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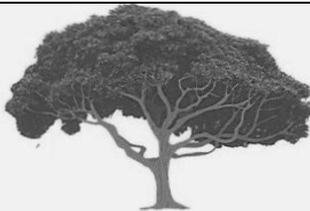


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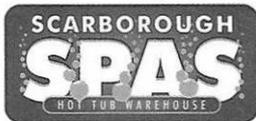
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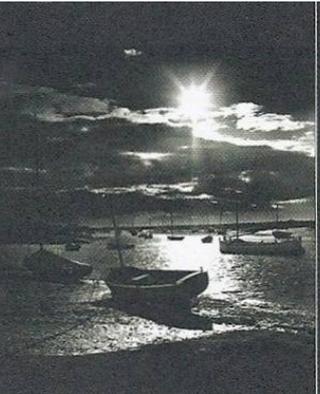
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*Chrysa Apps*

## FRONT COVER:

### Who was he?

#### Did he live near Slingsby? What was his story?

Hopefully the front cover will inspire people to help us with our online photograph collection. Discovered in a Saltburn saleroom auction by collector Bob Noble, this is just one of around 100 old glass slides that give some indication of being portraiture of Slingsby residents *or* people with a connection to the village during the late Victorian and early Edwardian eras.

Log on to the village website, then click 'Victorian Images' and see if you know who any of the people were. There are some of the village streets but mostly they are of people. Despite several senior Slingsby residents looking through them we have so far failed to identify anyone. They must have *some connection* to the area. If you have *any* information that may be of use then please contact the website team.

### Quiz

It's true to say that the quiz we included in issue 12 was very poorly supported despite a very good prize being offered. So in this 16-page issue we've decided to include a local crossword. Nearly all of the answers need local knowledge. The most complete answer will win the prize, worth £80!

*David Thornley*

### Yorkshire Water Work – What's going on?

You may have wondered exactly what is going on at the Railway St. Pumping Station in Slingsby. A spokesman for Yorkshire water explained it as follows:

"Basically the pumping station is being upgraded so that, at times of heavy rainfall, water will not discharge directly into Wath Beck but will be diverted into a large underground tank. The surface water will be stored in the tank until it is safe to discharge it at a later date; thus avoiding overloading the beck even further. This should help reduce the water in the beck at times of heavy rainfall and therefore help alleviate flooding downstream". The work is scheduled to continue for several weeks yet.

### Slingsby Allotments – Vacancies

Why not have a go at growing your own fruit and vegetables in 2013?

We have a couple of vacancies on the Slingsby allotment site to be let, on a first come first served basis, to persons living in the Parish. If you are interested in renting one please contact Brian Clarke immediately on 628625.

*If there are no takers, then they will be offered to others from outside the Parish.*

*Brian Clarke*

### New Beat Manager – PC Paul Fenwick



I am Police Constable 1076 Paul Fenwick. I joined North Yorkshire Police in June 1991, serving as a response officer in York, Harrogate and Ripon.

I have held a number of posts within the Police including nearly 10 years as a Detective Constable on the Fraud Squad. On returning to mainstream policing, I was involved at the inception of modern Neighbourhood Policing within the City of York. I worked for a period as a prisoner processor before I was seconded to the Regional Scambuster Team for a year, returning to force in October 2009. Since returning to the force, I have been a Beat Manager within York, covering both the Heworth Without area and more recently Hull Road and Tang Hall Wards.

I live on a smallholding within the Howardian Hills and took up the Ryedale South Beat Manager's post on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012. Being a local resident myself, I understand the issues that face rural communities. I work with PCSO's Andy Birkinshaw and Nicki Pounder and our partner agencies to tackle the policing issues in our area. I can be contacted either via the North Yorkshire Police tel 101 or via e-mail: paul.fenwick@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

### Why Some Teachers are Driven to Drink! (Actual quotes from young children)

"In geography we learned that countries with sea round them are called islands and those without are incontinents"

"Anything less than 90 degrees is called a cute angel"

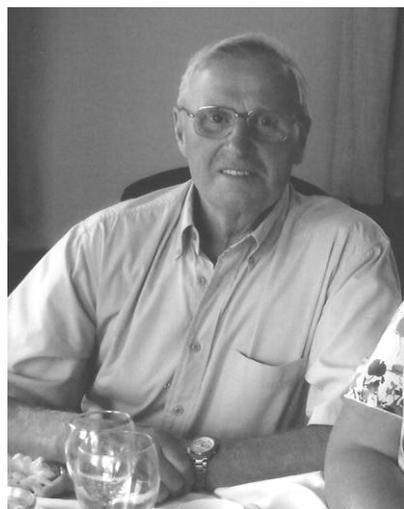
## **Slingsby, Fryton, South Holme: A celebration of the lives of those we have lost.**

During December we in Slingsby were aware of the fact that several of our residents were seriously ill, and there was a sense of sadness in the village, which was heightened with the news of their deaths, over the Christmas period. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all the families affected at this time.

*Pat Thompson*

### **Derek Carr 1938 - 2013**

Although born at Lutton, on leaving school Derek took a job as groom to Colonel Hanbury at Melgate House thus



beginning his lifelong association with Slingsby. He was married and with two daughters he put down roots in the village buying a plot of land in Green Dyke Lane and building Linden Lea in the late 1960s.

