

THE BEACON

Newsletter for Ottringham, Halsham & Sunk Island
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HAPPY NEW YEAR & BEST WISHES FOR 2019



NEARLY NEW SALE AND COFFEE MORNING

AT OTTRINGHAM VILLAGE INSTITUTE

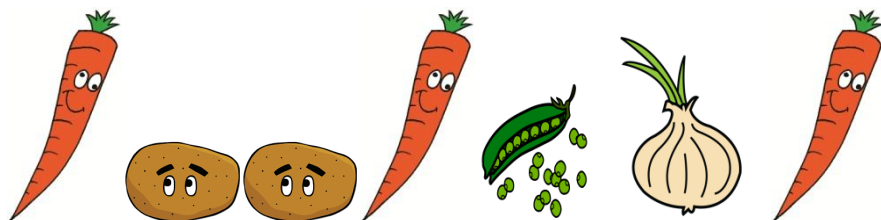
ON SATURDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2019

BETWEEN 10 AM AND 12 NOON : ALL WELCOME

OTTRINGHAM ALLOTMENTS

The Parish Council would like to hear from anyone who would be interested in renting an allotment. The current allotments are all taken, but if there is sufficient interest, the Council would consider making more land available.

Anyone who is interested, please contact Chris on 07970 595833



OTTRINGHAM PLAYING FIELD UPDATE

The hedge beside the main road (A1033) has been inspected with a view to either laying or renewing it. The hawthorn has been neglected for some time and it has become straggly, so it has been decided that it should be coppiced; any gaps will be filled with new planting creating a substantial hedge within 3 years.

The Woodland Trust has confirmed that our application for a grant, to plant more trees and shrubs on the north side of the field, has been approved and the plants (420) will be delivered sometime between the 1 – 15 March. Planting will need to commence immediately and certainly by Saturday 16 March. The Playing Field Committee would like to encourage volunteers to help with the planting, particularly families with children who, hopefully, will see the benefit in future years as the trees mature. The planting will be laid out with paths and arbours where picnic tables etc. could be installed in south facing suntraps.

The total planting, over a 2 year period, will cover approximately 1/3 of the total area leaving a substantial area to hold car boot sales, fetes or sports.

Whilst preparations have been going ahead it has been noted that some owners are not cleaning up after their animals potentially causing a health risk for children using the playing field. This has probably resulted from dogs being allowed to run freely on the field. It should be noted that dogs should be under close control at all times on the playing fields.

BIG BIRTHDAYS

Many Happy returns to Royce Dixon who achieved a fabulous 70 in November! Very best wishes from all your pals. XX

Happy Birthday to George King who was 90 on 5 January!

Happy Birthday to Jack Doerner who was 97 on 18 January!

'Wedding Anniversary'

Very many congratulations to Chris and Sam Hoe who celebrated their Golden Wedding in December.

CHRISTMAS IN OTTRINGHAM 2018

The countdown to Christmas started in Ottringham on 25 November this year with the established tradition of switching on our Christmas lights.

The small trees, supplied and delivered by Sunk Island Garden Centre, were top quality, and looked magnificent. The 'Tree Crew' this year was a big team effort thanks go to Shaun, Chris, Rich, Josh, Dave, Jerry, Joe, Royce, Lynn, Emma and Julia. Extra special thanks must go to Rick, who put up all the small trees pretty much single-handedly - (what a legend!) and Steve who took them all down afterwards – thanks guys you were awesome!

The weather was a bit on the damp side, but our spirits were not! We all enjoyed a brilliant night, received good feedback and have a few ideas for next year already!



A special treat awaited the gathering crowds as Bella played beautiful Carols on the Violin as we waited for the moment when the main street would 'burst into light'.

Father Christmas, who had left his sleigh in a secret location on Station Road, arrived in true farming style on a trailer, accompanied by his elves and special guest Mel, Landlady of the Watts Arms Public House who assisted with the Countdown and then accompanied Father Christmas to his grotto where he met all the children and listened to their Christmas wishes.

