

As stated in the lodge profile, Coleridge lodge is named after Samuel Taylor Coleridge, who was born in Tiverton in Devon, and who died at Ottery St Mary, Devon, at the grand age of 86.

John Bennet, a past master of Coleridge lodge visited Ottery St Mary in September 2021, where he spent several enjoyable hours researching Samuel at the local Church, and where he gathered lots of interesting information from the Church Guide. The guide suggested that a walk to the back of the churchyard would enable a photograph to be taken of Chanters House, the Coleridge ancestral home.

Whilst taking photographs John was approached by the gentleman pictured below, and after engaging in conversation John discovered that he was talking to Lord Coleridge, 5<sup>th</sup> Baron Coleridge, and a direct relation of our own Honourary member, Tim Coleridge, and Samuel Taylor Coleridge.

Lord Coleridge remembered John writing to him some years ago and asking permission to use his Arms and Motto in the lodge Banner. He agreed John taking the photograph seen below, and asked John to pass on his good wishes to the Lodge and the brethren of Clevedon, which he has since done.

John also discovered that a crowdfunding venture by The Coleridge Memorial Trust has reached its target, and that they have now commissioned a statue, which will be erected at Ottery St Mary.

