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Willy Baker, Geoff Carr and? recovering the time capsule while preparing for the erection of the new pole in May 1985



Maypolers 198?

photo Ann Wilson



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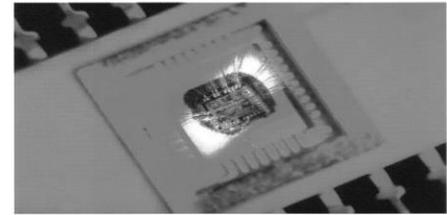
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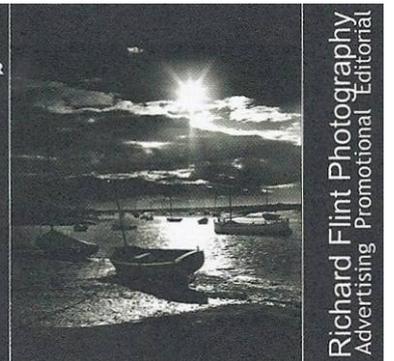
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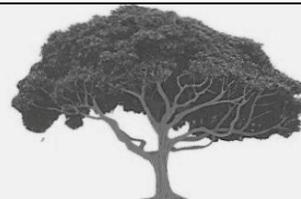
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Ken Overton

We were very saddened to hear of the death of Ken Overton on Friday 9th March. Ken and Myra lived at The Grange on Railway Street for about 15 years until they moved to Wintringham late in 2010. Ken was a lovely man who threw himself wholeheartedly at everything he did, whether it was helping the homeless in York, singing with Terrington Village Choir, building his Dax sports car, helping with the village school or chairing the Ryedale Festival. All of us who knew him were aware of his generosity, dedication, sense of fun and loyalty. He and Myra made a lovely and devoted couple and he will be much missed.

Chrysa Apps

Thank you All Saint's Church for your kind contribution of £50 and to the Village Hall for their £20 towards the running costs of **THE TRIANGLE** in 2012.

Snow Clearing - The Parish Council would like to thank all volunteers who helped with snow clearing. It was very much appreciated. Hopefully we will not need your help again until next winter!

Parish Assembly - The Annual Parish Assembly will be held on the Tuesday 24 April at 7pm in the Village Hall. Everyone is welcome and we hope to have a couple of speakers this year.

Dog Mess - Calling all dog walkers. Polite request. Please can all dog walkers clean up after their dogs? There has been an increase in the amount of dog mess being left around the village, which is a potential health hazard especially for children. There are dog bins in the village for owners to use if they do not wish to take it home. Many Thanks for your co-operation.

Fiona Farnell

Yellow Pages Update. We hope to get this done in June. Not in it? Wrong info? Things you would like changed? Contact Keith Buck as soon as possible please.

Mrs Buzz Tompkins wishes to thank all who supported the coffee morning at her home in Slingsby on 3rd March. £216 was raised towards the Church Tower Repair Fund.
Our thanks to Buzz and her team for their work.

Your Delivery Crew

Fryton: Mick Singleton. South Holme: Fiona Farnell.
Slingsby: Aspen Way and Green Dyke Lane, Rita Hardy.
Sycamore and Porch Farm Close, Keith Bardon.
Balkside, Sandra Dagleish. The Green, Carol Buck.
The Green Crescent, Nancy Coates. The Lawns,
Church Lane, High Street, & Malton Road, Keith Buck.
Railway Street (west side), Sue Birkbeck.
Railway Street (east side), Pat Thompson

A number of our village seats have been renovated by John Apps of JRA Woodworking and very tidy they look. Thanks John.

New & Nearly New Residents

The Lees, Sycamore Close. Joe Cornish, The Green.
Stephen Parker, The Green. Sam Dickson, Balksyde.
Sarah Blades, The Green.



Olivia Jayne Goldsmith, born 9th November 2011 at 10.36pm, weighing 8lb 6oz, at York District Hospital.

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May Day

May Day celebrations have always had a place in our calendar through the ages. It is possible to trace their origins to both Roman and Celtic sources since elements of both these early festivals are evident in the history of later May Day customs. However, fundamental to both is the celebration of the end of winter and the return of summer.

The pre-Christian Romans observed the festival of Floralia in honour of Flora, goddess of flowers. In certain parts of the country May Day was known as 'Furry Day', possibly derived from 'Flora'.