The Mini Christmas Market in the beer garden was a great success requiring *two* marquees this year to fit in the extra stalls! As usual the tombola raffle was quickly emptied of prizes and Jack scooped the five Gold Rings Cash Prize – Happy Christmas Jack!

Later in the Watts Arms the teams battled it out for the highest score and the competition this year was strong, with many teams scoring

high marks! Our Compere 'without compare' MC Rich Acklam is always remembered for his skills and humour, but we should also acknowledge that he enabled the event to run well, smoothly and safely, thanks Rich.

There are always a number of important sponsors of the event, not all of whom are 'front of house' The whole team at the Watts Arms – Chris, Laura, Rick & Nikki, Naomi, Mel, and Ross all deserve a huge thank you for their roles in making the night a success, especially Nikki, whose hard work behind the scenes resulted in the great food – Thanks Nikki!

Those of you who have enjoyed Trevor's mulled wine over the years will be sorry to hear that Trevor and Linda will be leaving Ottringham in the Spring. Very best wishes to you both in your new home.

Putting together an event like this takes much planning and preparation, a lot of graft, and the goodwill of many folks. The funds raised on the evening help to pay for future events, including the Children's Party, Seniors Party and replacement lights and equipment for future events so a big thank you to you all for your generous support.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

On 8 December the children's Christmas Party in the Village Hall was attended by over 40 children with entertainment by Mr Magic and friends with some brilliant dancing skills displayed by our young ones! And of course another visit from Father Christmas who once again had travelled from a secret location on Station Road!

ST WILFRID'S CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

On 16 December over 30 adults and children attended the Carol Service in St Wilfrid's enjoying the traditional service of nine Carols and nine lessons, with readings offered by church members, villagers, guests, councillors and some of our very able younger people! Many stayed to share in festive refreshments after the service and admired our beautiful Church, with its splendid tree and dressed with advent greenery.

CHRISTINGLE SERVICE



On the 22 December the Church was once again filled with families and friends to take part in the Christingle Service. With the lights dimmed and the church illuminated only by the lights on the tree and the Christingle candles the atmosphere was truly magical. A walk down the candle-lit path after the service completed this warm and wonderful service.

Later that evening a huge group of folk gathered outside the Post Office to set off on a Carol Singing tour of Ottringham, pausing to consider the entries of the 'Christmas Window's competition and collecting funds for St Wilfrid's Church. We were very grateful to the large group of Carollers who joined in, including friends from Keyingham. Singing 'acapulco' (as Simon described it) everyone was in good voice and our bucket was generously filled!

The six winners of the Christmas Window competition 2018 were Phyllis Collinson and the Fletcher Family in the 'Festive' category. Lucy Burman & Florence Richardson and Graham Boardley in the 'Fun' category. Donna Cushing and Lisa Murray in the 'Christmas Spirit' category. All the entries were different, interesting and a lot of work had clearly gone into them, so a big 'well done' to everyone who entered. After the singing a warm welcome and a carolling supper waited for us in Watts Arms – special thanks to Nikki for the lovely grub! People stayed chatting enjoying each other's company for some time afterwards – another lovely night!

To usher in the New Year over 60 of our over 60's joined together in a buffet and entertainment event on 13 January. Entertained by the MICE Men with guest appearance by one of their daughters - all of whom were wonderful singers. Village friends shared stories, memories, food, *and a few glasses of sherry* while helping to raise funds for the MICE Men's nominated charities as well as contributing to funds for Ottringham Events. Invitations to this year's event, in the form of 'Ottringham Calendars' were well received –

thanks to Steve for this interesting idea! A vote of thanks was offered by Ernie Oldfield, Chairman of Ottringham Parish Council, and everyone joined in singing Happy Birthday to George King who celebrated his 90th Birthday the week before and Jack Doerner who celebrated his 97th Birthday on 18th January!