His life underwent a dramatic change in 1990 with the death of his wife Beth, and

the onset of a heart condition. He was given a pacemaker and had to learn to take things more gently. Derek's cheery presence soon attracted a loyal band of DIY/gardening customers, including the village itself, where he undertook the mowing of the green and the cemetery for many years.

In 1995 he married Trudy Jerrams, the two of them enjoying a life of contentment and shared interests at Mowbray Rise. Shooting was perhaps his favourite pastime, a keen member of the local syndicate and an enthusiastic pigeon shooter in his spare time. 'Having a walk round' was his way to relax, often not firing a single shot, just enjoying the nature around him.

Derek will be well remembered for his many contributions to the life of the village. If anyone was in difficulty Derek would be there, doing their shopping, taking them to a hospital appointment, generally doing what needed doing; a good neighbour, a kind and generous man.

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### **Peter Fell 1933 - 2012.**

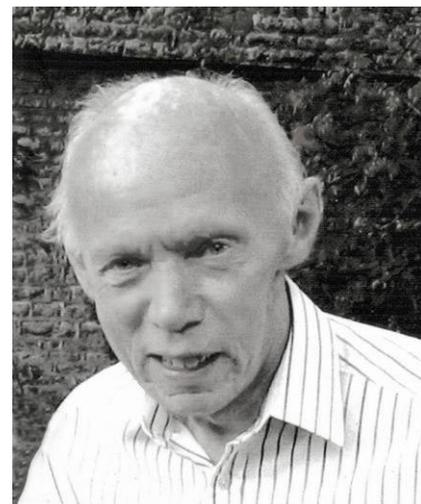
Peter's family moved to The Hall at Slingsby from Lincolnshire while he was serving as sergeant in the RAF, in which he retained an interest all his life. Because he

was so good at maths and dealing with money, on leaving the air force Peter worked in finance, mostly for the NHS in York.

In 1967 he married a West Yorkshire lass, Cynthia, and they were soon joined by two daughters, Joanna and Nicola. Together they used the land at the Hall to grow strawberries – tons of them, and most of the youngsters in Slingsby earned their pocket money strawberry-picking! Peter would get up very early to take the strawberries to Scarborough and York shops before going on to work at York District hospital, leaving Cynthia at home to organise the pickers.

Peter could turn his hand to anything, especially repairing lawn-mowers. Nothing was thrown away but stored "because it might come in useful", and usually it did. Although quiet by nature, he loved his family, helping them with many a DIY job, and kept a watchful eye on what was going on around him – he was always considered to be the master of the house and his advice was asked and respected.

Sadly Parkinson's disease took its toll and life slowly changed but he never complained about his illness, patiently coping with all the difficulties he had to face. These years of illness were brightened by his three grandchildren who daily came and went around, and to them he was their dearly loved 'granddad'.



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### **Stan Wright 1921 - 2012**

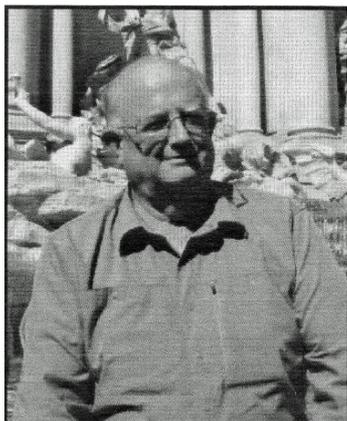
Stan will be remembered by many of us who met him and his borrowed dog as he walked around this area, firstly up in the woods at Slingsby Heights, then by the time he was in his late 80's along the flats to Fryton, often accompanied by Arthur, his younger brother. Stan lived in the house on The Balk from when it was first built, with Queenie, his wife who predeceased him. Quiet by nature, he always had a kind word to say on passing.

Stan was a very private man, who did not want any fuss making of his death.

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More obituaries follow on the next page.

## Dr. Ian Balfour 1938 – 2012.



Ian's parents were from Northallerton, where his father was a GP. After school in Scotland, training in Cambridge, and working in London and Wales, he and his wife, Mary, moved to Scarborough to be nearer to family. Ian worked as a consultant haematologist, and their two children,

Grace and David, grew up there.

On retirement, driven inland by the cold East winds, they settled in Slingsby in 1999. Ian loved living in Slingsby and was so happy here. From his former life in science, he joined Mary in an interest in the arts, particularly music as he played the oboe, piano and also sang. This led to their involvement with the Ryedale Festival; which they supported wholeheartedly.

Ian had two years of illness but during this time his humour and kindness grew stronger; his wit and intelligence ever apparent. He and Mary felt so well supported here in Ryedale by the community services and the local GPs, for which they were grateful. The whole family decided to have an early Christmas, which in fact became a farewell party as Ian passed away only days afterwards.

Ian's dedication to his family, especially to the four grandchildren of whom Ian was immensely proud, was summed up in the words of his son, David, - "There are so many moments of kindness and generosity to remember - we're rich in fond memories."

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## Tribute to the life of Margaret Dixon.

