

THE BEACON

Newsletter for Ottringham, Halsham & Sunk Island
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As this is the first edition of The Beacon Newsletter for 2020, I would like to wish all our readers a Happy and Peaceful New Year and thank you all for your continued support by sending in articles for The Beacon.

Also a massive thank you to ABP for printing the newsletter every month. This is all done voluntarily and we value your contribution to our villages.

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Our Mental Health is an important part of our health and well-being. I am a UKCP (United Kingdom Council for Psychotherapist) Registered & Accredited Psychotherapist. Please check out the counselling directory or Facebook page.

- I offer an initial 30 minute introduction session which is free of charge and no obligation.
- Give me a ring for a chat, to ask questions or make an appointment.

I am often asked "What is Psychotherapy?"

Psychotherapy means "mind - healing" and can benefit people in many ways. A few examples include help with grief and loss following a bereavement, dealing with stress and anxiety, relationship difficulties and many more.

My practice is bound by the UKCP and all aspects of my work are in the strictest confidence.

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Ottringham, or emailed to the Editor at: heather.croft1@gmail.com*

OTTRINGHAM AT CHRISTMAS 2019

Well... what a busy time it was for us all in Ottringham at Christmas 2019!

From the moment that the trees arrived to ringing the bells on New Years Eve the village was buzzing!

The trees all went up on the houses in record time, thanks to the brilliant Rick Dunn who has this off to such a fine art he makes it look almost effortless (which of course it is not, especially when the weather is unkind) and to Chris Hoe, who sourced the large trees, selected them, cut them down, transported them and lifted them into position! Thanks to Shaun who supplied the small trees, and Chris's 'field to festive' service, the trees were top quality, fresh and stayed looking good all Christmas.

The Switch-On event was a wonderful success, made extra special by the attendance of Patrington Fire Brigade, who delivered Santa and his Elves to the Main Street just in time to help with the countdown as our brilliant fundraisers 'The Trashtalkers' switched on the lights! We are all really grateful to Mark Vowles and Patrington Fire Crew for making the event so special and memorable for everyone, lots of people (young and old) were delighted to be able to climb up to the cab and explore – and some of us enjoyed it so much they needed some coaxing to come down!



Ottringham at Christmas 2019 cont/....

Later in the Watts Arms we enjoyed the traditional Switch-on Quiz with Richard Acklam doing what he does so exceptionally well – making us laugh – thanks Rich, not just for the jokes but for all the serious stuff as well, the safety checks, risk assessments, the use of your equipment and all your ideas which add to the event each year. A big thank you also goes to the whole team at the Watts Arms, who pretty much let us take over the place for the event, and who are always 'game' to have a go at anything we suggest, particularly Nikki who is just such a 'can do' person – thanks Nick! This year we left Royce in charge of the mulled wine which seems to have passed without serious incident! Another 'first' was the St. John's Ambulance First Aiders – who were stationed in the Village Institute but circulated around the event, thankfully not needed, but said they had enjoyed attending and would be pleased to return next year. The Pizza Van did a good trade and everyone who sampled the pizzas said they were great, including the St John's Ambulance Crew. The tombola sold out in about 5 minutes flat! Prizes were all claimed *eventually* (the cash prize almost went unclaimed because the winner thought we were joking!) and everyone had a great night!

Big Thanks to everyone who helped with, marquees, tables, barriers, snow machines, fire engines, food, equipment, lights, trees, prizes, presents.....we all had a brilliant night.

14 December a group of us sang carols around the village accompanied by Katie Ogilvie on her accordion. We were joined by friends from Keyingham including Rev Philip West, and in just over an hour and a half raised a fabulous £134.00 for St. Wilfrid's Church. Starting outside the Post Office at 6.00pm and finishing at the Watts Arms just before 8.00pm where we enjoyed hot soup and a well-earned drink! Thanks to everyone who joined in, we will certainly do this again next year – (the more voices the better) Special thanks to Katie whose playing made us all sound great! Mary – we definitely need your Mum's bell for next year please!



