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## Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Produce Show, 2015



### **Pictures, clockwise from the top:**

Nancy Coates with her shield for 'Best Handicraft in Show'

Poppy Wass with her trophy for the 'Most points collected by a child up to 6 years'

Raffle Mafia Freda Ware and Christine Crouch !

Prize-winners Mollie and Poppy Wilson with their 'Best Decorated Potatoes' (taken before they were awarded their cups)

**Cover photo:** Michael Dixon with his winning potatoes

## Editor's note

Since it was established by Keith Buck five years ago, the aim of The Triangle has been to inform the three local communities of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme about events such as entertainment, history, meetings, personalities, new arrivals and, sadly, departures. Some of this information will be found on the village notice-boards, but not everyone walks past these. Some of it will be found online on the village website, but not everyone has a computer. The Triangle has been very successful and everyone seems to like it. We now print 350 copies and it is read online (one issue later) in USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Netherlands and France.

The one thing the editors have carefully avoided is politics! For this issue I have had several requests for articles against fracking and I have refused to include them. Why? Simply because we do not want this magazine to become a political football between those who are in favour of fracking and those who are against it. My strong views against hydraulic fracturing are well known locally but nevertheless I will not use The Triangle to broadcast them. That is not what this magazine is about.

I hope this makes the editorial team's views clear and that it will not cause offence when any *political* article is refused. Please don't let that put you off submitting other, non-political articles though - these are always welcome!

*David Thornley.*

### The Village Website and Triangle AGM

Slingsby Website and Triangle AGM will be held at The Grapes in Slingsby at 7:30 pm on Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>. Why don't you come along? All are welcome to this meeting where refreshments are provided.

*Jonathan Boots, Secretary*

### JMK Tractor Run results

Both Mick and Malcolm Dixon participated once again in the annual JMK Tractor Run. This year the run raised approximately £2,785 for Marie Curie Cancer Care, making the grand total over the last 11 years more than £50,000 for cancer charities! Fantastic. And, this year, for a change, the weather was brilliant.

Mick and Malcolm would like me to pass on their thanks for the generous support they received from friends and neighbours for this worthwhile cause.

*Mick Dixon*

## Produce Show report.

The 43rd Annual Produce and Pumpkin Show was held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September in the Village Hall. Entries from the schoolchildren were displayed on one side of the hall, with fruit and vegetables on the other. Home produce, fruit & flowers and crafts in the middle made for a wonderful show. There were 7 pumpkins entered, the heaviest weighing in at 63lbs, and 4 marrows, the heaviest being 42lbs.

Many enjoyed a cup of tea and a slice of home-made cake served in the Committee Room. Entries were down on last year but there was still a good show. See coloured photos on pages 1, 2, 19 and 20.

If anyone would like to join the committee or has any suggestions for new classes these would be well received. We only have two short meetings a year, plus the day of the show, so it's not a big commitment of time, but we do need help to keep this village tradition continuing! Please contact Trudy Carr on 628302 or via e-mail to [Mowbray.rise@gmail.com](mailto:Mowbray.rise@gmail.com)

*Trudy Carr*

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## FOSS

With a fundraising target of £10,000 for outdoor play and learning equipment, the Friends of Slingsby School are busy organising events for the forthcoming year.

On 17<sup>th</sup> October, 2pm to 4pm, we will be holding a Jumble Sale and Book Fayre in the village hall. Free entry. Refreshments available. We will be very grateful for any donations of jumble and books – please leave your donations outside Slingsby Village Hall from 9am on 17<sup>th</sup> October. If not convenient, call Beki on 01653 628391 and we will make alternative arrangements.