Margaret and Keith moved to South Holme in 1992 when Margaret finally retired from teaching in Wakefield. Margaret quietly became involved in many of the village activities particularly those associated with All Saint's Church. She served the church faithfully and quietly helping with cake stalls and serving teas. She was an active member of the now disbanded Mothers' Union and her laughter during rehearsals for their pantomimes is well remembered. She was a skilled needle worker, making some beautiful tapestries, which Keith persuaded her to exhibit at the local shows where she often won prizes. She was a person who quietly helped her local community but shied away from any fuss.

## Tess Hartas 1929 - 2012

Tess was born on the 20<sup>th</sup> February 1929 and died in Rivermead Care Home, Norton on the 22<sup>nd</sup> September. Unfortunately Tess' death was omitted from the last issue of The Triangle

Tess, and her late husband Jack, were the first couple to move into Aspen Way over twenty four years ago.

Our condolences go to her family and friends.

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## 2013 Local History Day

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2013 10:30 - 4:30pm.**

Entrance £2.00.

Refreshments £1.50

### Shops and Businesses in Slingsby

During the nineteenth century the village was pretty well self sufficient in services and into the 20<sup>th</sup> century it was still possible to obtain most of what you wanted to live on without leaving the village. Up until the Second World War, for many, leaving the village to visit Malton or beyond was a rare event. The photograph below shows High Street around 100 years ago. The sign above the nearest shop door reads 'Forth, Saddler & Harness Maker'. Presumably that is Mr. Forth in the doorway.



Last year we focussed on Farming around Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton. This year's event will look at the other businesses which supported it. The Local History Group is putting together an exhibition of old photographs and objects to illustrate them. There will be a brief about the information we have collected at 2:30pm led by Dr Kate Giles.

We should also like to hear and record your memories of businesses in Slingsby. If your family ran a small business, or you can remember shopping in the village years ago, please come and tell us about it on the Saturday morning at 10:30am.

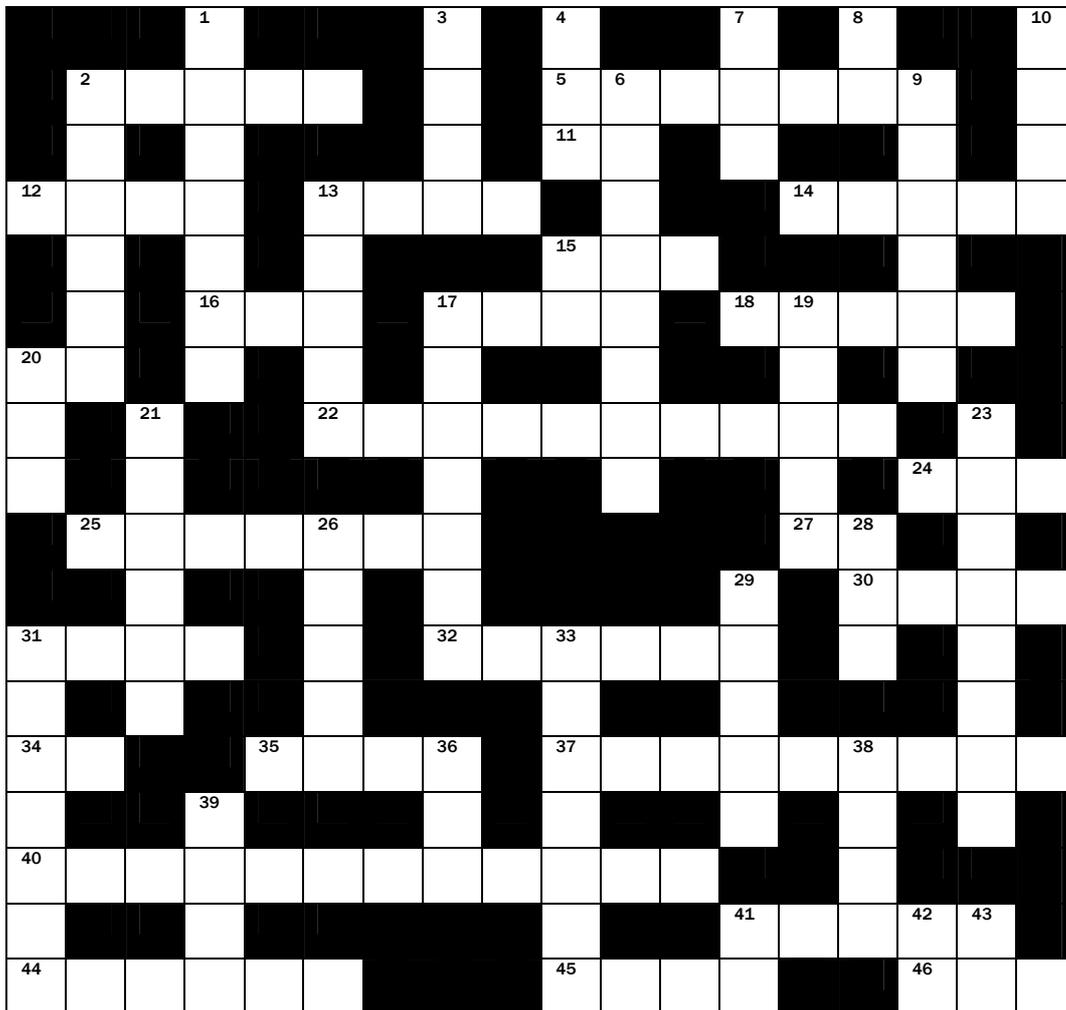
*Margaret Mackinder*

Know your local area? Attempt the local crossword and win an Annual Family Pass to Castle Howard, worth £80!