Ottringham at Christmas 2019 cont/....

The Seniors Party, which took place in the Village Hall the very next day, was attended by over 60 of the over 60's. Residents enjoyed a Christmas buffet and entertainment, including live music by Cherie Lawrence who entertained us with songs spanning 6 decades from 'wartime' to present day hits. Chris and Mary Hoe served welcome drinks to everyone on arrival and even stayed to help with the washing up afterwards! A special vote of thanks was offered to Jenny Hoe whose chutneys and preserves raised enough to cover the cost of the whole event!

Thanks Jenny – what an amazing Christmas gift for everyone! Everyone who attended received an Ottringham Calendar, with pictures of our village past and present. Thanks go to John Acklam, Iain Smith and Chris Hoe who supplied many of the pictures. There are a few calendars left – so if anyone would like one please ask at the Post Office.

The Christmas Carol Service in St Wilfrid's was made extra special this year with Carols by the wonderful Hull Minister Choir, directed by Mark Keith and the service led by the Rt Reverend, Bishop Allison White. It was truly wonderful to experience our lovely church being filled with the sights and sounds of Christmas. A Beautiful Tree and armfuls of greenery brought from our gardens and dressed with accents of advent purple. We were very grateful to Mary Hoe and Sylvia Haggitt for helping to decorate, and to Ivan Mumby for the beautiful holly - all of which contributed to making the church look wonderful, to Simon Dee for making a new roof for the stable, and to Steve Brown for helping to hang the star from the balcony. We have had lots of positive comments about the star, so in 'true Ottringham style' we will be planning to develop the theme next year. *Please look out for the 'fund a star' jars and pop in a fifty-pence piece or two...*)

The service was attended by over 250 people from Ottringham and neighbouring villages, who heard some beautifully sung Carols, a warm and engaging Christmas message from Bishop Allison, and beautifully read lessons by readers of all ages. Our own Simon Clark offered a special welcome address and afterwards we chatted

Ottringham at Christmas 2019 cont/....

together over tea and home baked mince pies and reflected on how much we had enjoyed the carols, how beautiful the Church looked, and how we hoped that this would be an annual event. Thanks to the Minster Choir, to Mark and Bishop Allison, to everyone who helped with preparations, and to everyone who came to join us...please let's do it again next year, it was amazing!

The Christingle Service that followed, led by Rev. Philip, was a lovely family event and a joy to see everyone lining the aisle, holding candles, sharing in this symbol of peace and unity. The candle-lit path looked magical, despite the rain, which held off just long enough to light our way home as we left the church.

The same evening our guest judges from Keyingham Parish Council toured the village to choose the winner of the Christmas windows competition. The winning entry this year was the Boynton family at Lavender Cottage. The judges commended skills and creativity shown in each of the entries, all different and each making a unique contribution to decorating our village for Christmas – so thanks and a big 'well done' to all our entrants.

Each year we try to add in something new and are pleased to receive feedback on how to make the event more enjoyable and inclusive. The events go from strength to strength and the list of people to thank gets longer every year, whilst it is impossible to include everyone by name we especially appreciate the help and support of... Ottringham Post Office, Richard Acklam, Mel, Chris, Rick and Nicky at the Watts Arms for hosting the switch-on, Audrey, Simon and Enid for 'lighting up' the trees. Sunk Island Garden Centre, for the excellent trees and loan of the street barriers. Ottringham Parish Council for sorting the street closure licence and insurance. Patrington Fire Brigade, for delivering FC and Steve Brown who took down all the trees this year – thanks Steve! The environmentally conscious will be pleased to know that all our trees were taken by Chris to be used as ground cover for nesting birds in wildlife habitats nearby.

Ottringham at Christmas 2019 cont/....

...and finally to all the members of the Events Group – for the work throughout the year, raising funds and grafting away in the background (Royce, Kathleen, Anita, Lynne, Jean, Steve, Richard, Donna, Pearl, Paul, Julia, (plus partners, families and friends)

Thank you, and a very happy new year to you all.

