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Skipper, Kowalski, Private and Rico, the four penguins from the brilliant 'Madagascar' series of films, a winning 'scarecrow' by the Watson family. All the right names but not necessarily in the right order!

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May Day photographs.....

All colour photos by David Thornley



Thanks, in part, to lovely weather, a great day was enjoyed by all.

May Day celebrations (see colour photographs opposite)

The sun managed to shine all day on our Mayday celebrations, thankfully. The village was buzzing from early on as people came to the car-boot sale on the Sport's field, and then started to walk round the village, admiring and naming the 30 varied scarecrows on the trail organised by FOSS.

The activities on the Green started at noon with 2 accomplished accordionists playing, while folk wandered round the stalls. The children, all dressed colourfully, danced 5 complex dances, weaving the long ribbons round the maypole. Thirty three members of Bulmer choir did one of their first public performances and sang well-known Beatles' favourites and a tribute to Mayday. Then on came the Morris dancers to clack sticks and jangle their bells before the whole programme was repeated, still in sunshine. Afternoon teas including savouries, scones and yummy cakes, were enjoyed by all.

Thanks go to all who helped to make this day a success.

Betty Petch and Sue Carr restarted the tradition in 1985 and, after their retirement, Cynthia Fell and I have carried it on.

I would like to thank Cynthia for teaching me all that I know about Maypole dancing!

Pat Thompson

May Day Appeal

It is now a few weeks since May Day and the general view is that it was a great success.

However, after 16 years of being one of the two people organising the day, I have decided to hand the reins over to Pat Thompson, having worked together for 8 years. We have decided it really needs a bigger team, maybe 4 people, extra ideas and younger thoughts so we are looking for volunteers. Maybe a parent could help to teach the maypole dancing; it's not difficult and children are very keen. Maybe someone has ideas about extra stalls and activities. Do not be afraid to come forward!

This is a traditional, quintessentially English event which has been taking place for decades and it would be very sad if it were to fold.

If you would like to help in any way, or for further details, please contact Pat Thompson on 628620.

I would just like to finish by thanking all the past dancers and everyone who has helped to make May Day such an enjoyable and memorable event.

Cynthia Fell

Very many thanks to all who donated, helped and supported our Refreshments and Tombola stalls on May Day. Over £800 was raised which will contribute to the installation of a Hearing Loop in All Saints Church.

Maurag Carmichael

Slingsby School Open morning

Slingsby School is to hold an Open Morning on Tuesday June 23rd from 9:15 to 11:30.

Why not come along to the school, meet the teachers, children and Head and find out what's going on?

What do children study these days? What do KS1 and KS2 mean? Do they enjoy school, and if so, why?

Refreshments will be served.

Please come along, find out and support us!

Georgie Metcalfe
Head teacher

FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

We would like to thank everyone that took part in our Scarecrow Trail over May Day Bank Holiday weekend. Despite the rain we raised £813 which we are all delighted with. (editor's note: this is in addition to the £800 reported by Maurag - brilliant!) Thank you to all who built scarecrows and entered them into our competition. Without the time, effort and expense they put into creating their masterpieces we wouldn't be able to run the trail.

The winners are as follows:

1. Penguins of Madagascar by Andrew Watson
2. Perry the Platypus by Sophie & Amelia Palmer-Bunting = Garfield by Chris Conyers
3. Olaf (in the Summer) by Poppy Wass.

The winner of our prize draw was Lydia Harrison. Both Andrew and Lydia were given a £75 photo portrait voucher kindly donated by Phillip Anthony Photography. A huge thank you must also go to the Slingsby Bard as, without his clues, we wouldn't have a trail to sell to visitors. All the answers to the trail can be found at www.facebook.com/friendsofslingsbyschool.