Another Bags2School collection is arranged for 9am on 23<sup>rd</sup> October. Please fill a black bin liner with old shoes, clothes and bags and leave outside Slingsby School Reading Rooms between 8am and 9am on Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Finally, for this half term, we are holding a fancy dress Halloween Party for all children aged 12 years and younger. With music and games from DJ Frankensmith we will have lots of spooky fun from 4pm to 6pm on Saturday, 31<sup>st</sup> October. Tickets are £2.50 each including hotdog, drinks and other ghoulish treats. Tickets are available from Slingsby School, Beki (01653 628391) and Liz Wilson (01653 628175). Bring along your carved pumpkin as you may win a prize.

With a Christmas draw, Auction of Promises, Curry & Quiz Night and Yorkshire night all planned during the year ahead please follow us at [www.facebook.com/friendsofslingsbyschool](http://www.facebook.com/friendsofslingsbyschool) and keep up-to-date with all our news. Thankyou.

*Beki*

## Birth of the bowls

Thanks to Alf Holmes for the loan of the detailed Bowling Club minutes book and photograph, giving a fascinating insight into the Club's inception.  
*David Thornley*

In March 1950 a public meeting was held in the village hall with the sole aim of forming a bowling club in Slingsby. Chaired by Lionel Lascelles of Slingsby Heights, in his opening remarks he said "Bowling is a great skill which demands complete concentration on the objective of the moment. Its value as game lies largely in the control of nerve energy and effort. Other games, such as golf or tennis, require a good deal of mere brute force, but the value of bowls consists of the accuracy and judgement which have to be used and developed".

The chairman went on to thank Mr. R Hunton and Mr. W Myers for their public spirited action in calling the meeting. He also thanked Mr. Basil Terry for the beautifully drawn posters advertising the meeting.

The Rev. A Patrick offered his front lawn at the Rectory for the benefit of the club, which could be used at any time on weekdays. Mr. Hunton was appointed secretary and Mr. Myers treasurer. The first committee consisted of all 16 present at the meeting. A minimum age of 30 was decided on with a subscription of 5/- per year. Some committee members wanted 3/- but this was defeated.

The following year it was noted that Malton Bowls Club were 'all but extinct' so an appointment was made to meet them and eventually agreement was reached to purchase some unwanted items. These consisted of 20 pairs of woods, one hand cutter, one hand roller and one garden seat. The woods were subsequently sold to members for £2 per pair on the premise that it was advantageous to have your own set. This made 100% profit for the club. A mower was hired from Slingsby Cricket Club for £5 per season.

In 1951 a cup was purchased for £5, all members paying 2/6d thus saving the club this expense. In August 1951 an approach was made to Mr. Simpson to rent a plot of land for £5 per year for a proper bowling green. Lord Morpeth, Castle Howard's Resident Agent, raised no objection to the club renting this half acre, provided the club fenced and maintained it. To raise further funds a whist drive and social evening was organised, when the club trophy was presented to the annual winner. The ladies offered to take responsibility for catering.

The Rev. Patrick suggested a novelty evening in the shape of a mock wedding reception, with roles played by members of the club. Guests had to either pay 1/6d entrance fee or bring a wedding present to that value instead. Although this went ahead it is not known whether it was a success but the following year the idea was rejected.

Within 18 months of its inception, the club had its own bowling green suitably fenced off, some bowls, a bench and £40 14s 6d in the bank Not bad going for a new club!

**Club update:** These days, despite being only a small club, with 18 members they have achieved great success, finishing third in both the top division of the Ryedale Veterans League and the Batagas Triples League. The Club desperately wants new members, so whether you are a complete novice or experienced, why not go along where you will be assured of a welcome and trained up if necessary?  
*Peter Cornick*



A photograph from 26 years ago, Watham Cup Finalists, 1989. L-R are G Wright, P Wentworth, J Humpleby, A Wright, K Bardon, D Bardon, A Holmes, M Harrison, S Wright, K Simpson, H Teasdale, J Murray, S Hill, G Harrison, B Ward, J Ellis.



Two recent photos. Above shows Captain Doreen Bardon, her husband, Keith and George Wright with the Eric Wood memorial trophy. They received the cup from J B Motors. Eric's brother, Norman is on the extreme right.