Editor's Note: Thank you Julia for the fantastic write up about 'Christmas in Ottringham 2019!' When all the events are collated, it shows what a thriving, spirited community we have and with the help of so many generous and kind residents giving up their time to make 'Christmas in Ottringham Memories'.



ST WILFRID'S STAR



This Christmas we had the idea to hang a star from the base of the steeple to make it a bit extra special for the Bishop's visit, and I think it is fair to say everyone loved it!

So next year we would like to try for one on each aspect – visible from each side of the tower, so wherever you live in the village you should be able to see a star on the Church.

To raise funds for this we would like to invite you to help us 'crowd fund' a star by each donating 50p.

Whatever we make throughout the year will be topped up by our regular Christmas lights funds and we will light as many stars as we can each year until we reach our target of four.

We will publish a regular tally in the Beacon to keep you updated on progress.

There will be donation box in the Post Office, and on the bar in the Watts Arms by the end of January, and we will be asking other businesses to join in over the year.

ST WILFRID'S CHURCH FLOWER ROTA

Some years ago there was a list of folk who took it in turns to provide the flowers in Church, just enough to fill a couple of small vases on the altar one a fortnight or so.

To cover the year it needed twelve names, each who would provide the flowers for that month.

Some people brought them and left them for someone to arrange, some people did both, whatever they felt most comfortable with, and it worked well.

The flowers, chosen by different people, sometimes from their gardens were always different, giving a new look each time they arrived.

St Wilfrid's is open every day during daylight, visited by a whole range of people from far and wide, flowers make such a difference to the way visitors experience our Church.

If you could help by providing one bunch of flowers during the year or would be willing to join a flower rota please contact:

Cathryn Brown 07958163047/Julia Billaney 07771552507

HOLY BAPTISM ST WILFRID'S CHURCH

We welcome into the family of the Church **Helena May Hewitt** who was baptised on 21 December 2019 on the anniversary of her Mum and Dad's wedding which also took place at St Wilfrid's Church. We pray that she will grow in the faith into which she was baptised.

2019 was a very busy year for weddings and baptisms at St Wilfrid's Church and we pray that this will continue as we look to the future of the Church.

'COME AND SEE'

St. Wilfrid's Church 10.00am – 4.00pm Saturday 14 March 2020

- **Display of Ottringham photographs, memorabilia, items of interest, Parish Records**
- **Chat, reminisce, contribute ideas.**
- **Refreshments throughout the day**

Creating the 'Ottringham Past and Present' Calendar this Christmas we saw so many interesting shots of our village, people, places and memories we thought it would be nice to display as many as we could gather in one place sometime during the year.

While looking back at past times sharing memories, we also find that new ideas and opportunities for future activities often begin to take shape. We hope that in looking back we can also capture some of your ideas for looking forward to the future.

We also plan to launch a photography competition to select 12 shots for next year's calendar, to be concluded in the Autumn at an Arts Event to be held at St Wilfrid's.

Do you have photographs of Ottringham or documents/items of local interest that you would like to display?

Pease contact: Julia, Steve, Sarah or Audrey

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YOGA FOR BEGINNERS

OTTRINGHAM VILLAGE HALL 5.00PM – 6.00PM

£6.00 PER CLASS - TO BOOK: EM 07834 161350 OR

EM@EMYOGA.CO.UK – FB: EMYOGAFORYOU

OTTRINGHAM PARISH COUNCIL

Ottringham and Keyingham Parish Councils

Safer Roads

At a recent meeting of the Local branch of the Parish Councils Association, representatives from several Parish Councils in South East Holderness, members discussed villagers 'joining forces' to combat speeding through and between our villages.

The Safer Roads Humber Partnership will train residents and loan equipment free of charge to groups of residents who would like to take action to reduce speeding through villages.

To be eligible for training 6 volunteers are required – a minimum of three from each village.