Also this half term, we have had our Bags2School collection which raised £86.80 so thank you to anyone that filled a bag with old clothes, shoes and bags. Our next collection will be on 23rd October so please don't throw anything away. We have also recently presented Slingsby C.P. School with a cheque for £3,164.50 to cover events and trips over the last 12 months. Our mission for the next 12 months is to raise £10,000 to fund a fully equipped outdoor play area for all the children at Slingsby School. We have already got lots of events planned so keep an eye on the village newsletter for all the details.

Beki Palmer-Bunting

Parish Council date change - reminder

Although the full report is on page 10, this is a reminder that the next Parish Council regular meeting including the AGM will take place on Monday 1st June 2015, starting at 1900 hours in the Village Hall. There are also vacancies on the Parish Council.

Woman sold for £1 in Grapes Inn!

The following article was written by Miss Ursula Lascelles, of Slingsby Heights, in her diary. The family has kindly agreed to its publication and provided the photograph.

"Mrs Violet Ventress was unfortunate in her marriage. Married at 18 she had 5 children in 7 years and her husband was not good to her and finally left her. He sold her to Jack Fox for £1 and a pint of beer in The Grapes Inn, Slingsby. She must have been one of the last women to be sold in England. People who could not afford to get a divorce would think it made things legal if money was paid for them. At all events she lived happily with Jack Fox until his sudden death and brought up their children very well. About the end of the war I remember talking to her once (during the end of the war) and advising her to get married as soon as Ventress died. However, when he did die she delayed, although one of her sons offered to pay for the wedding. It was said that she wanted to have a white wedding which would have been rather inappropriate. What happened was that the nice little Jack Fox collapsed one day out in the fields and it was too late. So she could not have a widow's pension. As John Henry Carass had lent the £1 in the inn he used to jokingly say she was his wife. Violet Baines and her sister, Kate were in my mother's Sunday class when girls."

Subsequent entry.

The death took place in hospital of Mrs Violet Ventress, aged 70 on April 12th 1968. She lived all her life at South-Holme and Slingsby and was one of the real village characters. The esteem in which she was held was shown at the Methodist Chapel, when it was full for the service.

The picture below, from Janet Clarke, shows Violet with her granddaughter, Heather, in the pram.



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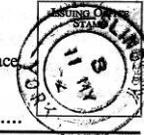
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Dog licence, 7s 6d in 1972

Older residents will remember the days when you had to have a licence to keep a dog. In 1972 that licence cost seven shillings and sixpence, or 37½p, as Britain had just gone decimal. The above licence is a rare survivor and is shown by courtesy of Tony Hodgson, to whom it was issued in 1972 by the then Post Mistress, Gladys Hunton. The Post Office was then on The Green opposite Porch Farm. Notes on the back of the licence advised owners how to deal with rabies, cautioned against dogs being free to worry sheep and bore a reminder that it was a legal requirement to keep a dog on a lead, with collar and tag showing the owner's name and address at all times on a public highway. Dog licences were ceased in 1987 but are still required in Northern Ireland to this day.

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Nunnington Hall wildlife exhibition

AN EXHIBITION of wildlife images and videos celebrating the diversity of British wildlife is coming to North Yorkshire. The work by amateur and professional photographers will be showcased at Nunnington Hall from May 16th to July 12th and will feature more than 100 winning and commended entries in this year's British Wildlife Photography Award.

Slingsby Duck Race Sat, 20th June

On Saturday 20th June at 3pm over a thousand ducks will be released into Slingsby beck for Slingsby Community Primary School's annual duck race !

The Duck Race is part of a Family Fun Day organised by the Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS) to raise funds for the school. The Fun Day is from 12pm to 4pm at Slingsby Sports Field. The usual attractions such as face painting, bouncy castles and tombola are joined this year by demonstrations by birds of prey and fairground rides such as swing boats. Refreshments will be available throughout the afternoon. Entry is free.

Ducks, priced at £1, can be bought on the day. Prizes will be awarded to the first three ducks to cross the line and there will be a special prize for the duck that comes last!! Last year FOSS raised over £2,000 and this money was put to good use to pay for educational and fun trips and visits amongst other things.