Photo below shows the team winning the Fred Husband Trophy in the Ryedale Triples League, beating Strensall in the final. L-R are George Wright, Peter Simpson, Peter Cornick, Jack Fisher, Ron Collier, Nancy Coates, Bob Hall, Doreen Bardon (Capt), Paul Lange, Neville Gosling.



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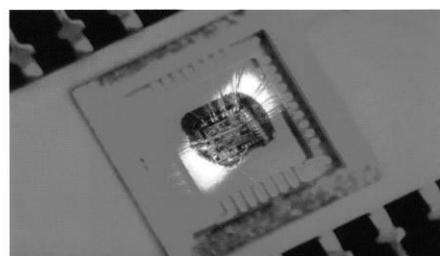
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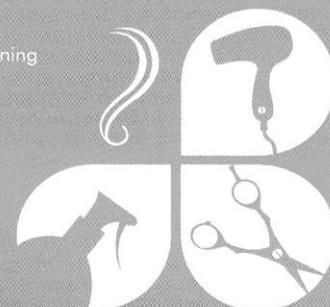
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## New Arrivals

To High Street, **David (answers to Neil) Judson**. Neil, a West Yorkshire lad, arrived in Slingsby via the interesting route of Hong Kong, Lanzarote and Cawood.

Also to the High Street, **XXXXX XXXXXX** who has made the move from South Holme to the bright lights of the 'Big S'.

Yet another new arrival to the High Street, **Alex and Caroline Brooks**, together with dog Otis. Alex is the son of Geoff B at Hardwick House on the Malton Road.

To Sycamore Close, **Darren Allason and Andrew Walker** who have moved into the village from Malton. Andrew is in the construction industry.

The Green has gained an extra resident with the safe arrival of **William James Dixon** on the 25<sup>th</sup> of August. The proud parents are Sarah and Peter Dixon. See photo:



Photo by Derek Blades (Grandpa)

To Railway Street, **Chris Cooper**, an HGV driver, has moved from Malton, where he sadly lost his wife to cancer. . Chris's skills include model engineering (he makes model trucks to a professional standard for companies to display). When his workshop is up and running he be may your man for turning and milling. He is a member of the Scarborough and Ryedale Astronomical Society and has an interest in computers. **Chris is also looking for a cleaner**. He can be contacted on; Mobile 07896535866, landline 01653 628379, email: chris@wolftrucking.net

To Aspen Way, **Paul Widdison and Jane Harrison**. Paul works in the building trade. Jane is a retired call centre team leader. Paul's hobbies include watercolour painting, cycling and badminton. They have moved from Strensall.

*Keith Buck*

## Village Hall 'Soiree'

Picture the scene. A long, beautifully manicured colourful garden and a lawn fit for crown green bowls, on which small tables and comfy chairs sat invitingly. A Saxophonist played familiar tunes under a gazebo and the sun shone intermittently like a spotlight at a theatre. The ever active and go-ahead Village Hall committee had created something very special for the benefit of the village and if you didn't sample the delights you missed a treat.

Has anyone ever produced a better cream tea? So generous were the portions on large plates that doggy bags were the order of the day. Even the evergreen tombola was kindness personified as most people appeared to win a prize and the home produce table sold quality flowers and vegetables, lovingly grown in Slingsby gardens, at bargain prices.



The Village Hall committee deserve a pat on the back for all their hard work organising such a glorious event which hopefully will be repeated. A profit of £605 was made. How did they do it?

*An appreciative villager*

## No more pebbles, thankyou !

Slingsby Village Hall Committee would like to say a big thank you to Archie Smurthwaite for picking up a load of pebbles left on the steps to the Village Hall. "You're a star Archie". To the angels who put them there please be aware that the pebbles could be dangerous to users of the Hall. Many thanks.

