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Please Note:

Article for June by
Friday May 23rd please.

Eileen Webb is doing a sponsored starlight stroll on May 17th in aid of Teesside Hospice. Please sponsor me by going to www.justgiving.com/eileenwebb

Dates for your Diary

May

May/June, Landscape Art Exhibition by Jane Thorniley-Walker, Mount Grace Priory
Sun 4th 6.30pm. Holy Communion led by Rev. Rachel Parkinson. Methodist Church
Tues 6th, 6.30pm. Garden Club Visit to Whitegates Nursery
Wed 7th, 7.30pm, British Legion Monthly Mtg, Bingo and Raffle, Queen Catherine
Sun 11th, 6.30pm. Evening Service led by Rev. Rachel Parkinson. Methodist Church
Tues 13th, 7.30pm. OWLS, Supper Room. Speaker Sgt O'Neil-Family Liaison Officer.
Thurs 15th, 10-12. Churches Together Coffee Morning, Village Hall
Thurs 15th, 7.30pm. Photography Club Meeting, Queen Catherine
Friday 16th, 7.30pm. Film Society "Once", Village Hall
Sun 18th, 6.30 p.m. Evening Service led by Rev. Alan Powers, (see article below) .
Mon 19th, 7.30pm, Parish Council Annual Assembly, Village Hall
Sat 24th, 2-4pm. Garden Club Plant Sale, Village Hall.
Sun 25th 6.30 pm. Evening Service

Osmotherley Royal British Legion

The Osmotherley Branch will hold its Monthly Meeting in the Queen Catherine at 7:30pm on Wednesday, 7th May. This will be followed by bingo and a raffle, entry to which is open to all. There will be plenty of great raffle

prizes and a generous "snowball" - last month it was £65! The evening will be attended by members of Stokesley Army Cadet Force who recently completed a sponsored speed march in Scotland to raise money for ex-services charities. They will be present to thank the Branch

for helping with sponsorship and to recount how they got on. The Branch will hold its annual spring outing on 15th May when the minibus will head out or a day in Whitby. Details will soon be sent to all members.

Affordable Homes

The Rural Housing Enabler, Amanda Madden is undertaking a number of housing needs studies in parishes across Hambleton to investigate whether there is a need to provide solutions to the affordable housing needs shortage for

local people. Amanda acts as the independent voice for rural parishes and works with the Parish, District and County Councillors, Housing Associations, Planners, Highways and landowners to develop

local affordable homes for local people. Questionnaires have been delivered to every house inside The Messenger. Completed questionnaires should be returned to Hambleton District Council, Civic Centre, Stonecross, Northallerton DL6 2UU by Friday May 23rd.

Aldersgate Sunday in Osmotherley

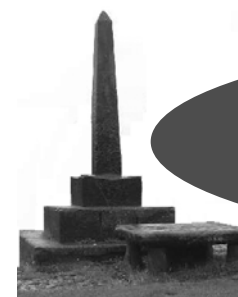
Most residents of Osmotherley will be aware of the village's historic links with John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, but perhaps fewer will be familiar with Aldersgate Sunday, when Methodists mark the anniversary of his conversion. This year Aldersgate Sunday falls on

May 18th, when there will be a service at 6.30 pm in the Methodist Church led by Rev. Alan Powers, to which all are welcome and *particularly*, in the spirit of John Wesley, those from other denominations, those who do not regularly worship at all, and those who,

like him, may go *unwillingly* to church. For other services, see dates for your diary. (For further information, contact Jenny Bywaters on 01609 883029 or JL.Bywaters@aol.com)

Osmotherley Gardening Club holds its annual plant and produce sale in the Village Hall on Saturday 24th May between 2.30 and 4.00 pm. There will be a range of flower & vegetable plants ready for the summer season plus home baking and preserves. Refreshments will be available. There are a few places left for the club's private visit to Whitegates Nursery, West Rounton on Tuesday 6th May at 6.30 pm The visit includes an introductory talk, tour, hanging basket demonstration and refreshments. Phone 883267 by Sunday 4th May.

Neighbourhood Watch. Any person interested in helping to regenerate the Neighbourhood Watch is invited to a meeting at the village hall on May 20th at 7-30pm, when the Police will present a scheme involving local villages.



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One Year Old

Happy Birthday

One year on and the editors would like to thank all our distributors, and contributors.
Long may it continue!

Listed Buildings

"Listed buildings" are those structures that have been identified as being of special architectural or historic interest. The main criteria used are:

architectural interest: all buildings which are nationally important for the interest of their architectural design, decoration and craftsmanship; also important examples of particular building types and techniques, and significant plan forms

historic interest: this includes buildings which illustrate important aspects of the nation's social, economic, cultural or military history
close historical association with nationally important buildings or events
group value, especially where buildings comprise an important architectural or historic unity or are a fine example of planning (such as squares, terraces and model villages).