So please come along and join us on a fun packed day to raise funds for our local school.

Liz Wilson



Ryedale Festival



The Festival runs from 17th July to 2nd August.

This year, alongside the now-customary high-class classical music and performance, there will be jazz, music workshops, a series of talks, the brass ensemble Aedelfrith (at Botton), and last but not least the Red Hedgehog Tavern (recreated in the Milton Rooms)!

The Triple concert at Castle Howard and the two Double Concerts at Sledmere House are sure to be very popular, so early booking is advised.

Finally, the Ryedale Festival has become renowned not least for its opera productions. This year's staging, Franz Lehar's comic operetta "The Merry Widow" promises to be a crowd-puller.

For full details of the 51 events in this year's Ryedale Festival, and how to book, visit the Festival website: <http://www.ryedalefestival.com>

Jon Boots

Slingsby Website breaks viewing record

The village was incredibly busy over the Bank Holiday weekend at the beginning of May and the website was no different. The Slingsby Village website attained a new viewing record with traffic peaking on the Sunday topping the previous record (set in May 2013) by over 30%. In all, the website received 15 days worth of page views within a 48hr period from the Sunday to the Bank Holiday Monday. Can we beat the record again? I think so.

Finally, the audio archive page was added to the website in April as part of a project that has been developed over the last three years with the local history group. The first recording on offer looks at farming in Slingsby and the surrounding area. More audio recordings will be added in the coming weeks. The audio archive page can be found at <http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/slingsby-audio-archive>

*Slingsby Website Team
Richard Flint*

Hovingham Methodist Chapel

On Saturday June 13th Hovingham Methodist Chapel celebrate their 200th Anniversary by offering an exhibition of their memorabilia and history in the Chapel from 10am to 4pm, with a talk on the subject at 3pm by Sue Goodwill.

There will also be her book for sale and Slingsby, Fryton, Wath, Wandale and South Holme are mentioned several times, due to the visit of John Wesley, a Dissenters Meeting House in 1836, Primitive Methodist Mission 1844, names of local preachers such as G Leefe, R Smailes, J Smith, R Arrundale, Thomas Leefe, J Ezard, J Wentworth, Charles Snowden, RF Vickers, J Aldous, Stephen Prest and as trustees in the past Matthew Lawson, Robert Forth, John Corner, John William Baker, farmers; Joseph Webster, joiner; George Wilson, gentleman; Robert Frederick Vickers, store manager.

At 7pm there will be a concert by York City Gospel Choir in the Village Hall. Tickets £5 from Sue on 628077 or Margaret Silver 628922

On Sunday June 14th Hovingham Methodist Chapel celebrate their Bi-Centenary with an Anniversary Service led by Rev David Emison at 10:30am followed by coffee and the cutting of an anniversary cake. *Sue Goodwill*

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The two tennis courts on the Sports Field have been spruced up and the fading lines on one court now have a fresh coat of paint. The surface isn't perfect, but good enough for a fun game of tennis. Maybe one day there could be a new surface?

So why not take advantage of this opportunity to enjoy a game of tennis again? There is no booking system so just turn up, however if, over time the courts get busy then ways of reserving a court can be devised. Maybe it would be helpful to only play for an hour at a time unless nobody is waiting.

If you would like to play, but don't have a partner or just want more information, do get in touch with Geoff Bishop on 628055 and he will keep a list of contacts and telephone numbers.

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New members are always welcome and we have a continuous need for volunteer drivers. Please come and find out more about us when we are at **Hovingham Market on Saturday 6th June**.

There will be information about all our services, how to access them and very importantly, how to become a volunteer driver. Current volunteer drivers and other staff members will be on hand to answer all your questions.

For more information contact us at 01653 699059

Thankyou.

Gwyn Green



Slingsby Village Hall

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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.

Anyone interested in trying lawn bowls please contact Alf
Holmes on 628107 or Doreen Bardon on 628509.