*Janet Clarke*

## Slingsby Badminton Club

The new season starts on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in Slingsby Village Hall and each Monday evening until Easter. All ages and abilities are very welcome. There is no subscription but each Monday session costs £2. For more information please contact Janet Clarke (Tel 628625) or Barbara Holmes (Tel 628107)

*Janet Clarke*

## Slingsby Bowling Club

See also page 4. The club is crying out for new members. It doesn't matter whether you are experienced or a complete newcomer. Come along to the club where you will be assured of a welcome and where training and practise can be easily arranged.

*Peter Cornick*

## What's happening to the Old Co-op?

By now many people will have noticed that something has started happening to the Old Co-op, latterly Hutton Brothers Volvo. Since 2013, when Huttons moved, the site has been gradually deteriorating and now looks a mess!

The narrow road entrance to the rear of the properties and to the existing bungalow will be widened by removing part of the existing single storey extension. Initially three terraced houses with quite large gardens will be built in the yard, fronting south on to the widened access road. After that the two frontage houses will be started. Agreement has been reached to change the existing frontage back into two houses, making use of the existing outbuildings in the rear yard. One (called plot 2, at the south end) will be accessible only from the rear. All the large windows will be replaced by better suited domestic windows, like the photograph below, the roofline will remain largely as it is and finally some of the old railings and front 'garden' will be replaced to the northernmost house.



Please note that this is only a brief summary of the whole plan. For details refer to RDC, Planning Dept. The photo shows the Old Co-op from the northern end and Orchard House in the foreground.

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## Trapping, possession and sale of wild birds

A local man has been fined for using cage traps to catch protected wild birds in North Yorkshire. He received a six-month community order with 10-day rehabilitation activity requirement, £100 fine, £85 costs, £60 victim surcharge and £150 criminal court charge.

A wildlife crime officer at North Yorkshire Police noticed a small twin-chambered wire cage trap. The trap had been placed on top of a hedge and was actively set, and in one of the chambers was a male goldfinch.

Following an interview involving the RSPCA, the man was successfully prosecuted for a total of eight offences. Two goldfinches were successfully released back into the wild.

The trapping, possession and sale of wild birds are all offences under the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981.

## Vinnie Clifford

Mary Lavinia Clifford. 1922 – 2015



Vinnie greeted everyone with a smile, no matter what, always considering others before herself and very appreciative when anyone did anything for her. Family meant everything to mother and she enjoyed nothing better than a family get-together, laughing and joking and making everyone smile.

She did not have an easy life. Her beloved husband, Noel contracted polio in 1956 but after part-time cleaning jobs and looking after her son, Ray, she still found time to go to York Hospital very day. Even when Noel came out of hospital she had it tough, lifting him into the bath and other strenuous tasks.

Vinnie was a dedicated blood donor and even achieved their Gold Award for 50 donations given between 1945 and 1970. Apparently she was one of only two people who achieved this at that time.

Just after Noel passed away in 1986, mother deteriorated, with leukaemia, angina, crumbling bones and asthma. She also had operations on her feet, which made her walking clumsy, but she managed until about 8 years ago when she was always falling. Her family organised for her to go and live with her eldest grandson, Darren and she lived there until she passed away.

She loved to go the Day Centre and Slingsby Chapel, where she was taken by several members of her family from Norton, until she could no longer stand. She never wanted to be a nuisance.

Vinnie is back with her beloved Noel, once more, after a period of 29 years.