Roman mythology also tells of Kybele, goddess of flowers and fruitfulness, whose lover, Attis was gored by a wild boar and bled to death under a pine tree. The distraught Kybele believed that the spirit of Attis had been transferred to the tree and she therefore had it cut down and brought back to Rome, decorated with flowers and garlands. A period of mourning was then observed after which Attis's spirit was resurrected and restored to Kybele, symbolising the rebirth of all living things in the spring. Great celebrations followed and it is suggested that this is the origin of the custom of bringing back a tree from the woods and setting it up as a maypole, decorated with flowers and garlands. However, the story itself may be a rationalisation of a custom already well established, since such dying and rising stories are common in most mythologies.

There is little evidence in our own customs of the Celtic tradition which celebrated May Day by the lighting of bonfires and the eating of a special flour and milk pudding cooked on those fires. This practice recurs in various later customs where the importance of milk is observed and a similar batter or 'Hasty' pudding is eaten in tribute to the housewife who has made her provisions last so well through the winter.

Our own customs preserve in some form many of the elements of the Roman tradition. In the past, young people would go to the woods on the night before May Day, or early in the morning, and bring back a tree decorated with flowers and garlands. The tree would be set up in a central place as a maypole and would be the focal point of the day's celebrations.

Garlands have always played an important part in the proceedings and they are described in the Literary Gazette in 1847 as being 'firmed from a hoop for a rim with two half-hoops attached to it, crossed above, much in the shape of a crown; each member is beautifully adorned with flowers.' '...these garlands were suspended on a pole and taken round from house to house'. Was this a tradition in Slingsby?

An essential part of May Day celebrations has always been the procession round the neighbourhood, accompanied by loud music that was usually played on horns and bagpipes. We see an evolution of this tradition in the brass band.

Inevitably, the holiday atmosphere and excessive eating and drinking must have led to unruly behavior and this was much disapproved of by the Puritans who banned maypoles. Very few maypoles were left standing in defiance of this edict, but Slingsby may well have been one of them. Maypoles and May Day celebrations were again allowed after the restoration of the monarchy in 1660.

Re-grant of Certain Commonwealth Titles

The Commonwealth's (Cromwell's Roundheads) written constitutions gave to the Lord Protector, the King's power to grant titles of honour. Cromwell created over 30 new knights. These knighthoods were all declared invalid upon the Restoration of Charles II. Many were re-granted by the restored king.

The one hereditary viscountcy Cromwell created (making Charles Howard, Viscount Howard of Morpeth and Baron Gilsland) continues to this day. In April 1661, Howard was created Earl of Carlisle, Viscount Howard of Morpeth, and Baron Dacre of Gillesland. The present Earl is a direct descendant of this Cromwellian creation and Restoration recreation.

The Church of England was restored as the national Church in England, backed by the Clarendon Code and the Act of Uniformity 1662. People reportedly "pranced around May poles as a way of taunting the Presbyterians and Independents" and "burned copies of the Solemn League and Covenant".

W. Emmett-Heyworth

The bad news, your TRIANGLE contributions are due.
The good news, it's only four quid. This is from your colour issue at Christmas 2011 right through to April 2013.
Now that can't be all bad.

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Slingsby Maypole time-line

MAYPOLES are traced to prehistoric times when the Tree Spirit was worshipped (Sir Jas. Fraser Order of Merit in his book "The Golden Bough).

People danced round the poles but did not plait them.

Dates.

1708 The Quakers tried to stop the May dances round the poles at Sinnington, Helmsley, Kirbymoorside and Slingsby. "At Slingsby there was a great dordum of a fight."

1799 This one lasted until 1864.

1814 Maypole re-erected.

1828 This pole lasted until 1864 (It was the 1799 one)

1864 A new pole to replace one that was put up 65 years before. It was 87 ft. long.

1871 A new pole to replace the 1864 one which had some ^{50c} left in it. This one was 81ft. from the ground.

1880 Same pole taken down and repainted.

1887 " " repainted for Queen Victoria's Jubilee.

1895 New pole brought in triumph from the woods with old Tom Spenceley on the waggon and the Rev. & Mrs. Brookes on it in the Village. Upper part of 1887 pole spliced to new pole 40ft. from ground.

1905 See photos

1924 A new pole 80ft. high replaced the 1905 one which was due to come down in 1915 but we were then at war.

1935 King George V Silver Jubilee & big pole was plaited by adults organised by Mr. L. Lascelles.

~~1956 Pole blew down on Mar. 1st.~~

1959 Lord Morpeth inaugurated raising of new pole in August. It blew down on Jan. 13th/ 1984

The following message was in the bottle at the bottom of the Maypole in 1959.

The Maypole raised in 1923 blew down in a storm in the early hours of 2nd. March, 1956. A new Maypole was kindly given by Lady Aurea Macleod and placed on the grass verge of the road past the Reading Room. It remained there seasoning for about 2 years.