A thought for cyclists

Wow! Cycling has certainly taken off and how wonderful to have the Tour de Yorkshire for the first time this year.

Cycling is such a great activity that is low impact and has both health and environmental benefits. Riders can enjoy it at all ages. In fact my father-in-law, a Slingsby resident, got a new bike for his 90th birthday and insisted on a 10-year guarantee!

Whatever your age, or discipline of cycling, whether recreational or a time-trialist, you should look after your body. Around 85% of cyclists can develop an over use injury causing back, knee, neck or wrist pain.

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Parish Council Notes & summary

27 members of the public attended the open meeting on 20th April. A brief summary of the meeting follows, however full details may be obtained from Chris Wilson or Chris Adnitt.

Please note that there are three vacancies on the Parish Council. Anyone wishing to put their name forward should initially contact either the Chairman, Chris Wilson on 01653 628853 or The Parish Clerk, Chris Adnitt on 01723 513939.

Other councillors' contact details are as follows:
Peter Snowball 628136, pwsnowball85@gmail.com
Angela Shepherd 628230, angel1949@me.com
Fiona Farnell 628285, fionafarnell@btinternet.com

Photo: The Parish Council in 1994



The Chair reported that the grass cutting went well for past season with the new contractor, with only one minor complaint received. NYCC have agreed to provide signage and road markings at the cross roads. The road to Fryton has been resurfaced.

A new seat has been placed on the village green, which was more expensive than planned due to having to comply with the specified type required by Castle Howard who own that area of land.

Planning permission has been granted for 24 dwellings in Richardson's Yard, including eight affordable dwellings.

The street light in Railway Street was expected to be repaired shortly. A survey has been undertaken of all lights with a programme of work determined. A resident expressed his concerns that the lights on Sycamore Close and Church Lane near to the church. Residents felt that these lights should be left on all night. It was agreed to write to NYCC to persuade them to keep them on.

A resident asked a question about the supply of low cost housing, and was advised that a survey had identified a need. District Cllr R Wainwright confirmed that priority would be given to local people. He also confirmed that there were four properties in Hovingham, all of which were occupied.

A defibrillator was to be installed in the old telephone box following its refurbishment. Cllr Farnell provided details on how to use it and highlighted that training events would be held for residents. Various donations have been received with only a £120 shortfall in funding to date. It was anticipated that the phone box would be refurbished by the end of June.

A working group have reviewed the previous Parish Plan and have made some changes to the questionnaire. These will be distributed shortly to obtain residents comments. An updated parish plan will then be formulated based on the comments received.

A resident commented that the road by the beck required resurfacing. A question was asked about footpath gritting which was discussed. Speed Indicator signs were requested on the main road. A comment was also received about the lack of policing in the village.

County Cllr C Wood praised the parish councillors for their efforts. She commented that the Police and NYCC statistics show that fix speed signs don't work. She mentioned that the parish council could pay for temporary signs.

An overview of the spending cuts being implemented by NYCC was given, amounting to £174million over eight years with £74.5million to save over the next four years. The care of the elderly was a priority of NYCC.

Cllr C Wood highlighted the improvements made in Fryton, and that a safety improvement scheme at the crossroads was to go ahead sometime during the summer. The main road was to be resurfaced, probably around the same time. Drainage work has been completed on The Lawns.

Residents were asked for their views with a number of questions being asked: A resident if speed bumps could be installed, however overall it was felt people were against these particularly those living next to them.

A resident asked about people's views on Fracking in the area. It was felt that more information was required in order to make an informed judgement; however comments were made by other residents highlighting the risk to underground geology with consequential stability problems and the high risk of contamination to drinking water supplies in the area.

A resident commented that trees on the village green required tidying up around the bases. It was noted that these belonged to Castle Howard.

A question was asked about NYCC future provision of local bus services. County Cllr C Wood confirmed that bus contracts were under review but no decision has yet been made, although some changes were anticipated.