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Completed crossword must be posted through Keith Buck's letterbox before the *closing date of February 17th*. The one with the most correct answers will win the prize. The editor's decision is final. One photocopy per person is acceptable if you do not want to cut the magazine. Thanks go to Rachel Underwood for organising the prize.

Almost all answers relate to the area round Slingsby, Fryton & South Holme.



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**Clues across:**

2. His walks are on the village website under 'Tourist information' (5)
5. See 6 down
11. 'From A \_\_\_ B' (2)
12. The upright part of a door-frame (4)
13. 'Baxton \_\_\_' is reached from Fryton crossroads (4)
14. '\_\_\_yard Farm'. Almost a mile out of Slingsby, heading north (5)
15. An ugly woman or witch (3)
- 16 & 9 Down. Slingsby's Church-Of-England (3) (6)
17. 'e-\_\_\_' is the popular name given to messages delivered electronically (4)
- 18 & 13 Down. The most northerly of the three villages covered by 'The Triangle' (5) (5)
20. Shortened Biblical version of Isaiah (2)
22. Stud farm situated at West Flatts Farm and the retirement home of 'Sea Pigeon' (10)
24. Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association abbreviation (3)
25. '\_\_\_ Hall'. Part of this very old building is now known as 'Tony's Shop' (7)
27. Word meaning 'conditional upon' (2)
- 30 & 23 Down. Member of Parliament for Malton, Thirsk and Filey (4) (8)
31. Surname of the founder of a Slingsby caravan site (4)
32. Now a derogatory term for a tramp but as long-standing family name in Slingsby (6)
34. Shortened version of identification (2)
35. Introduced in 1998, these 'punishments' are shortly to be abolished (4)
37. Slingsby Castle was built around 1630 by Sir Charles \_\_\_ (9)
40. Village apparently 'moved' to make way for the building of Castle Howard (12)
41. '\_\_\_ Cottage' is believed to be the oldest house in Slingsby (5)
44. 'The \_\_\_' refers to the road now known as Malton Road (6)
45. A tower in which silage is stored (4)
46. A mischievous sprite (3)

**Clues down:**

- 1 & 36 Down. Very old tree, famous in Slingsby (7) & (3)
2. 'The \_\_\_' is Slingsby's only public house (5)
3. Bird-of-prey's foot, for example (4)
4. Shortened version of a word meaning the opposite of seldom (3)
- 6 & 5 Across. \_\_\_ \_\_\_ Howard, the ninth Countess of Carlisle (8) (7)
7. Number occurring between zero and two (3)
8. The ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter (2)
9. See '16 across'
10. 'The \_\_\_'. Road entering Slingsby from the South (4)
13. See 18 across
15. You often start '17 across' with this American greeting word (2)
17. 'Lady Aurea \_\_\_' donated this land for Slingsby Village Hall in 1931 (7)
19. A South American forest ruminant, having white horizontal stripes on its legs (5)
20. Pavements get like this if it's around zero in winter (3)
21. If you leave Slingsby and travel westwards, you will arrive at this village first. (6)
23. See 30 Across
26. 'The \_\_\_'. An area of Slingsby to the west of the church (5)
28. The fourth note of any major musical scale (3)
- 29 & 38 Down. '\_\_\_ Lane' starts at The Green and heads eastwards (5) (4)
31. 'Slingsby \_\_\_' is an area to the south of the village, leading to Sheep Walk (7)
33. Tools similar to small scythes (7)
36. See 1 Down
38. See 29.
39. 'Never does much' describes a person who is this. (4)
41. To move or proceed (2)
42. The chemical symbol for bismuth (2)
43. In printing, a unit of measure equal to twelve points (2)

The answers and winner will be published in the next issue and on the village website after the **February 17<sup>th</sup>** closing date.

## Slingsby Village Website

### Time to blow our own trumpet a bit!

2012 was a great year for the website, achieving a total of 35,362 page views over the year!

That works out at just under 100 page views a day or around 3000 a month. That's quite impressive. What's even better is that the website will most likely beat those statistics during 2013. Already we have seen the highest amount of traffic for January.

Last year we added more advertisers to the website and we still have a few advertising spaces left. Each month we receive search engine enquiries for businesses based in the parish. We also get a lot of tourism traffic with

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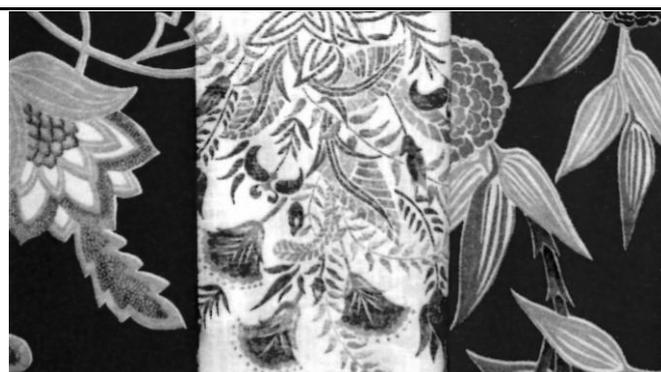
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### Brain teasers:

(answers at the bottom of the page)

You are a participant in a race. You overtake the second person. What position are you in?

