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Some of Slingsby School's former pupils all very smartly attired for their end of year Prom: Ryan Perry, Rachel Conyers, Megan Chafer, Claire Wharrick, Olivia Smith & Sophie Reeves
[Photograph: Helen Chafer]



SPOT THE DIFFERENCE COMPETITION

The competition was won by J Harrison, Balksyde. Congratulations!



Overleaf: *The Triangle's* front cover shows 'Ducks' Charli Taylor & Amelia Palmer-Bunting on FoSS Annual Duck Race Day [Photograph: FoSS]

FoSS Annual Duck Race

Friends of Slingsby School (FoSS) would like to thank everyone who attended the annual Duck Race at the Sports Field on Saturday 20th June. Despite a damp start lots of people turned out to enjoy fairground rides, a coconut shy, 'Beat the Goalie', bouncy castles, tombola and refreshments. This year we welcomed back the Birds of Prey from Duncombe Park but unfortunately a full demonstration was unable to go ahead because one of the owls made a bid for freedom and camped out in the Sports Field trees until 8.00pm that night!

At 3.00pm over a thousand ducks were released into the beck. After a hard fought battle the duck sponsored by Joe Mackinder crossed the line first. Joe kindly donated some of his prize money back to the school. The Duck Trophy for the most ducks sold by a pupil at Slingsby CP School was awarded to Hannah Orchison who sold ninety-four ducks.



[Photograph: FoSS]

A grand total of over £2,000 was raised on the day and will be used to help pay for educational visits and trips for the children and contribute to the new outdoor facilities at school. FoSS have already started to plan next year's Duck Race and look forward to seeing you there!

Liz Wilson

The Farming Column

By the time you read this harvest will be underway once again. It has been a good summer so far for farm crops with sufficient rain and plenty of sunshine so we should be in for a bumper harvest provided the weather is kind at harvest time. Malton Show at Scampston Park – held on 28th June – went very well this year with very good entries in the sheep and cattle classes and a tremendous show of vintage machinery and tractors including Slingsby's

very own Mick Dixon on his David Brown tractor.

On the conservation side we have recently sown three acres of wild bird seed mixes which will provide much needed food for the birds in winter. With help from Richard Hindby we have also put up two more barn owl nesting boxes down the fields. A pair of barn owls are nesting again in one of the older nest boxes which is most encouraging.

About fifteen years ago we – Bernard Ward, Arty Sleightholme, Lawrence Johnson and myself – planted 400 yards of new hedgerow – a mixture of hawthorn, blackthorn, hazel, field maple, dogwood and holly – up Slingsby Heights (see the back cover). We've been back to look at the hedgerow's progress. It is now over six feet tall and looking really well. The men aren't looking too bad either are they?!

Has anyone seen any more orchids around the villages? In addition to the Early Purple Orchid shown in the last *Triangle* I have just seen some Common Spotted Orchids and some Pyramidal Orchids.

Stephen Prest



Hovingham Methodist Chapel Bicentenary Celebrations – June 2015

We enjoyed a memorable weekend and had a full Chapel for the talk on its history, a large group to listen to the York City Gospel Choir on Saturday evening in the Village Hall and a joyful and satisfied congregation at the service on Sunday morning with Rev David Emison who cut our anniversary cake. The Chapel is always open throughout the day for visitors who would like to see the commemorative exhibition about our history.

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Dog Fouling

This article recognises that the majority of dog owners who live in, or visit, the Slingsby area act responsibly and clear up after their dog(s). It has however come to my notice that dog fouling is still occurring and therefore spoils areas of the village, particularly the Green in front of the School and the Sports Field. With the exception of Guide Dogs, dogs are not allowed on any part of the Sports Field which is also used by the schoolchildren for their Physical Education classes (which include sitting and lying on the grass).

To allow a dog to foul a public area and not clear up the mess is an offence in law attracting a maximum fine of £1,000. If you see someone offending in this way please help by speaking to them nicely or, if they offend consistently, by reporting them to the Dog Warden at Ryedale District Council.

The plea in this article is to keep the children safe and not be guilty of causing distress. Thank you.