A question was asked about the future of the mobile library service. County Cllr C Wood understood that the service in this area was to remain, however she agreed to make enquires and confirm the details.

14/01377/FUL: amended application to erect 1 x 4 bedroom and 2 x 3 bedroom dwellings with 2 detached carports, and change of use and alteration of existing outbuilding to form garage and workshop following demolition of existing lean-to outbuilding on land to rear of Hutton Brothers Car Sales, Railway Street, Slingsby. No objections were received.

It was agreed by all to accept the quotation received from NYCC for the work required to the light on 1 Railway Street, and also to disconnect the power supply to the light on The Lawns.

The next regular meeting including the AGM will take place on Monday 1st June 2015, starting at 19:00 hours in the Village Hall.

Chris Adnitt, Parish Clerk

SPOT 10 DIFFERENCES !



The above photo shows raising the Maypole in 1905. The lower picture has 10 differences. Can you spot them?
There is one prize of a £20 voucher to spend at The Village Shop ! Thanks to Tony for his co-operation with this.
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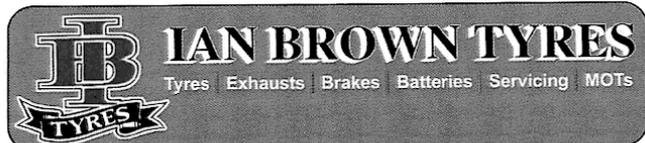
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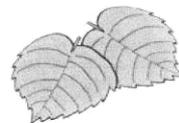
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Reception KS1, years 1 & 2. Can you find the 9 words in the box below?

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- ROOTS
- STEM
- LEAVES
- WATER
- FLOWER
- LIGHT
- WARMTH
- SUN
- FOOD



Slingsby School Magazine

Below you will see the very first page of the very first School Magazine from summer 1950! I'm sure older members of the community will recognise the two co-editors. Kindly donated to the village archive, along with three other issues, by Clive Baxter, who thankfully kept his three magazines for 65 years! The A5 magazine was 16 pages, with a card cover. It contained various stories, poems and reports by pupils about their outings.

Slingsby School,
July 1950.

Dear Readers,

This is the first edition of our Magazine. We hope to print one every six months to let you know what we are doing and making, and hope you will enjoy it.

We held a successful Sports Day on the 28th June at the Cricket Field. The Houses competing were Carlisle, Howard and Cavendish. The Howards slowly drew from the other two houses and held the lead to be closely followed by Cavendish. From the results of these races we selected our competitors for the District Sports held a week later at Hovingham and were very lucky to bring back the Shield. The last time this was won by Slingsby was in 1928.

We had a very enjoyable outing to York on 25th May, in spite of the rain, and you will find some accounts of what we did later in the Magazine.

We are very sorry to be losing six pupils at the end of this term. Martin Ellis, Peter Gibbs and David Prest have won scholarships and start at the Grammar School at Malton after the holidays. John Lawn and Peter Smithson are going farming and Sheila Smith to work at Norton. We wish them all success and hope they will come and see us when they have the chance.

With best wishes,

Margaret ETTY.)
Alfred HOLMES.) Co-Editors.

Slingsby Calendar 2016

The Village Hall Committee is looking for any local photos of the area for next year's calendar. If you have anything you think might be suitable please contact Brian Clarke on 01653 628625 or e-mail him on bandjclarke@btinternet.com

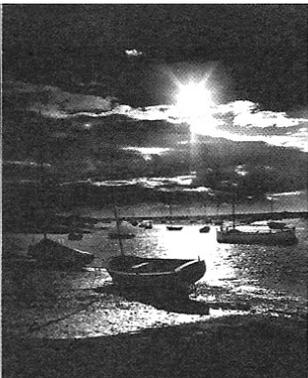
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New Playing Fields Bench

The plaque is inscribed 'In loving memory of Dilys and Ford Longman, We will be friends until forever, just you wait and see'.