Mary's father has five daughters called: Nana, Nene, Nini, Nono, and ??

What is the name of the fifth daughter?

### My Thoughts on the Village Website!

The Slingsby website is now a must for keeping up to date from day to day. We would really miss it now. I check most days for dates of meetings and new information about things locally. We recently spotted a photograph showing The Lawns before the hedges were taken down and it was still gated. Not an image we had seen before. The tall hedges along the edge of the road and big gate with tall posts which once stood on the bend next to the entrance to Mouse House, gave it a very different enclosed feeling. These features had completely disappeared by the time we moved there in 1978.

The website address is [www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

*Margaret Mackinder*

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### The Triangle 2013/2014

When the next issue of your TRIANGLE descends gently through your letter box on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April it will be time again to pay for your next year's worth. Yes, it really is twelve months since you last contributed. The next year will cost 83 pence per issue, just £5 for the year. What do you get? Six issues of THE TRIANGLE, six 'Pink Pages' and your annual Village Yellow pages. Plus of course the village website [www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk) now that's not bad value.

Thank you all for your support over the past two and a quarter years. THE TRIANGLE team would like to receive more typed or hand written pieces from those who are not computerised. You have a lot to share with us. Have you noticed that this issue is 16 pages? Please make the effort to keep the articles coming!

*Keith Buck*

### Welcome to New Arrivees!

Ben and Sarah Rayner, with their sons Oliver and Matthew have moved onto Malton Road. The boys both started Slingsby School in January.

The Karens have moved onto Malton Road.

Sally Drake and her daughters Lottie and Darcie have moved into High St.

Ernie and Barbara Goldsmith have moved into Sycamore Close.

Answers: 1. You'd be second. 2. Mary.

## Three Surprise Visitors to Fryton!



Three unlikely victims of recent wet weather are these baby otters, after they were separated from their mother during a storm. The trio were discovered over two days in gardens in Fryton and a stable in Slingsby.

“It was all very exciting. Our neighbours on one side, John and Amanda Hayhurst, were the first to discover an otter in their garden just before dusk and I suggested they contact Jean Thorpe of Ryedale Wildlife Rehabilitation centre in Norton, as it was Jean who advised me on care of the orphaned hedgehogs in the summer. Jean suspected there would be more out there so we were all on the lookout. The following evening, our neighbours to the other side, Dave and Linda Wright and their son Adam thought they heard an otter crying and we spent the evening searching the fields in the dark but to no avail. However, the next morning, one was found across the field from Fryton in a stable and Jean Thorpe came to the rescue yet again. The following evening, Dave and Linda heard a cry close to their house and found the third otter. They are now being cared for at the Chestnut Centre in Derbyshire, who are very experienced in the care of orphaned otters, pine martens, foxes, polecats, Scottish wildcats and deer. Our thanks go to Jean who was backwards and forwards to Derbyshire during this time”.

*Gill Morrow*

Otters were present throughout Great Britain in the early 1950's, but from the mid 1950's to late 1970's there was a dramatic decline. The decline was closely linked to the introduction of certain pesticides that were used in agricultural seed dressings, and sheep dips. When first used these chemicals were applied in very high doses and caused large-scale mortalities among many animals. Their impacts were greatest among top predators, notably birds of prey and mammals, because of the way these chemicals build up in the food chain.

After otter hunting was belatedly banned in Britain in 1978, numbers began to increase, particularly following the withdrawal of organo-chlorine chemicals and a more

general improvement in water quality, leading to more fish in rivers and lakes.

By the early 1990's a strong natural recovery of otters meant that reintroductions were no longer necessary, and by the end of the 90's the Otter Trust's programme was wound up. Now descendants of the released otters form only a tiny proportion of the otter population, most wild otters are the result of the natural recovery of the species.

## Yorkshire Countrywomen - Slingsby Branch.

Seventeen Members attended the Christmas Party and Beetle Drive on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the evening which started with a Beetle Drive. The overall winner was Rachel Prest. At the end of the evening the Christmas presents were distributed. The Chairman thanked members for coming and wished them all a happy Christmas. Beryl Queen thanked the Chairman, Sue Birkbeck, and Secretary, Shelagh Richards, for organising such a pleasant and enjoyable evening.

The New Year Lunch took place on Tuesday, 8<sup>th</sup> January 2013 at The Grapes, Slingsby. 23 members attended and all enjoyed an excellent meal. Following the meal there was a fun quiz on biscuits, which all members found amusing, and the prizes were ....biscuits!

*The venue for future meetings has changed* and therefore the next meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2013 will take place at 7:15pm in the Slingsby Methodist Chapel. Meetings take place on the second Tuesday of every month so if you are interested please contact Sue Birkbeck on 627293 or Christine Crouch on 628470. New members and guests are always welcome.