A Public Meeting on 13th. May 1957 elected a Committee which collected funds for the raising.

A further Public Meeting on 25th. May, 1959 elected a fresh Committee which decided to raise the new Maypole at the August Bank Holiday week-end.

The Maypole is a Larch Tree selected by Mr. Hardisty, Head Forrester on Castle Howard Estate. Advice on treatment and painting was given by Mr. Clarke Head of Castle Howard Estate Timber Yard. Painting by Mr. David Thackeray, Slingsby. Raising done by Messrs. Thackeray, Old Malton.

New Maypole raised 1 p.m. 1st. August (Saturday) 1959. Signal for raising given by the Right Honorable Viscount Morpeth also representing the Lady Aurea Macleod who sent good wishes but was unable to be present. Schoolchildren round a smaller Maypole having being trained by Mrs. Wrest, Schoolmistress.

1985 New Maypole raised on 11th. May, 1985 (Saturday) celebrated by having Stalls, Maypole dancing, Fancy Dress and other attractions. Signal for raising given by Miss Lascelles, followed by Tea in Village Hall and Dance at night.

We are aware that there are some date anomalies on this old document.

Thanks to Lilyan Johnson, nee Hunton for the above document.

Mick Singleton
Parish Councillor for Fryton.

Mick was born and brought up in Scarborough, and lived there until moving to Ryedale where he has lived and worked ever since. He is an agronomist by training, visiting farms all over the Ryedale and North Humberside area. He is married to Fiona and has two boys, Freddie aged 8 years and Henry aged 6 years. In 1996 he bought, from Frank Harrison, the barns at Fryton and set about converting them into four houses, acting as the project manager. The family, and their dog, now live in one of these houses.



Although now busy with work and family life, Mick has travelled as far as Africa and Romania as a volunteer, where he used his practical skills to improve life for others. Mick's love of sailing took him away from home and family on two legs of the famous 'clipper round the world' race, although he admits that at times of bad weather and seasickness he wondered what on earth he was doing it for. He still sails when he gets the chance.

As a practical man, Mick describes himself as a 'doer rather than a talker'. These practical skills are what he brings to the Parish Council, onto which he was co-opted after there had been no representative from Fryton for several years. He also brings his knowledge of planning and building to the Council based on his interests in several building companies. He prefers to rely on the Clerk of the Council to keep up-to-date on procedures so that she can keep him straight on these matters.

A Yorkshireman through and through, Mick quickly admits that he appreciates how lucky both he and Fiona are to live in such an area as this, and he is pleased to be able to serve the Council as he sees appropriate.

Pat Thompson

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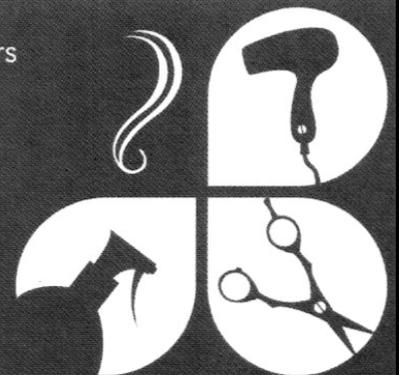
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World Book Day at Slingsby School

The boys and girls of Slingsby School took part in World Book Day by dressing up as their favourite character from books of their choice. The school has been looking at traditional tales with the children and they were asked to look at some of these stories for their ideas.

The day began with a parade by the children in the school hall and a 'guess my character' session. This was followed with a range of activities for the children to take part in such as: creating a book cover of their own, designing a book-mark competition, making a puppet, writing a book review, hot seating their character, listening to a story teller, being a story teller and many other challenges that were prepared by the staff for the day.

A fun time was had by all.

Karen Vickers Head Teacher



Slingsby CP School would like to thank all those in the village who collect foil, used ink cartridges, and various tokens for the school. Mrs. Angela Hindby sorts them all and sees that they go off to the right place. School has benefitted in many ways e.g. a raised garden, two apple trees, books, and in the past two computers. School still collects silver foil and used ink cartridges, but not the stamps. Also various tokens, for which there are boxes in the school's porch, are welcome. Thank you for your co-operation with this collection.