*Raymond Clifford.*

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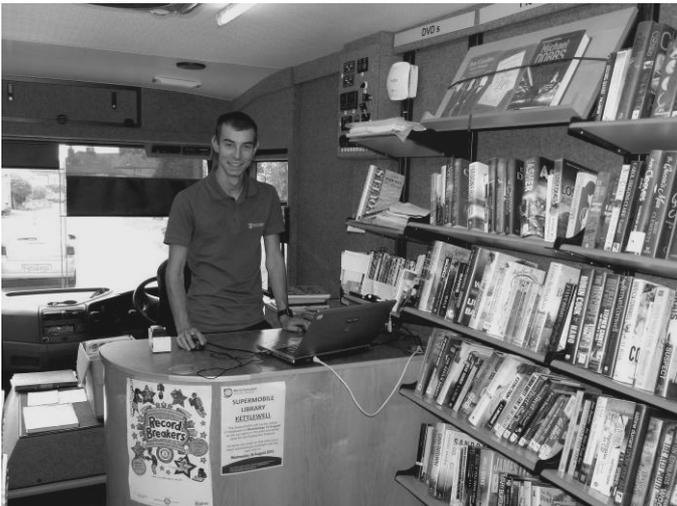
## What a Super Mobile Library !



If you've never been in a library for years you're in for a surprise! As well as books, which you might expect, there are also DVD's, audio books, large print books, children's books, a laptop computer with free internet access by satellite and extremely helpful staff.

Daniel is the librarian, driver, computer wizard all-in-one. If you want to order a book or any particular author, he will get it for you by the next visit. You can keep books for 6 weeks, but they can easily be renewed if you wish.

Inside, it feels like the Tardis as it's very spacious and has a wide variety to suit every taste. It also feels very welcoming and friendly.

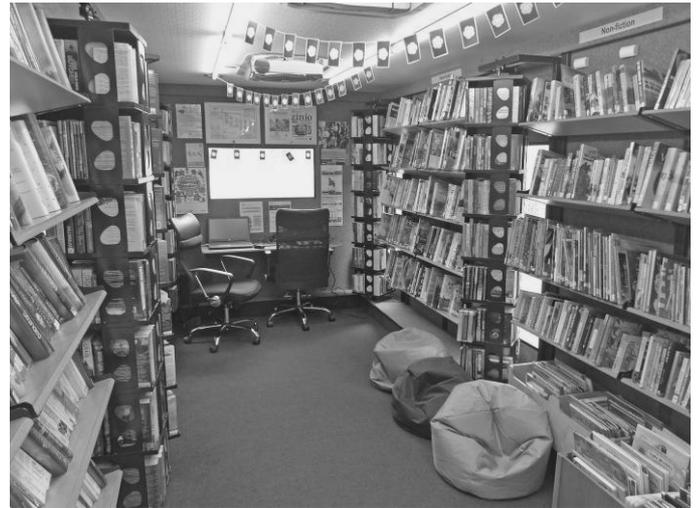


Pictured above is Daniel, your local librarian.

If you've never used a computer, then you can get a taste in the Supermobile Library. Daniel will help you get started if you wish. You might even get hooked and decide to buy your own computer to surf the internet! Many advertisers now give just their website address instead of postal address. Paper booklets are becoming harder to find.

The Supermobile Library comes fortnightly to Slingsby, on Friday afternoons between 2 – 4 pm outside Porch House. It's very popular with the children, which is excellent as it encourages them to read books, rather than playing computer games. See PINK page for dates.

So why not come along and have a look for yourself? Please come along and support the Supermobile Library. Remember the old adage .....use it or lose it!



Looking towards the back of the library, with the computer station under the rear window.

(It's a pity I hadn't room in The Triangle to show these pictures in colour, as the library looks really good - Ed )

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### My library choice.....

When asked to write a piece for this month's triangle on a favourite book I had borrowed from the mobile library I found it difficult to choose just one.

So I went online to the NYCC library website and logged into my library account, where I could browse back on the many books I have borrowed over the last ten years or so from both Malton and the mobile library that we are lucky enough to have visiting Slingsby every fortnight. Some of the books I have just chanced across and they have caught my eye; some I have requested for a small fee.

