

THE BEACON

Newsletter for Ottringham, Halsham & Sunk Island

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ST WILFRID'S CHURCH NOTICE

There will be **no** church services in April.

All services with the exception of weddings and funerals **will not** take place until further notice.

THE COMMUNITY LUNCH NOTICE

With great sadness the Community Lunch will be put on hold for the next two months to keep people safe, after which time it will hopefully be safe for everyone to be together again. I pray that you will all be safe and well and I will see you all soon.

The church will remain open during the day for anyone who wants to go in – Audrey & Simon.

Deepest Sympathy to Adrian and Ann Smith on the passing of Rosemary, Adrian's mother. Rosemary had only lived in the village for a short time, but took to village life with great enthusiasm. Our thoughts are with your family.

OTTRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Keeping safe and Looking After Each Other..

Recently we have received lots of advice from the government through the media, and from our health services about how to help reduce the spread of the Corona Virus.

If you are advised to, or are planning to self-isolate and require help with collecting essential supplies or medicines please contact one of the following:

Ottringham Post Office: 622236

Christopher Hoe: 626301

Julia Billaney: 626136

A network of support made up of residents and representatives of organisations within the village will act as cascade network to ensure that we can support each other.

Please remember that this plan is not intended to take the place of your usual support networks, and if you have help from family and friends you should continue to use this in the first instance wherever possible.

Take care and please do ask for help if needed.

If you know someone who lives alone, or is vulnerable, please signpost them to the help available.

COME+SEE

ST WILFRID'S 'CHURCH AND COMMUNITY' EVENT

Thank you to all the wonderful folks who joined us over the weekend of 14th & 15th of March to enjoy 'looking back and looking forward' sharing memories and contributing ideas for the future. Visitors enjoyed looking at photographs, maps, paintings, ancient artefacts and a selection of the Parish Records. One of the oldest items, a Short Cross Penny, unearthed in a garden in Ottringham, was minted during the reign of King John.



Clive Cole holding the Cannon Ball discovered in a garden on Southend Road

A selection of photographs and newspaper articles from an extensive archive, kindly lent by John Acklam, were the topic of great discussion and interest, especially for those of us who spotted parents, grandparents and great grandparents amongst the faces.

A collection of images of BBC Ottringham, whose transmitters were, in their heyday, the most powerful in the world, reminded us how important our village had been throughout this period of our national history.

A display of 'Hidden Holderness' showing the changing landscape of our local area, its economy, culture and lifestyle, including its Churches, underlines the ancient and enduring nature of these settlements and the people who lived in them.

A collection of images of roof bosses and architectural features of the Church, provided by Iain Smith, enable us to date changes made to the fabric of the Church from Norman times to present day.

Displays from more recent times included a collection of items and images of Ottringham Women's Institute, 'Ottringham Events' from circa 1900 to present and some beautiful pictures of 'seed-time' and harvest, sunsets and 'snowscapes.'

We are immensely grateful to everyone visited the displays over what was a most enjoyable weekend event. 'Special Thanks' go to John Acklam, John Clappison, Graham Houston, Chris Hoe, Nora Atkinson (formerly of Ottringham), Heather Croft, Iain Smith, Jean Oldfield, Donna Cushing, Sylvia Haggitt, Simon Dee, Anita Springett, Lynn Batty, Peter McCurdy & Robert Butler for kindly displaying items from their collections and to The 'Events Group' for all the help with preparations and refreshments.

**PLEASE CHECK WITH THE FACILITATOR BEFORE
YOU ATTEND MEETINGS AND ACTIVITIES IN THE
VILLAGE HALL AND INSTITUTE IN THE LIKELIHOOD
THEY WILL BE CANCELLED**

Due to events and group gatherings being cancelled or postponed for the foreseeable future, I will aim to produce the next Beacon for

June (Copy date: Saturday 16 May 2020) or

July (Copy date: Monday 15 June 2020)

News items may be left at Ottringham Post Office/North End Farm, Ottringham, or emailed to the Editor at: heather.croft1@gmail.com