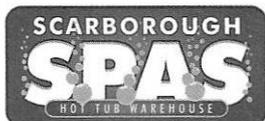
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Yorkshire Country Women's Association

In the president's absence, Sue Birkbeck took the chair and welcomed members to the meeting held on Tuesday March 14th in the Village Hall. Apologies for absences were given and the minutes of the December and January meetings were read approved and signed. The newsletter was read out and various items discussed. The speaker for the evening was Simon Bassindale, Senior Ranger, North Yorkshire Moors Park Authority, dealing with the conservation and recreation of their 15 parks and giving us an insight to the work that is needed to keep the parks open. The vote of thanks was given by Beryl Bramall. Tea and biscuits rounded off the evening.

Sue Birkbeck

SLINGSBY FOOTBALL CLUB

Thanks to Sarah Bradshaw for all her work as Club Secretary.

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The training is held every Wednesday until the end of the season at Malton Sports Centre from 7 - 8pm.

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Information about the Saturday match can be gained from Mark Foster or Ian Macdougall (07530 264318).

Slingsby Football Club is looking for a new secretary and treasurer for the forthcoming season 2012 - 2013. Anyone interested please contact Mark Foster or attend the Annual General Meeting for the club to be held on **Sunday 8th July 2012 at 11am** in the Slingsby Sports and Social Club. The club is also looking for a kit sponsor for the 2012 - 2013 season, and it would be very nice for a local business to come provide this sponsorship. Interested? Please contact Mark Foster.

For fixtures, results and league tables, visit the Beckett League website www.beckettleaguefootball.co.uk.

This is the best way to get up-to-date information at all times.

Slingsby Football Club would like to thank Overton's Butchers in Malton for their continuing support.

Mark Foster

Slingsby Sports and Social Club

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Photographic Competition

This stunning photograph of 'The Arboretum in Autumn' was the winner of the Arboretum Annual Photographic Competition. Open to all amateur photographers, the winner was Julie Cowdy of Terrington. Julie is a member of Malton Camera Club. (www.maltoncameraclub.co.uk)
The children's section was won by Emily Hardaker.



Photo Julie Cowdy

For an entry form for the 2012 competition see www.kewatch.co.uk or collect one from the Visitor Centre at The Arboretum.

Maurag Carmichael

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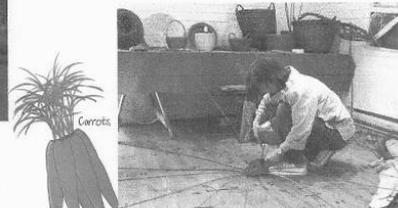
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Maurag's camera, photo by Keith Buck

Richard Hindby, Bruce Wilson and Damion Bunting providing the manpower. Mrs Wilson is recording events from her doorway.

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Claire Petty

Bilsdale mast (Tyne Tees). The changeover starts on Sept 12th with BBC2 analogue switching off. **On Sept 26th ALL analogue transmissions cease.** Keith Buck.

Dog Fouling

Dear Residents, The Lawns, like other areas of Slingsby, is used by dog owners. The Lawns is an area littered by dog excrement. Some dog owners continue to commit an offence by not picking up the deposits left by their pets.

I hope that bringing this to the attention of all residents, those minority dog owners will realise the offence they are committing and do what they have to do. Please pick it for the benefit of their fellow residents. The Council's Dog Warden advised that he will take action to name and shame the offenders. *H Dobson, The Lawns.*

Caravaners and other visitors are often the excuse used by local dog owners for this problem. As the sites are not yet open, the problem is clearly ours to address.

SLINGSBY METHODIST CHURCH

This year we celebrate the 175th anniversary of the building of Slingsby Methodist Church. We are organising events throughout the year to celebrate this important milestone and we invite you to join us when you are able.

Regular Activities and Services

YAZ (The Youth Adventure Zone) now meets weekly on Thursday nights from 7.15pm and is open to young people who are in school years 6 - 9. They have a very interesting programme of events. It is led by Linda and Ruth Stannard who can be contacted on 01653 691068.

Adventure Club for 4 to 11 year olds and Little Adventurers for pre-school children and their parents continue to meet on Thursdays during term time. Both are going well. Little Adventurers meets from 1.30 to 3pm and Adventure Club from 6 to 7pm.

On the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month we have a meeting for children called **CHAOS**, when activities are arranged including 10 minutes of the normal Sunday service and then children leaving for their own programme.

Contact Louise Hayes on 628064.

The Women's Fellowship meets fortnightly on Tuesdays at 2pm at the home of Esther Dennis or Freda Ware, when they have a varied programme of speakers with informal worship as well. All ladies are very welcome.

On Easter Sunday the 8th April we are planning to have an Easter breakfast in the Schoolroom at 9am. This will be followed by a Family Easter Praise at 10.30am which will be led by our local people. All are welcome.

Contacts are; Audrey Foster 628643 and Rachel Prest 628277

Church tower works start just in time!