*Christine Crouch*

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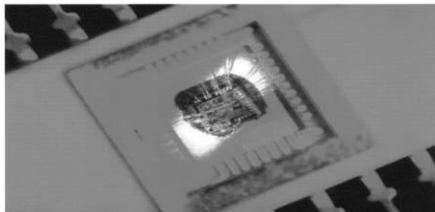
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## Looking back to Christmas 2012

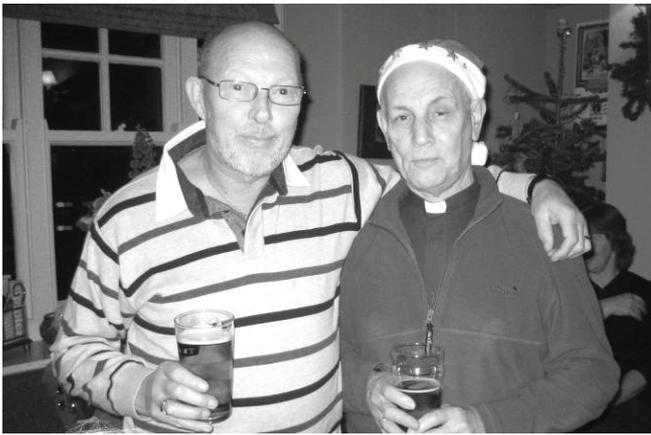


Photo by Geoff Bishop

Enjoying a well-earned pint after lots of carol singing are Brian Foster and Mike Smith, the Methodist Minister.

The Grapes' Carol and Quiz Night was extremely well attended and everyone had a really good Christmas sing.

## Pocket full of Panto Fun

Thank you to all who attended this year's Pocket Panto's production of Cinderella on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> January in the Village Hall at 3pm.



Photo by Barbara Batley

It was Pocket Panto's 4<sup>th</sup> pantomime in the Village and as usual greatly enjoyed by all, especially Matthew who was our very own village performer - a star in the making!! Oh no he isn't - OH YES HE IS!!

The panto filled the village hall full of jokes, singing, laughter and all round panto entertainment. The afternoon was rounded off with a raffle, tea, mince pies and biscuits provided by The Village Hall Committee. Thank you to all those who helped make the afternoon such a fun and successful one!

We look forward to seeing you all next year.

Many Thanks

*Debbie Furby*

The photo above shows 'Helper' Matthew with 'dame' Jeremy Stroughair.

## Having a Party

The children enjoyed a very busy last week of term at Slingsby C.P. School. The Christmas service was held in the Church on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December. The pupils performed Jesus' Christmas Party (the musical) written by Roger Parsley and conducted by our music teacher, Miss Tatnell. The performance included the songs: They came to a Christmas Party, Everyone's Asleep, Something Happened to the Light, Having a party and Shine Away. The church was packed with standing room only and parents, friends and family all enjoyed the fabulous performance which had singing, acting and a lot of humour.

The day before the children broke up, Magic Mike entertained them with magic and games at the Christmas Party in the Village Hall. Santa had left each child a present under the Christmas tree and these were handed out after the delicious tea. Friends of Slingsby School fund and organise the party and a big thank you goes to them for a fantastic, well organised party enjoyed by all.

On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January everyone seemed excited and pleased to be finally returning to school after the Christmas break, even the children!

*Helen Orchison*, School Governor.



Photo by Fiona Farnell

## Joint Christmas Carol Service

A good company enjoyed the joint carol service held in the Village Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> December. The collection of £106.00 was donated to 'Next Steps' and 'Ryedale Special Families'.

*Stephen Prest*

## Easter at the Methodist Chapel

On Easter Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March, there will be an Easter breakfast at 9am followed by Easter Praise at 10:30am led by Rev. Mike Smith.

*Stephen Prest*

## Terrington Choir at Christmas



Photo by Keith Buck

On Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December we were delighted to welcome Terrington Choir back to All Saints Church for their second concert in Slingsby. Following their successful 2011 concert and many requests to have them back again we were delighted they could fit us into their busy schedule for 2012.

The choir, under their music director Kerr Wilson presented a Christmas programme of traditional and modern carols, readings and some audience participation which was much enjoyed by everyone. Tea and cake served during the interval was enjoyed by both the choir and the audience.

We are extremely grateful to the choir who have always been supportive to our efforts to raise funds for church and tower maintenance. Almost £300 was raised on the day.

*Maurag Carmichael*

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### Local History Group, next meeting

Ahead of our Local History Day, (information on page 5) the Local History Group meeting will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. This is a working meeting to plan for the exhibition and to exchange information being collected at the moment. For more information visit the Local History pages of this website.

*Margaret Mackinder*

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### FOSS

The AGM of Friends of Slingsby School will take place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February in school at 6pm. FOSS raises money to help fund activities for the children at Slingsby School. Meetings are held once a month and usually last

60-90 minutes. If you would like more information about the group or would be interested in joining the committee please call Beki on 01653 628391 or e-mail [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk) or come along to the meeting. Our annual Scarecrow Competition will take place over May Day weekend. To help you come up with ideas about what to make and how to make a scarecrow Angela Reeves, winner of 2012's competition, will be holding a Scarecrow workshop at 6:30pm on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> February in the Reading Rooms. All are welcome. For more information please contact Beki on 01653 628391.