The older and rarer a structure is, the more likely it is to be listed. All buildings built before 1700 which survive in anything like their original condition are listed, as are most built between 1700 and 1840. After that date, the criteria become tighter with time, because of the much larger numbers which have survived, so that post-1945 buildings have to be exceptionally important to be listed.

Listed buildings are graded to show their relative importance:

Grade I buildings are those of exceptional interest.
Grade II* are particularly important buildings of more than special interest.
Grade II are of special interest, warranting every effort to preserve them.

However, listed building consent is required for all alterations to listed buildings and their interiors irrespective of their grade. It is also required for alterations to any object or structure which lies within the grounds or 'curtilage' of a listed building and which was constructed before 1 July 1948. This would include garden walls, dovecotes and other such structures as well as buildings which are ancillary to the principal building. It is important to note that altering a listed building without consent is a criminal offence. You will need to get listed building consent if you wish to alter it in any way which would affect its character, inside or out.

Examples of work which may need consent include changing windows and doors, painting over brickwork or removing external surfaces, putting in dormer windows or rooflights, putting up satellite dishes and burglar alarms, changing roofing materials, moving or removing internal walls,

making new doorways, and removing or altering fireplaces, panelling or staircases. Alterations can also include more subtle changes such as replacing traditional lime mortar or plaster with cement mortars, or replacing windows which contain distinctive handmade glass with flat and lifeless modern glass.

Osmotherley has 57 entries on the statutory list, ranging from the village pound (pinfold) on North End, recently listed as being probably 18th century; and structures such as the table tomb to Thomas Walker of 1789 in the churchyard; to Paradise Row in South End of 1823, typical of the humble early stone terraced housing that characterises Osmotherley but is very uncommon elsewhere in the Park. Thimbleby has 13 list entries, which as well as the earlier village houses include the lodges, gate piers and dovecote to the Hall. Ellerbeck has 2 list entries, including the early 19th century gates to Walk Mill Lodge.

If anyone feels that there are unrecognised gems that should be listed you should submit applications for buildings to be considered for listing by applying directly to English Heritage – www.english-heritage.org.uk.

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Summer Games

5th July

Any offers of help in planning, or donations for tombola, raffle contact

Alan Woof
Tel 883209

Calling all artists

The Village Design Group are looking for anyone with an artistic flair and interest in sketching aspects of listed buildings in Osmotherley and Thimbleby Parish. The sketches would be included in the final Design Statement. Please contact Noel Coward on 883373

Churches Together

Churches together are having a Coffee Morning on Thurs 15th May from 10 -12 o'clock in the Village Hall. There will be a cake stall, raffle and a Fair-Trade Stall. Entrance is £1 to include coffee or tea. All proceeds will go to Christian Aid. Any contributions of cakes or raffle prizes would be gratefully received. Contact Joyce Brass Tel 883747

James Hill Memorial Trust

Following the AGM on Thursday 24th April, The James Hill Memorial Trust would like to announce some changes to the committee. Chairman and Treasurer Mr A Shelly, Secretary Mr O Watts Anyone wanting to enquire about using the pavilion should contact Mr Andrew Shelly, at Thimbleby Hall. Tel: 883094.

Osmotherley Photography Club

A new club has recently formed for anyone with an interest in photography, whether film or digital, complete beginner or seasoned pro. We have already met up for a local photography session and our first competition is well under way. Future planned events include trips to local locations, evening talks on 'how to get the most from your digital camera', 'Post-processing a.k.a. Photoshop' and we are currently trying to line up a guest speaker. Competitions will be monthly and we hope to arrange an exhibition to tie in with the Summer Games.

Anyone interested is more than welcome to come to our next meeting – Thursday 15th May, 7.30 pm at the Queen Catherine. This will be the closing day for the competition, so there should be a good chance to see some examples of what we're getting up to – and maybe even judge the entries. More info – Dave Morris – 883162 or dave@hdmorris.fsnet.co.uk

Osmotherley Area Parish Council

The April meeting of the Osmotherley Area Parish Council heard that the Village Design Statement document is progressing and a draft should be available for consultation in July. This document aims to give strength to the planning needs of the community and will eventually form part of the overall strategy of the National Park. Tied in with this are working groups with interests in Traffic and Parking, the Natural Environment, Business concerns and Services and Amenities. A short report will be given at the Annual Assembly in the Village Hall on May 19th when everyone is invited to come and see what is involved. Additionally there will be speakers covering the subjects of Sustainable Communities and Transitional Villages.