It would seem that even though I can't choose one favourite book, my favourite *genres* appear to be non-fiction, especially travel, cookery, autobiographies and diaries. Some of the biographies I remember enjoying are an eclectic mix of people that would make for an entertaining evening get together down at The Grapes! They include Barak Obama, Peter Kay, Amelia Earhart, Eric Morecambe, Hattie Jacques, Lance Armstrong, Michael Palin, Deborah Mitford and Bill Bryson.

Although Michael Palin's diaries haven't inspired me to stick to being as committed as Slingsby's own Miss Lascelles at daily diary writing it is something I have done for a number of years while on holiday. It's certainly interesting to flick through these old notes of trips and travels to be reminded of some of the things we have done and places we have been. And it would seem food and drink makes a prominent feature in these notes!

*Tamsin Smurthwaite*

## Slingsby Local History Group

**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.** A short Saturday morning visit to Slingsby Brick Kiln at Brick Yard Farm (by kind permission of Andrew Wilson) with short talk by Margaret Mackinder on brick making and the significance of Slingsby Kiln. More information later. Meet at entrance to Brickyard Farm 10:30 a.m.

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November.** 7:30p.m. in the Village Hall Committee Room. A working meeting on the development of the village guide and our other proposed publications. Please bring along any examples of village or town trials you have come across over the summer.

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December** at the Grapes Inn, Slingsby. Another of our early December informal Saturday morning discussions, with questions and answers to those who remember the Railway at Slingsby. 10:30a.m. Coffee and cake. £2.50

*Margaret Mackinder*

## All Saints Church - Annual Cleaning



Many thanks to all those willing volunteers who spent a very enjoyable morning scaling ladders to wash the church windows, dusting and polishing pews, brasses and even the Slingsby bier in August for the 'Big church clean'. All Saints looked sparkling and we were very grateful for Ann's wonderful refreshments half way through. Thanks too to the noble army of churchyard toilers, who sweltered in the heat to re-edge the church paths beautifully. All those who use the church throughout the year really do appreciate this once-a-year effort, and the fellowship it brings. So many of the comments in our visitors book say how well-maintained and peaceful the church is (at least when Kate's not hoovering!)

*Kate Giles*

## All Saints Church – Ride & Stride

Thankyou to everyone who braved the torrential rain on the Saturday morning to come and support us. Despite the weather we raised over £300 for church projects. A donation has also been sent to Yorkshire's Historic Churches Trust, who sponsored our tower restoration project.

**Advance notice:** A Christmas concert by Terrington Village Choir in All Saints Church on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> December at 3pm. A programme of light and Christmas music, followed by tea. Full details in the next Triangle

*Mauraq Carmichael*

## North Yorkshire Police Update

**Illegal hunting.** Reports of men using dogs to hunt for hare and deer both during the day and night continue. If you see anyone that you suspect may be acting illegally on land, please contact the police, preferably with vehicle details, including registration number where possible. We have specific powers to deal with such offences and under certain circumstances we can seize vehicles and dogs. There may also be a possible link with poachers and thefts from farms such as quad bikes, metal, etc. Please report any suspicious incidents using 101 to either PCSO Nicki Pounder or PC Nick Coning.

**'Bank' scams.** It is worth reminding you that if anyone ever phones you asking for bank details, never give your card details over the phone. These scams are so sophisticated that people genuinely end up believing it is the bank, even though they know, potentially, that it doesn't sound quite right. A legitimate bank would never ask you for your account details as they already know them. All banks use separate security codes/passwords that you have previously agreed with them. There have been instances where the caller has provided details from the card number, such as the expiry date, to try and fool the person into giving other details from the card. What the caller is after, in these instances, is the 3 digit number on the back of your card, without this number the other details are useless and it cannot be used for fraudulent purposes. Never provide these details.

**Seatbelt campaign.** Wearing a seatbelt has been the law for over thirty years. This is not a new safety message but unfortunately the police continue to see people driving without their seatbelt and children not being properly secured in a correctly fitted car seat. It is estimated that 1 in 3 people who are killed in vehicles is not wearing a seatbelt and half of them could have been saved had they worn them. So the message to all drivers is very clear, wear a seatbelt - it can save your life!