*Beki*

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### Tour De France 2014

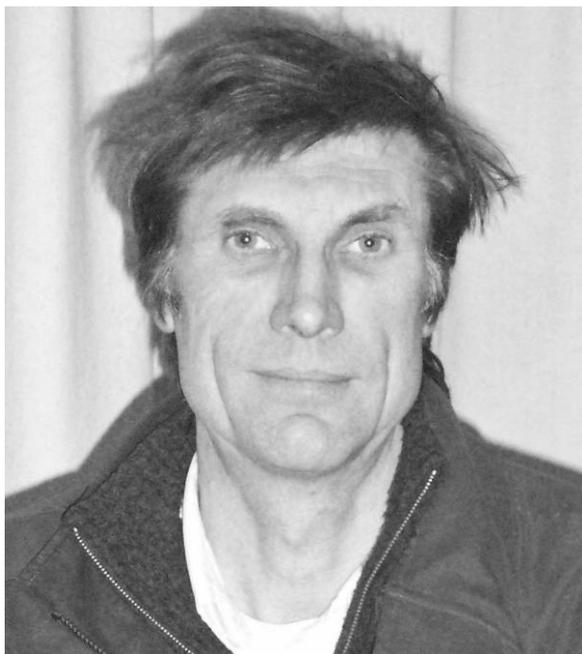
It's official! The world's greatest cycle race - the Tour de France - will start in the world's greatest county on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> July 2014 bringing millions of fans to the Yorkshire roadside to cheer on the champions of the sport. It's the first time Le Tour has visited the north of England, and it is the perfect opportunity to showcase our stunning landscape to over 3 billion TV viewers world-wide.

In 'Welcome to Yorkshire's' own words "The county is a heartland of the sport and over the website pages we celebrate Yorkshire's Grand Départ, Yorkshire's cycling champions, the county's iconic cycling landscapes and hopefully inspire more people to consider going uphill and down dale on two wheels in future."

The opening stage will take riders northwards from Leeds, through Otley, Ilkley and Skipton before heading through The Dales and finishing on The Stray in Harrogate. Stage 2 heads westwards from York towards Haworth, passing through Holmfirth. Finally The Tour will visit the London 2012 Olympic Park and end on The Mall.

Keith Buck, a keen cyclist, explains "'Welcome to Yorkshire's bid for the Grand Depart shows the routes the race will take through Yorkshire." Check out the website on [www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

## Profile of Peter Snowball, Parish Councillor for Slingsby



Peter was born and brought up in Slingsby, where his father had an electrical business which he started in 1948. Peter is the sixth Snowball to live in Slingsby and has carried on the family's electrical work. He attended Slingsby school, going on to Malton School, then York College and has worked from the premises in Railway street ever since. In 1981 he married Julia Lange (almost the girl next door) and they have two children Thomas and Jessica.

Peter's electrical business keeps him extremely busy – Peter does not walk anywhere, he runs just to be able to pack more into his day. He employs two men whom he trained as electricians, and together they work throughout the Ryedale area and beyond. Because of the extra paperwork demanded by his job, e.g. with health and safety constraints and the certificates needed these days, Peter admits that it is difficult to find the time to fulfil the role of councillor satisfactorily.

Peter has been a parish councillor for 4–5 years and feels that with his local knowledge he can inform the council about land uses and local needs. This came in useful with the Housing Needs Survey which resulted in 11 replies for affordable housing. His job makes the interpretation of plans quick and detailed, which helps with planning applications presented to the council. The council now have so many burdens of responsibility which councillors have to be aware of, requiring training and reading; again demanding time.

However Peter has been in contact with the village all his life, so he feels a great sense of responsibility and affinity with it and wants to be involved in helping its progress into the twenty first century. *Pat Thompson*

## Parish Snippets

**Slingsby Housing Needs Survey.** The report compiled by The Housing Enabler from information provided by Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton residents identified a need for eleven housing units in Slingsby. There are now several planning stages to go through, including a public consultation. A site has been identified and is awaiting approval. Parish Councillors raised concerns over vehicular access to the identified site.

Planning Application 12/01239/FUL for Carr House Farm, Green Dyke Lane was supported by the Parish Council.

The next P. C. Meeting is on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in the Village Hall. All residents welcome.

**Change of Date.** The Parish Assembly will now be on *Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2013 in the Village Hall at 7pm.* Who would you like to hear speak at the Assembly? Are there any special areas of concern that you would like discussed? Please contact your Parish Clerk Mrs Dinah Farley on 01653 628858 or e-mail slingsbypc@aol.co.uk

The Parish Councillors were also concerned over the way Ryedale Council had steam-rolled unanimous decisions taken by the PC and supported by The Conservation Officer.

Local democracy? Apparently not at Ryedale House!

*Mole.*

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## For Sale / Wanted adverts

It has been suggested that The Triangle should carry some For Sale or Wanted adverts, *available to locals only* and free of charge. These must be no more than 25 words and be for one item per household. They must clearly state the local phone number and the price and condition as part of the 25 words, also whether 'for sale' or 'wanted'. No business adverts will be permitted. This service will be trialled for six months to assess its popularity and viability. The editor will reject any advert which doesn't comply with the above and will also restrict this service to about half a Triangle page maximum. Here's our first one to start the ball rolling:

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## Slingsby Sports & Social Club

Contact Dave Calvert on 01653 628268

## Heavens Above Slingsby

Now that 2012 is behind us, some might wonder what is looming sky-wise for 2013. What celestial events might we look forward to seeing?