The Dog Warden

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Slingsby Oil Group

The next delivery will be during the first week of September and orders must reach Geoff Bishop by 24th August 2015. If you are not a member yet why not join the Group? It is free and the savings are significant. Please 'phone Geoff on 01653 628055 or send him an email: geoff4.bishop4@btinternet.com

Slingsby Bowls Club

Slingsby Bowls Club is looking for new members. League matches are played Monday and Friday evenings, over-55's on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested in trying lawn bowls please contact **Alf Holmes** on 628107 or **Doreen Bardon** on 628509.

Slingsby Tennis Courts

It is good to report that the tennis courts are being used by young and old and it has been decided to make Tuesdays at 7pm an open time when anyone can come and join in the fun on a challenging surface! So if you are someone who hasn't played for years but would love to start again, this is for you! Any standard

welcome. You are, of course, free to play at any time on any day. See you there!

Geoff Bishop

Slingsby & District Ladies' Circle

The group met on Tuesday 9th June with seventeen members attending and, after a little business, Dr Kate Giles joined us and took us around the village to look at some parts that we hadn't seen last year. We studied the various styles of windows in the Chapel, the Old Post Office, the Dower House and along Railway Street. The July meeting was an outing to Lotherton Hall near Aberford on Sunday 14th June. Fifteen ladies left the Green at 9.15am on the Rycat bus driven by our happy volunteer driver Dave Birkbeck. On arrival we had coffee followed by a guided tour of the house. After lunch in the café we were free to enjoy the beautiful gardens, aviary and deer park. It was a lovely warm day which added to the enjoyment and we arrived back at Slingsby after an excellent outing. Our next meeting is on Tuesday 8th September at 7.15pm in the Methodist Schoolroom when we will hear a talk on the Camphill Village Trust.

Shelagh Richards

Slingsby Cricket Club

Unfortunately we have had a poor season with bat and ball. We have been short of a couple of players on a couple of occasions and had a bit of bad luck along the way. However, we remain in good spirits and will keep trying. With the exception of one game we have lost all our league games. We had a good win at Farndale and were hoping to have a bit more fortune after that but it seems not. We have won a cup game so we still have a chance of three trophies. On the bright side we have two twelve year olds playing for us now and hopefully the future of the club and more importantly the Feversham League itself are secure. I hope that by the time the next issue of the *Triangle* arrives we will have a couple of cups in the cabinet at the club. Remaining fixtures (at the time of going to press) are: **22nd July** Cup Game v. Spout House [Away]; **31st July** Final League Game v. Gillamoor [Home]; **7th August** Cup Final Game v. Farndale [Home 6.15pm start] There is also a play-off game – date to be arranged – when the final league placings are decided...

John Hatfield

What lucky children!

Slingsby CP School recently hosted an Open Day in order that people could see what school life is like these days. I went along as it is some thirty-five years since our daughter went to primary school and I felt a little bit out of date!



A horse and 'taxi' cart, with girls dressed in pinafore dresses. Things haven't really changed except there's not a 4X4 in sight!

Children from Slingsby and surrounding areas start around four or five years old in Reception Class. They then progress to Key Stage One (KS1) in their second and third years, then Key Stage Two (KS2) in Years 4, 5 and 6. The children in Year 6 will be leaving soon to go to Malton School. A few of the children opt to attend Ryedale. Six Year 6 children were out for the day getting a sample of senior school life.

Slingsby School currently has fifty-six pupils, rising further in September 2015. This is an increase of thirty-two per cent in the last two years, so governors and the Head Teacher are considering expansion into the School House behind school. This will save the trek into The Reading Room, which can be unpleasant when the weather is horrible but more importantly, increased Safeguarding measures would then be in place. There are three Teachers, including Mrs Metcalfe, who is a teaching Head, three Advanced Teaching Assistants and a number of parent helpers.

I joined Class 2 making sandwiches for their break. This teaches them basic hygiene as well as how to actually make a sandwich! Class 3 was studying how to write a formal letter and the subject was one dear to many children's hearts, namely to decide their own bedtimes! Two letters were read out in front of us and their classmates by the young writers. Both demonstrated the art of reasoning as to why a later bedtime would be a good idea. Also included was the art of compromise – if the request is rejected by the

parents perhaps 'weekends only' could be agreed upon. I sneaked a look at the handwriting, which seemed to be of a very high standard, something which is not always apparent in these days of typing at computer keyboards.