When Mum and Dad passed away so closely together last year, having lived in Slingsby for nearly 20 years, the five of us decided that a seat would be a fitting memorial as they loved to sit together.

Mum and Dad had five children, thirteen grandchildren and now have five great-grandchildren. When we were given the opportunity to place the seat near the playground on the sports field, where other parents can sit and watch their children, we all agreed this was the spot. Family members created the base and laid the paving stones.

The words on the plaque are based on lines from A A Milne's Winnie The Pooh, one of Dad's favourite books, which we read to him in his final days. *Sarah Joy*

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Businesses in Slingsby. An interview with Martin Saywood of 'Martinpc' computers.

A hundred years ago there were about fifty businesses in Slingsby. Now there's just a handful so we thought it would be a good idea to talk to the people who operate from the area about their businesses. This article is the second in a short series.



Computers are fantastic tools which have pervaded our everyday lives – chances are you even have a simple computer in your toaster! Unfortunately, anyone who uses a computer will tell you that one day it will refuse to cooperate and no amount of coaxing will persuade it to. This is when we need someone who is reliable, trustworthy and speaks English, not Geek. Such a person is Martin Saywood, who enjoys the daily challenge of persuading such a wayward machine to behave properly again.

In the 1970's Martin worked for Rolls Royce as a technician apprentice, where it became apparent that he was a natural with the newfangled computers beginning to appear in industry. During this time he developed analysis programs for military and commercial applications. After completing his apprenticeship he worked on the famous Rolls Royce RB211 turbofan engines as a development performance engineer and developed handheld and workstation programs. Next followed a move to the automation industry and then computerisation of sales. Then Martin returned to his engineering roots working on CAD introduction, and then to sales. While there his employer funded a Open University degree course in Maths and Computer Science. Then came a move into the oil and gas automation industry where he project managed introduction of a paperless office system. The never ending cycle of company and management takeovers eventually became too much, so he decided to leave industry and move into property refurbishment. He tells me he can still turn his hand to plastering, carpentry, plumbing if needs be!

Martin's move northwards came about as a result of his then wife's career with Nestlé, when she was transferred

to York. They sold their refurbished property for a worthwhile profit and he later moved to Slingsby in 2009. So Martin was looking for a job with some income within reasonable distance of Slingsby.

Having helped relatives, friends and neighbours with their computer problems in the domestic computer area, a neighbour suggested he should start his own computer business, which led to the establishment of 'martinpc' in 2010. Now, some 5 years later, Martin has around 350 customers and has enjoyed some 1500 orders since startup, so it's not surprising he regards his company as very successful!

Although domestic installations and repairs are his favourite, his customers include local businesses, such as garages, farms, and several other sole traders. When I asked how well advertising has worked for him, Martin replied that although it is essential to keep his name in the public eye, he believes that the vast majority of his work comes from recommendations.

"I meet some really interesting people and I would like to take this opportunity to thank local customers, without whom my business would not thrive" says Martin.

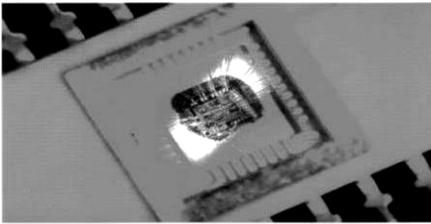
In 2014 Martin married Mandie, who also supports and advertises regularly in The Triangle as 'Homes, Hounds and Horses'. Martin and Mandie appreciate the kind way they have been welcomed into Slingsby and are very content with life here. Mandie has kindly agreed to help The Triangle with a similar article in the future.

One thing is for sure – without Martin's occasional but invaluable assistance you certainly would not be receiving your regular Triangles!

David Thornley, with special thanks to Martin Saywood.

