is open to any local resident from Northallerton or surrounding villages and to others with a connection to the area who are interested in furthering the work of the group.

In the past the forum has been involved in a number of local schemes including supporting the local Parish Plans and will

carry on to support projects that have been identified in Parish Plans along with other projects.

If you would like to join the forum or would like further information please contact Lisa Wilson, 01609 768212 Community Link Officer, Hambleton District Council lisa.wilson@hambleton.gov.uk

Police Report

The Osmotherley Problem Solving Group was recently set up to tackle the problems around the Sheepwash area. This partnership brings together Police, Fire Service National Park National Trust, Yorkshire water, and all local councils.

Over the past 4 years a range of schemes have been put in place to address the following issues:

Parking, congestion and access - the introduction of a clearway order to restrict roadside and verge parking. Further signage is to be implemented;

Camping and anti-social behaviour - an alcohol ban and night patrols have been instigated and Cod Beck is now a Designated Public Place this allows powers of confiscation and action against

illegal camping.

Water awareness - Cod Beck was the backdrop for an educational DVD 'Dying to be Cool'. This warns of the dangers of cold water and the consequences of swimming in reservoirs, following the two fatalities over the past two years. A subsequent fact sheet and handout has been developed.

Village Design Statement (Osmotherley and Thimbleby)

A group has been set up by the Parish Council to develop a Village Design Statement (one of the outcomes of the Parish Plan).

The purpose of a Village Design Statement is to set out clear and simple guidance for the design of all future development in the villages. It will include historical, architectural and environmental information and the special characteristics which are valued by the people who live here. It is not

intended to stop change happening but it will effect how any new building fits in to the villages. On completion, it will be used by the National Park Authority, Parish Council and others involved with planning applications.

If you would like to know more about the VDS, come to the Parish Assembly on May 21st. Help is needed on many subjects such as:

- survey of house sizes:
- sketches of buildings

- photos of walls & barns
- comments on street signage
- map of Listed buildings in the villages

- noting of trees of special importance

If you (and your family) would like to contribute and have some fun taking photographs - come to our Village Character Workshop on Friday June 8th at 6.30p.m. in the village and Village Hall. Details from: **Robert Thornily-Walker on 883311**

Ossy Village Hall

We continue to provide a home for a variety of activities for all, including Grasshoppers for the very young and their parents; Pilates for the lithe and supple among you; live music a couple of times a year; and the private parties for those of us lucky enough to be invited. We have an increasing number of children's parties taking place (take it out on the

Village Hall rather than your homes), are investigating a regular cinema evening, and the Village Theatre are looking to set up a play in the near future.

If you have ideas for new activities or suggestions as to how to improve the facilities, please let us know. And please don't forget our big

fundraising event of the year – Summer Games – this year it's Sat 7 July, so mark it in your calendar and if you'd like to help contact Alan Woof at the Queen Catherine, or myself.

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Hanging Basket Workshop

As part of the joint project between Osmotherley Primary School and Osmotherley & District Garden Club, Northdale Horticulture will be running a hanging basket workshop at the school on Thursday 24th May at 3.45 pm.

All materials including flowering plants will be provided. An opportunity to make your own colourful basket to enjoy well into Autumn!

Cost £15 per person, profits to be shared between the school

and club.

As places are limited, please leave your contact details and £5 deposit at the school by 3rd May'.

Pat Elton



Village Character Workshop

June 8th 7.30 pm

If you see people around the villages on Friday 8th June, taking photographs, do not be alarmed.

They will be taking part in our Village Character workshop, gathering information for the Village Design Statement on the special character of the villages.

Photographs will only be taken from the Highway.

All Welcome

Summer Games

Sat 7 July

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