I noticed a board filled with fractions, demonstrated by sharing a cake. Also I asked a FOSS helper whether children learn their 'times tables'. 'Definitely,' came the reply. 'Why not go and test them?' However I felt that would have interrupted the lesson.

Although soon to be phased out, Standard Assessment Tests (SATs) take place at various times through the child's primary education. KS1 SATs take place in Year 2, at the end of infants. Each child is teacher-assessed in reading, writing (including spelling and handwriting), maths (including number, shape, space and measurement) and science. The class teacher will set short pieces of work in English and Maths to judge what level of ability each child is considered to be. KS2 SATs take place in May and are far more formal than KS1. The tests which are taken in Year 6 cover three core subjects, English, Maths and Science. The papers are sent away to be marked with results being available before the child leaves primary school in July. Schools are now waiting to see what the new government brings in in the way of changes to assessment (again!)

Two ideas I thought particularly good were 'Traffic Light' grading for behaviour and understanding. If you get a green light then all's well. Also any child having achieved a particular distinction is allowed to 'phone home' like E.T. to tell his/her parents! Brilliant.



Slingsby School pupils of 1922, almost a century ago!

Mrs Metcalfe reported that twenty-one people had visited the school on the Open Day, a figure with which she was particularly pleased. Thanks must go to FOSS for providing tea, coffee and cakes. The carrot cake was delicious! I believe the school is particularly lucky to have such an

active group. On the way out I glanced at just two anonymous feedback reports, which said 'A positive looking school – lovely' and 'Very interesting – a great school'. These certainly reflect my impression. I think the staff should be very proud of their achievements. The children looked very happy and are very lucky that this comparatively small school is thriving!

Carol Broughton

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The work we do offers a rewarding sense of satisfaction and you will be helping people often overlooked in the busy day-to-day life of our local community.

If you would like to discuss becoming a volunteer please contact Ryedale Carers Support on 01751 432288 or email us at enquiries@ryedalecarers.org.uk

For further information about the organisation and free services it provides please visit www.ryedalecarers.org.uk

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Your views are invited on a consultation about proposed changes to North Yorkshire's subsidised bus services will close on 14th August 2015. For information go to www.northyorks.gov.uk/bussubsidy, telephone 01609 780780 or visit any of North Yorkshire's Libraries. The 194 route which runs between Malton and Hovingham/Helmsley has not been included in this consultation but major changes to the Malton, Castle Howard and York [180/181/182/183] and Helmsley to York [31X] routes are proposed.

Bus Times for August Bank Holiday

The 194 bus service runs as follows on Monday 31st August:

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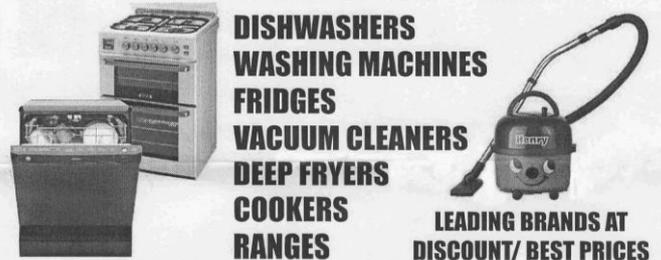
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Businesses around Slingsby An interview with Fiona Woollons of 'Foston Physio'



Even though Fiona lives in Foston she has strong family links with Slingsby. Her husband's parents – Maurice and Shirley Woollons – have lived on Railway Street for many years and are well known in the village.

Originally from Kent, Fiona always knew even from being a little girl that she wanted to be connected with the nursing profession in some way. When a teenager she discovered physiotherapy through her love of gymnastics and walking. So she headed north to train at Pinderfields in Wakefield and then took up her first job as a Chartered Physiotherapist at York Hospital. There she spent over three years consolidating her skills and gaining experience.

A move to Australia followed to take up a position in Victoria, intending to stay a year. She loved it there and spent a further three years travelling and working in various hospitals and sports clinics before moving back home to Kent. As she enjoyed walking and the outdoor life she then took an unusual position as a locum on the Isle of Lewis in the Outer Hebrides for one summer. It was while casually reading a magazine there that she spotted an advert for a physiotherapist vacancy in a private clinic in York. Feeling this would 'complete the circle' she applied for and got the position.

Fiona then enhanced her skills by completing an acupuncture course and becoming a member of the Acupuncture Association of Chartered Physiotherapists (AACCP). Back and neck pains are the most common complaints, often due to poor posture and too much sitting.