We now have scaffolding on the church tower a little earlier than we expected and the parapet stones are being taken down.

Master stonemason, Matthias Garn, is carrying out the work. As work started he discovered the parapet stones were extremely loose and slipping, most of the metal clamps having completely decayed. The structural engineer's 2010 estimate of two years before the tower became dangerous has proved correct. A good storm in this very windy corner of Slingsby would, we are told, have brought the heavy parapet stones down, causing an immense amount of damage as they came crashing through the main church roof. They weigh over 20 tons. The very decayed cast iron clamps are on display in the church.

New parapet stones and carved blind tracery stones will soon be installed using stainless steel clamps, which do not decay like cast iron. If you look up at the moment, the missing upper stone courses allow a view of the little pyramid shaped tiled roof which is normally hidden behind the parapets. The work on site will take about eight weeks.

The church weather vane has been found to be in very poor condition and may well have to be replaced completely. We are awaiting costs for this but are wondering if anyone would be interested in sponsoring a new one. Finances are extremely tight on the tower works, already costing £106,000. The PCC will need to have another fundraising effort to raise money to pay VAT contributions. The government would have originally refunded these at the point we committed to the project, but will no longer do so.

We have a series of fundraising events planned and have circulated a new appeal leaflet around the village. Please support our efforts. The present works should put the main structure of the church in good order for the next few generations, but once the present works are completed we still have to maintain the building. It is a significant landmark in the village and as many have remarked: "one ruin is enough".

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The last few weeks have seen a couple of important services added to support the Slingsby Village website with the aim of protecting and keeping the website where it should always be – on your computer screen. The first simply protects us from all the bad stuff on the internet by using a brilliant 'neighbourhood watch' system for websites. It does a really good job of protecting the website and also has some useful extra benefits that include faster web page loading times.

The second new service implemented recently is an important one – website backup. The village website is now being backed up daily so that, in the event of a problem, we can get the website back online in the quickest time possible. It's an insurance policy that we hope we will never have to use, but it is certainly reassuring to know that several copies of the website exist, ready to come to the rescue should the worst happen. Best of all – all the backup work is done automatically.

In other news, Slingsby now has its own YouTube channel that includes links to some old VHS footage of the raising of the Maypole in 1985. Not that long ago, the only way of seeing this video footage would have involved the challenge of getting a copy of the VHS cassette. The internet now grants new audiences the ability to find, access and enjoy audio, video and photography that would otherwise remain locked away. It can be a great place for telling stories, rekindling old memories and keeping the past alive.

Photographs and videos are made to be seen – the internet can do that simply and safely.

Links for the new Slingsby Village Youtube and Vimeo video channels can be found on the website.

Richard, for the Website Team

Local History Weekend

Very many thanks to all the people who attended and supported Slingsby's second Local History Weekend, which seems to have been enjoyed by all. Particular thanks to the following people:

Joyce Hodgson and family for preparing, loaning and transporting the 50 or so farming objects for the display; many hours of hard work, Trudy and Sue Carr for providing delicious refreshments; soup, home-made scones and more throughout the event.

Peter Smithson for showing old farming film, and current film of the church tower work, which will be added to during the course of the tower works.

John Clayton for preparing the presentation on the display about hedgerow changes in Slingsby.

Stephen Prest, Trudy Carr and Andrew Wilson for providing information used in the displays of farming, and Ann Wilson for providing most of the photographs.

Richard Flint for the doing the recording, and Stephen Prest for keeping order and leading the recorded discussion about memories of farming in Slingsby.

Many thanks you to the dozen people who attended, and allowed themselves to be recorded. It has produced at least an hour of really interesting and amusing conversation which needs very little editing. We shall give more information about this in the next Triangle and on the village website. This is something we hope to do more of.

A big thank you to all those who dressed up and allowed themselves to be sold as hired labour and to those who did the hiring. Thankfully, nobody had to go and bed down in a hayloft afterwards with a view to getting up at 5.30 in the morning to feed and harness the horses. We hope poor Charlotte Hodgson is not having nightmares about having to go and help look after Mrs Wilson's ten children!

The hiring theme tied in nicely with the talk about farm graffiti given by Melanie Giles. Her work, with her Slingsby sister Kate, on this fascinating subject is producing vivid insights into the lives of hired workers in the past, through writings and drawings on the walls of farm buildings where they were housed. Melanie's talk was preceded by a talk given by David Stockdale, curator of the Ryedale Folk Museum, updating us on all the new attractions which will be opening up there very soon. A visit there this summer is a must.

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