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Stephen's farming column

I heard on the news earlier today that we are in a period of deflation mainly due to lower fuel and food prices. It may be good for the weekly shopping bill but someone has to pay the price for it and with wheat prices down to £108 per tonne, about half of what it was a year ago, farmers are one group who are struggling. On the bright side we have had a good spring and nearly all crops are now planted and looking well. We could do with some warmer weather, we have had some really cold nights so much so that Rachel has been going out with some old net curtains to try and protect our fruit blossom!

We are into the season of Agricultural Shows which are a great rural tradition and well worth supporting. Stockmen spend hours and hours getting their cattle, sheep, horses and pigs into tip top condition and spruced up to look their very best, hoping to win a prize. There are sheepdog trials, horse jumping and great attractions in the main ring. Why not make a visit to one this year?

Of the local shows, Malton is first on 5th July at Scampston Park and Ryedale is on Tuesday 28th July at Welburn. If you want a special treat go to the Great Yorkshire Show at Harrogate on the 14th – 16th July. It is the premier agricultural show in England with so much to see and do. Every year there are record numbers of livestock, vast numbers of stands with machines, cars etc. There are fashion parades and great entertainment in the main ring. There are also some first class educational sections which are excellent for children. It is well worth a visit and traffic congestion approaching the showground is not as bad as it used to be.

There is so much to see and enjoy at this time of year. I have just been through Slingsby Wood, enjoying the bluebells. The blossom has been quite breathtaking and I had a spectacular show of blossom on the blackthorn (see picture on page 19) and I have just seen an Early Purple Orchid near my land (also see picture on page 19). See how many different orchids you can spot over the summer months around Slingsby.

Stephen Prest



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Illegal wildlife poisoning

North Yorkshire Police have launched a poster campaign raising awareness of the dangers of illegal wildlife poisoning. Officers are warning that not only is the practice cruel and illegal, it also poses a serious health risk for members of the public and their pets.

In the ten years between 2004 and 2013, there were 70 incidents of bird of prey persecution in North Yorkshire, including the illegal poisoning of 14 Red kites, six Buzzards, one Goshawk and one Peregrine. In many cases, animal carcasses laced with poison were involved. Now, dozens of hard-hitting posters warning about the risks of animal poisoning will be distributed in rural areas including the Yorkshire Dales and North York Moors, and displayed in National Park Centres, parish council notice boards and other key public places.

A Police spokesman said "Animal carcasses laced with poison are sometimes deliberately used to kill other wildlife, particularly birds of prey. This practice is cruel and illegal, and such poisoned bait is also a serious risk to the health of members of the public and their children or pets if they come into contact with them. If you find a mammal or bird that you believe has been poisoned, please do not touch it, as poisons can transfer through contact with skin. Please also keep your children and pets well away. Instead, make a note of the location, and anything else that is around or near the animal, and contact North Yorkshire Police by dialling 101, or the Wildlife Incident Investigation Scheme on 0800 321 600".

North Yorkshire Police has a number of specialist Wildlife Crime Officers, and a comprehensive wildlife crime website at www.northyorkshire.police.uk/wildlifecrime.

YCA

The meeting held in April was an open meeting with visitors from Sheriff Hutton and Wombledon joining us in Slingsby to listen to a talk by a representative from the Yorkshire Air Ambulance. It was a very interesting and informative talk, explaining how emergency calls are prioritised, how the paramedics work and how fund raising is needed to keep this important charitable organisation running. A raffle was held and with donations given on the evening a large sum was given to the air ambulance, for which we benefit greatly, living in a rural area.

In May we had a very amusing evening being entertained by Ivy and Maureen who had us in stitches with their broad Yorkshire, exercises to music and community singing. That was our last meeting as a branch of the YCA. After much discussion, due to rising subscriptions to head office coming into force next year, it was decided to leave the organisation but stay as a group in the village. We will in future be known as Slingsby and District Ladies Circle, still having speakers and outings but being run by our members.

The next meeting of the new group will be on 9th June when Dr Kate Giles will take us on a walk around the village to give us the history of certain buildings. Any ladies interested in joining will be most welcome.