A large part of her work is educating her patients to prevent a further episode of pain. This also includes younger people, who spend time slouching over their laptops and mobile phones. She also sees a lot of joint problems from arthritis to sport's injuries and most recently is working with cyclists.

One of the concerns Fiona has with hospital physiotherapy departments is the very fact that they are in hospitals! Visiting a hospital tends to cause patient anxiety in itself; transport can be a problem, as can parking; strict time allocation of so many minutes per patient puts pressure on staff. All these factors tend to increase stress and consequently hinder patients' recovery rather than help, so it's a breath of fresh air to be able to park outside Fiona's house, walk just a short way up the drive and then have an unhurried consultation in your own private room.

After many years of working in private practice in York she decided to set up on her own. Initially she looked for premises to rent but the standard and cost of decent premises left a lot to be desired. After some thought, a study of their house layout led to the idea of opening her clinic at home, which she did in the summer of 2011, following Council approval. Here patients have their own private entrance away from any family interruptions, a small treatment room, separate toilet and a large patio area where she can observe a patient walking if necessary.

Advertising in many of the local magazines, such as *The Triangle*, quickly increased the number of patients and this, coupled with word-of-mouth recommendations, has resulted in the practice growing steadily ever since. Although a few patients come from York and Malton most are from villages around the Castle Howard area.

Fiona is married to Paul and they have a son and a daughter who both attend Malton School, and two dogs. With a lovely open view and a field behind with sheep, this adds up to a peaceful, rural location. It's obvious that Fiona thoroughly enjoys her job and meeting all the different people who come through her consulting room door. Personally, I hope I'll never need a physiotherapist, but if I do I know where I'll be going!

David Thornley
with special thanks to Fiona Woollons



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Slingsby Local History Group Forthcoming Meetings & Events

Please note: there will be no Local History Group Meeting in August.

Visit to the Woodhams Stone Collection, Malton – Tuesday 15th September @ 7.00pm

This major collection of nineteenth and twentieth century objects and illustrations relating to local businesses and life in Malton was collected independently over a long period by John Stone and Cyril Woodhams. It is currently being catalogued and archived so that it can be used for reference, display and information in the future. Slingsby Local History Group has a special invitation to visit the collection. Cost £2.50 per person including tea/coffee. Details of a meeting point will be published nearer the time on the Slingsby Village Website and circulated to members. Additional information can be viewed at www.woodhamsstonecollection.com

In November the Local History Group will meet at 7.30pm on Tuesday 17th November in the Village Hall to share examples of village and town trails as a possible model for a Slingsby Historic Village Trail. Please bring along any examples of trails you've found particularly engaging or innovative for us to share.

We also hope to host a lecture during November – possibly on a Saturday morning – by a nationally-known expert on castles. Further details will be provided in the next edition of *The Triangle* and on posters and noticeboards around the village.

Forthcoming over the next two years: participation in Malton Museum Project on the Market Town. Malton Museum has recently been awarded Arts Council funding for administration costs and to develop a project about the history of the Market Town from medieval times, creating a semi-permanent display for which it is also seeking further Heritage Lottery funding. Slingsby Local History Group, which has established a strong reputation for researching village history, has been invited to be part of this project and to establish how people in Slingsby used and interacted with Malton as the nearest market town.

All Saints' Church, Slingsby 'Ride & Stride' Churchyard Mini Market

Includes Refreshments, Cake Stall, Produce Stall & Children's Tombola

Saturday 12th September

10.30am – 2.00pm

Walk or cycle to the Church, enjoy some refreshments, check out the various stalls and see the Exhibition of the Plans for church building improvements. All Saints' Church's heating system needs serious repair or upgrading and the Church Council is planning to raise funds to tackle this project along with the creation of other facilities to make the building fit for twenty-first century users. This includes a new kitchen and toilet and some limited pew removal, plus a new hearing loop system. Income from this event will contribute to these projects.

Even if you are unable, or too far away, to 'ride' or 'stride' – please do come – it is always possible to park in the village. This event coincides with Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Open Day (www.yhct.org.uk/events) who sponsored our recent tower restoration project.

Donations of fresh produce, cakes and sweets for the children's tombola would be greatly appreciated and can be left at the church from 10.00am.