The project is designed to supplement the work and activities Safer Roads Humber, and so is aimed at side roads and routes through villages rather than the main A1033 which is covered by police vehicles and cameras.

If you would be interested in training as a 'speed volunteer' in Keyingham or Ottringham please contact:

Joanna Richardson
Clerk to Ottringham Parish Council
ottringhampc@hotmail.com

or

Julia Billaney
Clerk to Keyingham Parish Council
keyinghampc@outlook.com



COMMUNITY LUNCH AT THE WATTS ARMS

It was the first community lunch of 2020 held on 8 January. It was lovely to see everyone together again enjoying a delicious lunch cooked by Nikki Dunn hosted by Ricky Dunn of the Watts Arms. It was almost a full house with lots of chat and laughter. It is such a pleasure to be a small part of what is such a very enjoyable event.

The next lunch will be held on **Wednesday 5 February at 1pm** everyone is welcome to join us.

THANK YOU We would like to say a very big 'thank you' to Julia Billaney and all who helped make the Service of Nine Lessons and Carols so special in the lead-up to Christmas. St Wilfrid's Church did indeed look very special; we hope as many people as possible took the opportunity over Christmas to call into the Church to see just how special and festive it was. Also we have to give special thanks to Iain and Katie Ogilvie in helping in all of the organisation, not least for the visit of the Choir of Hull Minster who filled the Church with a beautiful sound.

ENGLISH SPRINGER SPANIEL BREEDING BY MARTIN HOE

I kept and trained Springer Spaniels and whilst at Firstone, Ottringham mated one of my bitches, who consequently had pups. One of the dogs I named Clipper and a friend of mine bought and trained him. At the end of 2018 Clipper won a Novice trial, and 2 days later won an Open Stake in Trialing. At the beginning of 2019 shoot season, the dog won another Open Trial making him a Field Trial Champion and qualifying him for the 90th '***Any Variety Spaniel excluding Spaniel (Cocker) Championships***' on the 15th, 16th, 17th January 2020, and achieved a Commendation Of Merit in the Championships.

Congratulations and well done Clipper on your amazing achievement!

DOG FOULING IN OTTRINGHAM

IT IS AN OFFENCE NOT TO CLEAN UP AFTER YOUR DOG

There have been numerous complaints from around the village of dog foul not being picked up. People are also allowing their dogs to foul the Playing Field and failing to clean it up. **This should not happen.**

The Parish Council are looking at fencing some of this area to keep dogs off.

The two 'poo bag' dispensers have been re-stocked, but these are for emergencies and are not for taking home in large quantities.

IT IS YOUR VILLAGE PLEASE RESPECT IT.

CHURCH SERVICE DATES FOR FEBRUARY 2020

2	Morning Prayer	10.30am	St Wilfrid's Church
	Halsham – No Service		
9	Holy Communion Key/ham	10.30am	St Nicholas Church
	Holy Communion Halsham	8.45am	All Saints Church
16	Holy Communion	10.30am	St Wilfrid's Church
	Halsham – No Service		
23	Holy Communion Key/ham	10.30am	St Nicholas Church
	Holy Communion Halsham	8.45am	All Saints Church

- **Beginners Yoga Monday** 5.00pm – 6.00pm Village Hall Ottringham
- **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.
- **Community Lunch** – first Wednesday in every month in The Watts Arms at 1.00pm.
- **Let's Play** – Wednesdays 10.00am – 11.30am in Ottringham Village Hall. Birth to 5 years. (East Riding Children's Centre W/sea)
- **Gardening Club** – 2nd Wednesday every month 7.30pm in the Village Hall
- **Tea Dance** – every Thursday afternoon 1.30pm – 4.00pm in the Village Hall
- **Computer Club** every Friday 9.30 – 11.30am Ottringham Village Institute £2. Silver Surfers particularly welcome.
- **Indoor Bowls** in the Village Institute Friday 2.00pm – 4.00pm. £2.50 per session including refreshments. All welcome.