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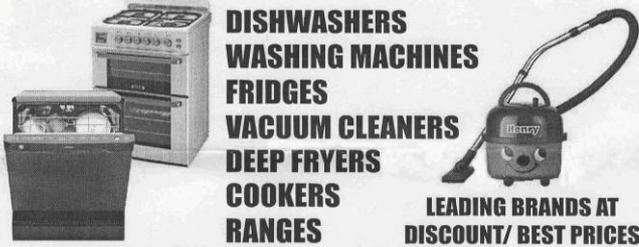
Contributions from Triangle readers, no matter how young or how old, written, typed or just verbal, are always welcome!

The words can be vertical, horizontal or diagonal. No prizes – it's just for fun!

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## Slingsby Methodist Church

Little Adventurers has started again after the summer break. It is for parents/carers and toddlers and meets in the Slingsby Methodist Schoolroom on Thursdays during term time. The times are 1:30pm to 3pm. All are welcome, the contact now is Claire Piercy 01653 691466

Slingsby Women's Fellowship meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 2pm in members' homes. All ladies welcome. Contact Freda Ware on 628508 for more info.

The Wednesday Fellowship Group will begin again in October and it meets fortnightly at 7:30 pm in the homes of Stephen & Rachel Prest and Geoff & Karen Bishop. It usually begins with some singing and then there is time for bible study or relevant DVD and discussion, leading into a time for prayer. Contacts are Stephen & Rachel on 628277 or Geoff & Karen on 628055. Everyone is welcome.

13<sup>th</sup> October. (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month) We start the monthly Fish & Chips supplied courtesy of Malton & Norton Lions. Fish, chips & peas delivered to your door for just £2.50. If you would like to book contact Stephen Prest on 628277 or Trudy Carr on 628302.

**Shoebboxes.** We are again collecting shoeboxes full of toys and gifts, which are sent to deprived children in Eastern Europe and Africa. Leaflets giving details of what to put in the boxes will be available soon from The Parish Church, The Methodist Chapel or from Tony at the Shop.

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November. The Shoebox service in the Methodist Church at 10:30 am, when all the shoeboxes will be dedicated before being sent off on their journey.

### Diary Dates

13<sup>th</sup> October and 10<sup>th</sup> November. Fish & Chip Lunch provided by Malton & Norton Lions

1<sup>st</sup> November. Shoebox service at Slingsby Methodist Church at 10:30 am

15<sup>th</sup> December. (Tuesday) Carols in The Grapes at 7 pm.

*Stephen Prest*

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## Gas Safety and Chimney Safety

It is worthwhile repeating the following messages:

Get all of your gas appliances safety checked once a year by a registered engineer. Make sure your engineer is legal and safe, by making sure they are registered with Gas Safe Register, the UK's official gas authority. Check for warning signs your appliances aren't working correctly, such as a lazy yellow flame instead of a crisp blue one, black marks on or around the appliance and too much condensation in the room. Fit a carbon monoxide alarm.

Make sure that your chimney is ready for the winter months ahead. As part of the national Fire Kills campaign, North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue are urging householders to ensure their chimney is safe and to have their chimney swept by a registered chimney sweep.

With the number of people using open fires growing, the Fire Kills campaign has provided some top tips for safer chimneys:

- Always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers (even when you are in the room)
- Make sure embers are properly out before you go to bed
- Keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained.
- Install and regularly check smoke alarms.

A blocked or defective chimney can cause both chimney fires and carbon monoxide poisoning. Get it checked!