George Wright with a load of straw at Cherrygarth Farm, Fryton [1960's]

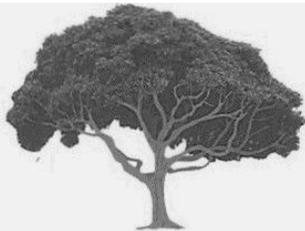
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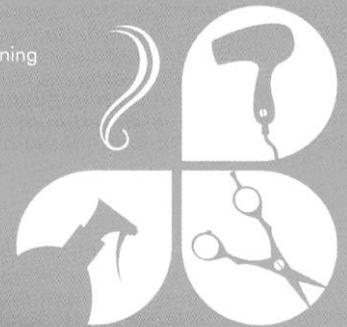
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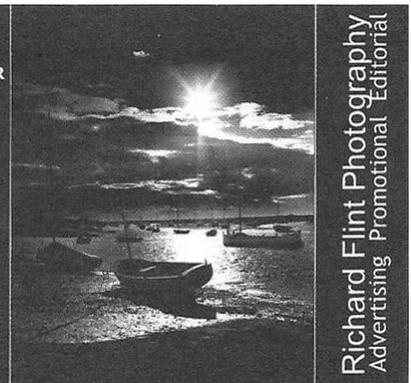
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Sunday 2nd August: MUSIC NIGHT @ 8pm

Sunday 16th August: QUIZ NIGHT @ 8pm

Sunday 6th Sept: MUSIC NIGHT @ 8pm

Sunday 20th September: QUIZ NIGHT @ 8pm

Super Mobile Library

Don't forget that the Super Mobile Library will be visiting The Green, Slingsby as follows: Friday 7th August, Friday 21st August, Friday 4th September and Friday 18th September.

Mobile Post Office

The Mobile Post Office will **not** be visiting Slingsby on Monday 31st August 2015. Normal service resumes on Wednesday 2nd September 2015 from 10.15am until 11.30am.

Bank Holiday Recycling Collections

There will be no recycling/garden waste collections on Monday 31st August. The collection is on **Tuesday 1st September 2015**.

Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton Parish Council – Forthcoming Meeting

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Monday 7th September 2015** at 7.00pm [& visit <http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/parish-council-and-community/> for information]. There are three vacancies for parish councillors. If you are interested in becoming a parish councillor please email – in the first instance – slingsbyparishcouncil@aol.co.uk or have a chat with one of the present councillors. The public is welcome to attend meetings. At Monday 20th July's meeting the Village Design Statement was submitted to the Parish Council. The minutes also note that matters such as street lighting are being attended to and the phone box/defibrillator is progressing.

Heritage Open Days 2015

Thursday 10th to Sunday 13th September

Several local institutions, museums and stately homes – such as Nunnington Hall, Ryedale Folk Museum, Scampston Hall, Shandy Hall and Howsham Mill – are taking part in Heritage Open Days this year. For listings of events in our area visit: www.heritageopendays.org.uk

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH SLINGSBY ANNUAL BIG CLEAN

**Saturday 8th August 2015 from
10.00am**

**PLEASE CAN YOU SPARE AN HOUR TO
HELP?**

We are very grateful to the volunteers who join the rota for routine cleaning of the church and thank them for their continued support. Once a year we try to tackle some of the extra things we don't always have time to do in order to keep the church at its best to welcome visitors and worshippers. Keeping this large building looking good is a considerable task for the small regular congregation. Could you spare an hour to come and help us? Mid-morning refreshments will be provided. Please assemble from 10.00am, bringing sweeping brushes, dusters etc. and any other equipment which may be useful for the jobs you feel you can help us with such as (inside) dusting, sweeping, window cleaning, polishing, higher cleaning, cleaning the kitchen area, brass and silver cleaning or (outside) removal of ivy and other growth from around the church walls, clearing weeds around drains, sweeping the porch and pathways.

Car Boot Sales – August 2015

There will be two more Car Boot Sales this year on Sunday 9th August and Bank Holiday Monday 31st August 2015 beginning at 7.00am and finishing at 2.00pm (always providing that weather and ground conditions are suitable). If you would like any additional information or have any queries please ring the Sports Club on 627124 or Dave & Pat Calvert on 628268.