I've selected what I consider the top 13 'skylights' (get it?) for the coming year, and have listed them in chronological order. Not all these night sky events will be visible from any one locality (you may have to travel to catch all the eclipses) but you can observe many of them from the comfort of your backyard, weather permitting.

This year also promises two potentially bright comets: PANSTARRS and ISON. As any astronomer can tell you, comets are notoriously capricious; we can only guess at how bright they will get and how long their respective tails will be. We'll just have to wait and see. In general, 2013 promises an action-packed 12 months for stargazers. Hopefully.

### Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>: Best Evening View of Mercury

Mercury, the 'elusive' innermost planet, will travel far enough from the glare of the sun to be readily visible in the western sky soon after sunset. On the evening of Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Mercury will skim within less than 0.4 degrees of the much-fainter planet, Mars.

Mercury will be at its greatest elongation from the sun on Feb. 16<sup>th</sup>. It will be quite bright (-1.2 to -0.6 magnitude) before this date and will fade rapidly to +1.2 magnitude thereafter. (Astronomers measure the brightness of sky objects using magnitude, a reverse scale in which lower numbers correspond to brighter objects. Negative magnitudes denote exceptional brightness.)

### March 10<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup>: Comet PANSTARRS at Its Best!

Comet PANSTARRS, discovered in June 2011 using the Pan-STARRS 1 Telescope at Haleakala, Hawaii, is expected to put on its best show during this two-week period. During this time, the comet will also be near its closest approaches to the sun (28 million miles, or 45 million kilometers) and Earth (102 million miles, or 164 million km).

While Comet PANSTARRS was a very dim and distant object at the time of its discovery, it has brightened steadily since then. It still appears on target to reach at least first magnitude and should be visible low in the west-northwest sky shortly after sunset. On the evening of March 12<sup>th</sup>, the comet will be situated 4 degrees to the right of an exceedingly thin crescent moon. Your closed fist at arms length covers about 10 degrees of the night sky.

## May 9<sup>th</sup>: Annular Eclipse of the Sun

During annular solar eclipse (also known as a 'Ring of Fire' eclipse), the long, umbral (\*) shadow cone of the moon is too short to reach the Earth. In angular size, the moon's disk appears about 4.5 percent smaller than the disk of the sun. A ring of sunlight remains visible surrounding the moon.

(\*) *the completely dark portion of the shadow cast by the earth, moon, or other body during an eclipse.*

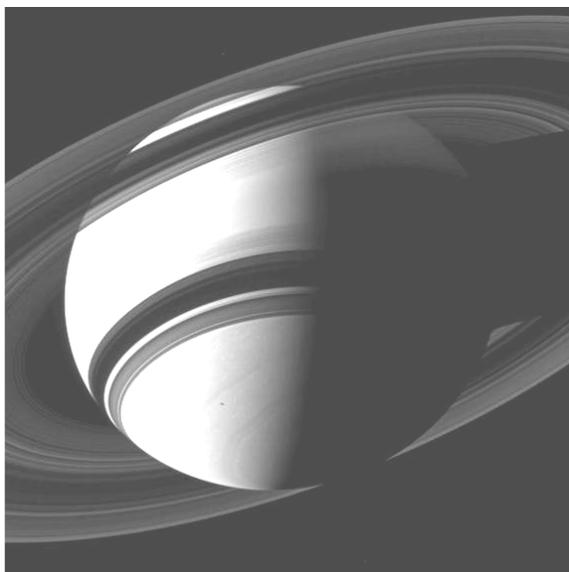
The shadow path from where the ring can be seen runs for thousands of miles, but will get no wider than 107 miles (172 km) at the point of greatest eclipse. Much of the path falls over the Pacific Ocean, but at or soon after local sunrise, it will slice across a part of northern Australia (where it will be the morning of May 10<sup>th</sup>) and the extreme eastern tip of Papua New Guinea, along with some of the nearby Solomon Islands.

At the point of greatest eclipse, the ring phase will last 6 minutes, 4 seconds. Hawaiians will see a partial eclipse when, at 3:48pm Hawaii time, the moon will obscure about 32 percent of the sun's disk. Not sure if Dave Perry is running a coach trip for this or not?

### April 25<sup>th</sup>: Partial Lunar Eclipse

This will be a very minor partial lunar eclipse, with the moon's uppermost limb merely grazing the Earth's dark, umbral shadow. At mid-eclipse, less than 2 percent of the moon's diameter will be inside the dark shadow. The Eastern Hemisphere (Europe, Slingsby, Africa, Australia and most of Asia) will have the best view.

Comet ISON? More news of this comet in Triangle 15  
*W. Emmett-Heyworth*



Saturn. This photo taken by the Cassini orbiter in August 2012

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## Slingsby Bowling Club

Congratulations to Slingsby Bowling Club Veterans for having such a good year, winning the Sundella Cup (photo 1) and the Ossie Ashcroft Cup (photo 2) also finishing runners-up in the Veterans' League.

The Club also won the BATA Gas Triples League.

*Stella Myers*



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Railway Street (East side), Pat Thompson

## Paraprosdokians. Para....what?!

A sentence in which the last part finishes in an unexpected and often witty manner, for example :

Standing in church doesn't make you a Christian, any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.

I've had a wonderful evening; unfortunately this wasn't it.