Shelagh Richards

ENTERTAINING SLINGSBY

The Local History Group's research on how people in the village spent their leisure time revealed an amazing number of activities and clubs, some dating back to the nineteenth century. In the end we were only able to scratch the surface of what went on. At times during the 1930's and 1950's the village hall seems to have been booked every evening for clubs, committees, sports, dances or other entertainment. This was all when very few owned a television and when a trip to one of the two cinemas in Malton and Norton was a rare treat.*

Then the Slingsby Social Club Committee organised much of what went on although there were other organisations, like the cricket club, church, WI, chapel, WI and Red Cross which had regular meetings and fund-raising events. The Social Club Committee consisted of about half a dozen elected people. It was responsible for organising the Slingsby Feast and the over 60's party in the village hall at Christmas, among other things. There was also a 'fur and feather' competition just before Christmas followed by a Whist Drive, with birds for prizes.

The Over 60's party involved about 100 pensioners and was usually a 'very good do.' There were bands to entertain, but no dancing because of the tables taking up space for a sit down meal. Freda Ware remembers making 100 individual trifles in her house and Ann Wentworth making an enormous pan of custard.



The Slingsby Feast usually took place on the second Saturday in May on the sports field. In the 1950's it included sports, fancy dress football, greasy pole competition, tugs of war and bashing the cushion. Willie

Baker, dressed as a woman, was the 'Mayor' and arrived in a Morris Minor (see photo above). There were adults' and children's sports races and fancy dress competitions.

Lionel Lascelles, the Social Club chairman during the 1950's, put a lot of effort into organising activities for young people and tried hard to get the youths themselves involved with organising things. He started the original badminton club and also arranged boxing lessons for the boys. Later there was a Youth Club at the chapel school room, which also drew in young people from outside the village. I am told that, amongst others, Paul and Val Lange met there.

There were many sporting clubs and groups, with cricket and football going back well into the 19th century. Before the Second World War the football pitch was located on the east side of Railway Street near the station. In 1891 Slingsby was censured in the newspapers for playing on a Sunday! Maybe the extra practice was what led to their success in all the various leagues. Also successful was the ladies' cricket team which existed in the early 1950's. Joyce Hodgson and Shirley Wright were both members. Tennis was also popular. There was apparently a grass tennis court behind the bowling club, dug into the moat; later one where Aspen Way is on the Balk and for a while, another next to Slingsby Heights on the main road. Slingsby Tennis Team dates back to the early 1930s

Photo below shows tennis in Slingsby, early 1930's, Toby Myers on left Jim Lunn, Isabel Ellis, Christine Smithson. Mrs Lunn, Doreen Lange, Francis Myers centre front



During the war there was even a village dance band consisting of Dot Read (piano) Christine Smithson (violin) and Bill Calvert (percussion). This continued into the early fifties, when dances went out of fashion as musical tastes changed. Arthur Snowball also toured the area providing the music for dances with his very large collection of dance music and his radiogram.

* This year's exhibition at Malton 'Museum in the Community' in Yorkersgate, Malton includes a display about the old cinemas in both Malton and Norton. The Museum is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am – 4 pm until October.

Margaret Mackinder

Slingsby Local History Group Exhibition photos. April 25th 2015



The above photo was, quite by chance, perfect timing! One scone had just landed, splat, on the floor after falling from Trudy's tray. Sue jumps back in horror! Don't worry – the scone went in the bin afterwards!

Below: all set up by 10:00, ready for the first visitors. This year's exhibition was titled 'Entertaining Slingsby', featuring amongst many other things, ninety years of pantomimes. Our thanks go to Kathleen Lange and daughter, Julia for providing costumes and props. Above are just two of the many rats from The Pied Piper, presented by The Mothers' Union in 1990.



Below are two photos from Stephen's farming column on page 16, firstly is Blackthorn, second is Early Purple Orchid, shown here because of their colour. Photos by Stephen Prest.



A random selection of scarecrow photographs, showing the wide variety of subject matter!