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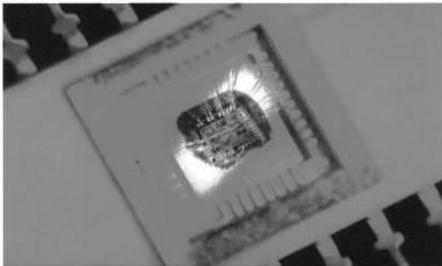
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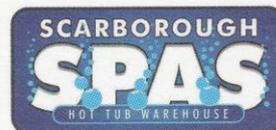
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Information, Installation, Service

New Arrivals

To Clive & Gemma Stanton of Green Crescent, **Aurora**, a sister for Kenzi, born Sunday 21st June. Many congratulations!



Photo: K B

To Green Dyke Lane: **Rob Hicks** whose Great-great-grandfather was landlord of The Howard Arms [at the junction of Malton Road & High Street – now Hardwick House]. Rob, 46, who helps run Pickering's NFU Mutual Office, was educated at Hovingham School, Ryedale and Harper Adams Agricultural College. He enjoys playing rugby for the Malton vets team. He is a keen gardener, walker and looks forward to a day's shooting. [Is Rob related to the Scackleton Hickes's with an 'e'? Yes.] Rob can be contacted for all NFU Mutual information on 01751 470293 / 07866700942 or pickering@nfumutual.co.uk

To Railway Street: **Derek & Anne Blades** from Hexham.



Harvest at Wandale in 1926

The Maypolers

In response to the appeal in *The Triangle* for help with the May Day Celebrations Tamsin, Chris, Rita and Pat met on 22nd June at Burwood. The aim of the meeting was to look at past traditions dating way back into the nineteenth century, to evaluate the activities as we know them today and to bring forth ideas into a plan for future May Day Celebrations.

We also looked at how the May Day Celebrations are funded. These are the figures for 2015: income from the raffle, buckets and stall holders = £211; expenditure to pay for the musicians, dancers, use of rooms, performers' refreshments and raffle prizes = £295. The shortfall came from the account 'Slingsby Maypole Dancers' which is a small account built up over the years. A major part of the plan will have to focus on the finances.

Working closely with Slingsby CP School, the centrepiece of the day is the children's dancing around the Maypole. We wonder what people in the village would like to see and to participate in. We would welcome further collaboration and co-operation between all the organisations in the village so that this traditional Slingsby May Day will continue as a whole village affair and will attract more visitors to showcase the village and its community.

We would be grateful for your thoughts and ideas on what you would like. Please contact Pat Thompson (telephone 628620) or speak to the members of the team. If you would like to join the Maypolers at any time just let us know – you will be very welcome.

The Maypolers

Slingsby Village Hall

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Slingsby Chapel

The Chapel Anniversary was held on the weekend of 27th / 28th June. On the Saturday night we had an anniversary celebration when the speaker was Rev Alan Coates with excellent support from the Slingsby Worship Group. We had a lovely supper afterwards. This was followed on the Sunday morning with a Songs of Praise led by Doreen Jeffels and finally all were invited to a BBQ lunch at the home of Stephen & Rachel Prest.

Soupa-lunch has gone very well with up to twenty-five people attending. The ladies provided some very tasty soups and sandwiches which were followed by puddings and a cup of tea. We shall start again next month with a Harvest Lunch on Wednesday 30th September. Do come and join us – it is open to all and everyone is welcome.

Fish & Chips: we shall again be working with the Malton & Norton Lions to provide fish & chips for the elderly beginning in October. Do get in touch if you would like them.

Harvest Festival: this year the service is on Sunday 20th September at 10.30am and will be taken by Howard Petch who is a former principal of Bishop Burton Agricultural College. Howard also served as an adviser on agricultural matters to the Government Agency DEFRA. There will be a harvest lunch after the service.

Please contact me for details about the Harvest Soupa-lunch and the fish & chip deliveries (telephone: 628277). *Stephen Prest*

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Slingsby Sports & Social Club

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Joan Dickson 1927-2015



Joan came to live in Slingsby with her husband, Mick (actually William Donald) in 1988. They moved into a recently completed bungalow, Swallow Dale. Unfortunately Mick died in 1992, leaving Joan on her own. I am her only child, Mike, and, due to circumstances, my wife and I were only able to see Mum every few weeks. I know she found great help and support from neighbours, who she regarded with enormous affection and gratitude. Mum made lifelong friends during her twenty-seven years in Slingsby, having spent most of her married life in Pudsey and Thackley (outside Bradford). They moved to Slingsby to be nearer to her sister and brother, who both lived near Thirsk. Having spent a short time in Bagby, moving to Slingsby was a natural progression which I am sure neither of them ever regretted.