Members heard that Highways have re-painted the yellow lines throughout the village and that additional bollards will soon be sited on North End. It is proposed that the yellow lines near the top of North End will be extended to try to overcome hazardous and indiscriminate parking and that this should then allow the Police opportunities to enforce against this activity. Yorkshire Water and Highways have been asked to investigate the cause of so much water escaping from an underground chamber near to The Pound. Any repair costs here are outside the limited ability of the Parish Council and it is hoped that these agencies will be able to effect a lasting repair which may be due to a sunken area of footpath a short distance down the hill.

The Parish Council will however be able to continue to carryout repairs to the cobbles but again due to limited funds this work can only be progressed on relatively small areas at a time with the next area to be tackled being that which has become overgrown with grass outside the Catholic Church. This work will be carried out shortly by one of only two approved contractors from the National Park Authorities list.

Members discussed a planning application to extend Oakgarth bungalow and agreed that the proposal would improve the visual aspect and hence supported the application. When extensions were carried out at The Three Tuns some years ago a condition was imposed that the rear garden should be made into a staff car park, but the current owners have now applied to have that condition relaxed. Because of the extremely difficult access. Members reluctantly agreed that although the loss of any parking place was to be regretted in light of the Parish Plan recommendations, safety concerns for users of the beer garden must be considered and this application was then forwarded to the planning authority for them to decide on its merits.

This year's Annual Assembly will be held in the Village Hall on Monday 19th May at 7.30pm. In addition to the usual annual report of the activities of the Parish Council which include a brief of the actions from the Parish Plan and the Village Design Statement, we have invited speakers to discuss the effects that climate change may have on our lives. Rural communities and villages such as Osmotherley will see many changes in years to come and Jannine Morley of the National Park and Edward Harland have been invited to give a flavour of what could be possible in terms of transition.

School Extension–Official Opening



On Friday the 25th April Osmotherley School had a very special visitor. Rt Hon William Hague came to open our new classroom extension. We were very lucky with the weather and the opening ceremony went well before everyone moved inside. Mr

Hague was given a tour of the school by Abi Metcalfe and Thomas Barber which was followed by a performance by the children of a poem written to celebrate the new build. Mr Hague enjoyed chatting to children, parents, governors, and other guests and was

presented with a little gift as a memento of his visit by Megan McDonald and Dylan Bonner Higham.

The school was looking its best and it was super to see so many members of the community joining us to celebrate. A great big thank you to everyone who came along to support us and share our success. I look forward to sharing photos of the event with everyone on Osmotherley Games day when the school will be open for anyone to have a look round. Well done to everyone who helped to prepare for the event – the school shone!! Penny Vernon- Headteacher

Village Hall

The committee are looking for suggestions for new activities that could be run in the Village Hall, and would welcome any thoughts you may have. Already we are looking at setting up an Indoor Bowls Club but there must be all sorts of other things we could do: things for

young people, things for not-so-young; during the day or in the evening; arts and crafts based groups, physical activities, social clubs and so on. If you'd like to try running something yourself, we can help, or if you'd prefer something run by somebody else we may be able to organise that. The hall is available free of

charge for the initial 'taster' session so that the level of interest can be gauged. Please contact Vicky Morton (883168) or Carol Russell (883504) if you have ideas or suggestions. Wild ideas particularly welcome. Don't forget that the hall is also available to hire for parties, events, functions, rehearsals etc.

Osmotherley Film

Thanks to everyone who came along on Friday evening to the Launch Night of Osmotherley Film. It was great to see such a turn out!

An enjoyable evening was had by all and, with the response received, the advent of regular film showings in the heart of our community can be a reality! The Osmotherley Film Launch Season, which started with our showing of 'Atonement', will include films on May 16th ('Once'), June 27th ('The Lives of Others') and conclude on July 18th with the great British Classic, 'The Italian Job'.

All films will show on a Friday evening, with doors opening at 7.30pm, film commencing at 8pm (subject to notification otherwise).

A full season of films will commence in September and run monthly through to June. Details will be publicised nearer the time. To join in with the Launch Season will cost you a mere £10 (i.e. 3 Films for the all-inclusive price of £10!). Please fill in the form (a copy can be obtained from Top Shop, or alternatively, contact [Laura Wilson 883096] and return with £10 to the collection point in Top Shop by Friday 2nd May.

We are presently collating the

feedback from Friday's Launch and will be in contact with all of you who expressed an interest, by Friday 9th May, to confirm arrangements for our Launch Season films

We hope that as many people as possible will take advantage of our Launch Season. Practical necessities mean that we have to operate as a 'film society' with a membership fee, but (subject to seat availability) we will welcome non-members to any of our showings. The Guest fee for non-members will be £5.

Should you wish to find out more information, please contact us by email: osmotherleyfilm@yahoo.co.uk or contact [Laura on 883096]

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