On behalf of The Events Group: Kath, Royce, Jean, Donna, Rich, Paul, Steve, Lynn, Nita, Julia *and all the folks who would not describe themselves as members – but who nevertheless do loads!* We would like to acknowledge the special roles The Post Office, The Watts Arms, and St Wilfrid's Church in supporting our activities and send a **massive thank you** to everyone for supporting all the events throughout the year and for making Ottringham the special place it is.

Happy New Year To You All.

THE LONDON MARATHON 2019



LUCY BURMAN

On the 28 April 2019 I will be running the London Marathon! I am raising money for Miscarriage Association - A Charity that means a lot to me. If anyone would like to add a small donation, I would be entirely grateful! I have a

just giving page: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/LucyBurman>

This can be found online or there will be a donation pot in Ottringham Post Office, which Kath has kindly said I can have there. If you see me out training, just give me a wave! Thank you, Lucy Burman.

Do we have any other runners in training for this year's London Marathon? We would love to hear from you!

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

It was a wonderful Christmas in the church and in the village. We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you.

We will start with Julia Billany who once again made our lovely village church look beautiful for Christmas, you put in so much time and effort, it was appreciated and admired by many people, not just by the congregation but by many who came into the church to look around. So thank you Julia.

Christingle

Thank you to all who came to the Christingle. Thank you to Sarah, Emma and Charlotte for helping to make the Christingles and to Julia and Sarah for lighting the church path again this year. It was lovely to see the children and mums and dads, grandparents and others enjoying the service.

Thank you to Lisa Murray for the work you did on the rusty old lantern that has been in the corner in the church for a long time, it now looks lovely and I hope it will continue to be used for years to come.

CAROL SINGERS

WOW what a response, thank you, you wonderful people I hope you enjoyed it as much as I did, I was amazed when I saw how many people had gathered. To all of you who said they would be there and were, to all the old village people and to all the new village people who came and joined us thank you, a special thank you to the children who were out on a cold night.

Thank you to Nikki at the Watts Arms for the supper you provided thank you to Mel and Chris for your hospitality and for making us feel as welcome as you always do.

What a wonderful village and community Ottringham is, it is such a pleasure to be part of it.

Just one more thing, I promise you if you will agree to do it again next year we will be much more organised!

I am pleased to be able to tell you that £60 was raised for the church funds thank you to all who generously gave.

God Bless you all we wish you a peaceful and blessed year.

CHURCH SERVICE DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2019

3	Holy Communion Halsham – No Service	2.30pm	St Wilfrid's Church
10	Holy Communion Service Halsham	10.30am 8.45am	St Wilfrid's Church All Saints Church
17	Holy Communion Key/ham Halsham – No Service	10.30am	St Nicholas Church
24	Holy Communion Holy Communion Halsham	10.30am 8.45am	St Wilfrid's Church All Saints Church

- **Bingo** - 2nd Monday every month 7.45pm in the Village Institute.
- **Parish Council Meeting** – 2nd Tuesday every month 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Ottringham.
- **Tea & Chat** – 1st Tuesday every month 2.00pm – 3.00pm in the Village Institute. Entrance £1 includes Tea and Cake.
- **Weight Watchers** – Tuesday 5.30pm in the Village Hall.
- **Watts Arms Bingo** every Tuesday 7.00pm.
- **Let's Play** – Wednesdays 10.00am – 11.30am in Ottringham Village Hall. Birth to 5 years. (East Riding Children's Centre W/sea)
- **Jolly Babies 0-1 year** Wednesday 1.15 - 1.45pm Ottringham V Hall
- **Music with Mummy** Wednesday 2.00pm – 2.30 pm Ottringham V Hall
- **Gardening Club** – 2nd Wednesday every month 7.30pm in the Village Hall
- **Computer Club** every Friday 9.30 – 11.30am Ottringham Village Hall £2. Silver Surfers particularly welcome.
- **Indoor Bowls** in the Village Institute Friday 2.00pm – 4.00pm. £2.50 per session including refreshments. All welcome

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