At her request, Mum's funeral was burial at Kilburn, where she was married. She was brought up on her parents' farm at High Kilburn but left home in her teens to work in York. The funeral was well attended, testament to the love and affection of Joan's family and friends. May she rest in peace. *Mike Dickson*

Lily Stamp

Mrs Lily Stamp of The Green Crescent (originally from Ness) died on 11th July 2015 aged 78. An obituary will appear in the next issue.

Vinnie Clifford

Vinnie (thought to be Lavinia) Clifford previously of Slingsby died on 20th July 2015. It is believed she was 93. If the family wishes to publish an obituary we shall include it in the next issue.

'All Produce must be grown by the Exhibitor'

A History of Slingsby's Annual Produce Show

In June 1974 Messrs. N Stephenson, Reg Martin, Albert Ventress, Peter Wentworth and Michael Wentworth met at the Grapes and agreed to stage a Produce Show in the pub yard. As interest in the event grew the venue was moved to the Village Hall. The show – which was held on 24th August 1974 – was a great success and it was decided to form a committee to run annual produce shows. In March 1975 the 'Old Produce Committee' of Mr W Barker (Chairman), Mr Lionel Lascelles (Hon. Secretary), Mr F Wright, Mr A Ware, Mr George Wright, and Miss Lascelles presented £129.45 to the new Show Committee which was represented by Mr Stephenson, Michael Wentworth and Peter Wentworth. This committee – formed in 1975 – agreed to resume an annual show after a gap of thirty years and appointed the following officials: Mr N Stephenson as Chairman, Michael Wentworth as Secretary, Mr P Wentworth as Treasurer. The Committee comprised: A Ventress, W Marshall, R Martin and Willie Baker. Raymond Ware, Johnnie Finn, Ken Knowlson, H Ellerby and A Allanson were also invited to join the committee. The show – held in September 1975 – included classes for carrots, globe beet, cabbage, round potatoes, celery, cooking apples, dahlias, pot plants, pastries, raspberry jam, eggs, and ears of wheat, sugar beet, heaviest marrow, and blackberries. A total of 240 entries were submitted – the Lascelles Cup for the best exhibit was won by Mr M J Wentworth – and the Show was a great success. In 1976 Miss Lascelles was appointed President, the committee 'welcomed Lady Members' and introduced classes for a chocolate cake and a ginger sponge to the Home Produce Section. Despite a very dry summer there were 280 entries. At October's committee meeting Freda Ware, D Stephenson, Honor Prest, Q Wright, M & K Wentworth were invited to join the committee. In 1977 the Show – held in August – offered a raffle with a £2.00 box of produce as the prize. The next Show took place on 26th August 1978 and the rule that: 'all produce must be grown by the exhibitor' was reinforced. Admission to the show cost 5p for adults and 2p for children. Mrs Joyce Jerrams was invited to present the trophies.

Membership of the Committee was taken very seriously: in 1979, having sent his apologies for absence, P Wentworth was spotted working in his garden by the Chairman and Secretary! He was asked to apologise to the Committee at the next meeting. The Show that year took place on 25th August and it was agreed to hold a Pumpkin and Chrysanthemum show in October.

1980's

After a poor summer in 1980 the agricultural section was dropped from the August show's schedule. The Committee set up a co-operative to buy seeds from Dobbie's Horticultural Society Scheme. The Produce Show and the Chrysanthemum and Pumpkin Shows enjoyed continued success during the early Eighties and a small profit was made each year. In 1983 one lady judge was invited to judge the chutney class! Problems continued with enforcing the rule that 'all produce entered in the Show must be grown by the exhibitor' and added 'that anyone breaking this rule is subject to disqualification'. Very little could be done to stop this practice and the Committee could only hope that offenders would see the error of their ways. Despite 'the worst summer in living memory' the 1986 Show went ahead. 1987 was also a miserable summer and the entries were poor. 1988 was a bumper year with 450 entries in the Produce Show. The AGM for the following year was not well attended and it was noted that Mr Reg Martin arrived late for the second year running! Both shows were well supported however and the Children's Classes were a big success. Mr Wormald gave a display of his Old Village Photographs to support the Chrysanthemum and Pumpkins Show.

1990's

Although the summer of 1990 was one of the driest on record another successful show was staged with Mr Wormald again supporting the Pumpkins Show with his photographic display. Concern was expressed at the small number of committee members and efforts were made to recruit new ones. In 1991 Mr N Stephenson (now eighty-four years of age) retired as Chairman and was succeeded by Raymond Ware. One of the founder members Mr Stephenson had been chairman since 1978. At the 1992 AGM Mr W Baker succeeded Miss Lascelles (now 101 years of age) as President. The Committee comprised: Mr Raymond Ware (Chairman), Michael Wentworth (Secretary), R Ware (Treasurer), Mrs Honor Prest, Mrs Wright and Mrs Freda Ware. Mr Reg Martin, Mr Raymond Ward, Mr

Reg Marshall, George Douthwaite, Peter Wentworth, Mr G Chapman. The following year saw Joyce Jerrams elected as President. Despite the dismal summer weather in 1994 successful shows were held but the profit generated on both shows was only £21.00. Both a Produce Show and a Pumpkin Show were staged in 1995. Humorously, the Secretary promised to have the trophies engraved before the shows this time since he had forgotten last year! The Chairman thanked the committee members and helpers for all their hard work over the years and, since this marked the twenty-first year of the produce shows, the Chairman and the Secretary adjourned to the Grapes to celebrate! Although a loss of £50 was reported over the year in 1996, it was agreed to give donations to the Village Hall and the Reading Room renovation. In June 1997 an Open Meeting was held where it was unanimously agreed to continue with the Produce Show but, for a trial period, the Produce Show and the Chrysanthemum and Pumpkin show would be amalgamated and only one show – the Slingsby Produce & Pumpkin Show – would be held. The schedule was therefore re-organised to incorporate both shows.

2000's

Between 2002 and 2006 entries submitted averaged 250 per show despite varying growing conditions during this period. In 2007 the Secretary raised concerns about how long the show could continue: with fewer helpers, the work load was becoming more onerous for the Committee. It was decided that a concerted effort had to be made to recruit more helpers! Mr Ware retired as chairman and the following were elected: Mrs Trudy Carr (President), Mrs Sue Healey (Chairman), Mr Keith Dixon (Secretary) and Mrs V Richards (Treasurer). Mr Marshall, Kenny Ety, Mr Wentworth, George Douthwaite, Raymond Ware and Dave Healey were additional committee members. In 2008 it was agreed to sell off all the donated produce at the end of the show and to 'beef up' the raffle in order to raise more funds. A handsome profit of £743.95 was made (of which £200 was presented to the Youth Club, £300 to the Village Hall, £200 to All Saints' Church Tower Appeal and £100 to the Adventure Club). At the AGM in April 2009 the roles of President and Chairman were combined and Trudy Carr was elected to the new post. Another successful show – including an enhanced raffle – was staged on 12th September. After the show a

donation of £200 was made to the Village Hall. In 2010 a record number of entries were submitted to the Baking Classes and, following a very successful show, £300 was donated to the Village Hall Kitchen Fund. By 2011 it was decided to tighten up one of the rules which stated that all exhibitors had to leave the hall by 10.00am and if their exhibits were not complete they would be disqualified. Although the 2013 Show was less profitable (a modest profit of £135 was made) the Committee was still able to donate £200 to the Village Hall. The strict condition that all produce must be grown by the exhibitor was still a thorny issue after all these years! A new innovation was introduced: wine and biscuits would be provided for the judges to help them in their deliberations!



Slingsby's Produce Show celebrated its Fortieth Anniversary in 2014. The show has had to navigate numerous difficulties: wet summers, dry summers and sometimes a lack of interest and support, but a huge number of very willing individuals, committee members, exhibitors, judges and helpers have contributed to the Show's achievements over the past forty years.

Compiled by Maurag Carmichael
from the Produce Shows' Records. Maurag & The Triangle would like to thank Trudy Carr for her kind assistance. Trudy deserves credit for the continued success of the show.



Before... Bernard Ward, Stephen Prest, Arty Sleightholme & Lawrence Johnson hard at work hedge planting (& see page 3) and after ...