*North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service*

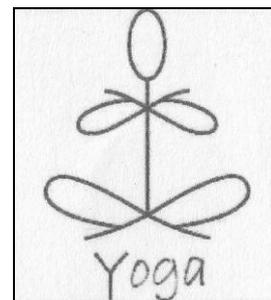
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## Webmaster's report

It's been a strong year for the website with visitor numbers rising by 10% on average over the last nine months and the social media sites have seen big increases too. January and February saw steady visitor numbers that started to rise from March onwards. Although there are still three months or so left to run, it does look like 2015 will be the village website's busiest year. Currently the site receives an average of 139 pageviews per day. The estimated number of pageviews for the website for 2015 will be around 45,000+ (43,000 - 2014). The most popular searches are for Geoff's walks, the car boot sales and the Grapes Inn.

Finally, the content of the website has continued to grow over the year. The site news covers all kinds of topics that affect the village, including the controversial topic of fracking which has seen the site comments section positively explode with activity as both sides of the argument fight their corner. The Slingsby audio archive is probably the biggest addition for 2015 with a selection of recordings, made over the last three years, where local residents discuss various aspects of village life and history. It's a great listen!

*Richard Flint*



## YOGA for seniors

There is now a gentle Yoga class especially for seniors. This started on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> September in Swinton Reading Rooms 10:00 – 11:15am. The focus for seniors is on prevention of falls. Beginners are encouraged. The whole course is 6 weeks and costs £36, however as some weeks have already passed, the cost will be less. Please contact Michele on 01653 695 399 for info.

## Businesses in Slingsby.

### An interview with John Apps of JRA Woodworking.



Photo above shows John in his workshop, preparing a biscuit joint.

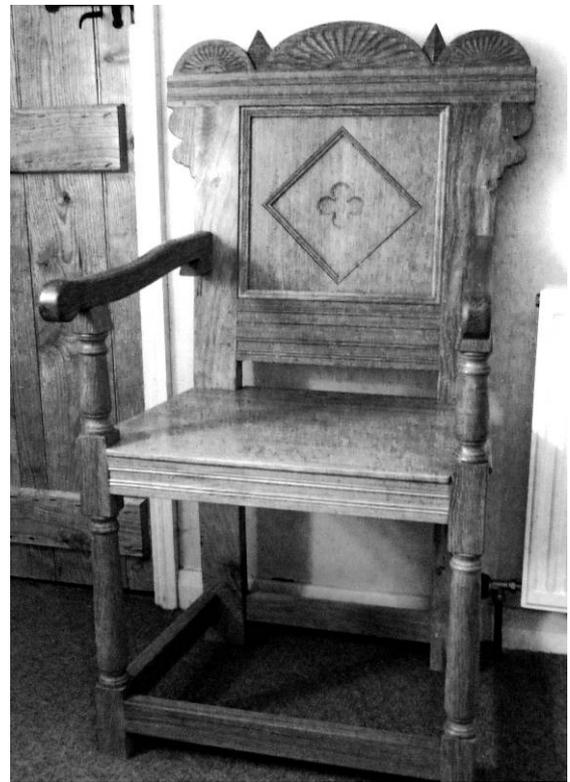
A hundred years ago there were about fifty businesses in Slingsby. Now there's just a handful so we thought it would be a good idea to talk to the people who operate from the area about their businesses. This article is the fourth in a short series.

Coming from three previous generations of cabinet makers and master joiners, it was perhaps inevitable that John would work with wood. As a boy in the 1960's, John completed his apprenticeship with Robert (Mousey) Thompson of Kilburn. He left in the early 1970's to set up business in York with two others, concentrating mainly on furniture conservation and restoration.

In the late 70's he helped John Gormley (brother of Antony, the sculptor famous for The Angel Of The North) to set up Treske Furniture, where John was foreman and health & safety officer.

John's father, Stanley, who was an established joiner, was struggling with his workload so John decided to go into partnership with him at the Boroughbridge workshop but John also had a workshop behind his home in Crayke. Together they specialised in fine woodworking until Stanley retired in 1989.

While he had been studying for his technical qualifications in the early 1970's John had been doing part-time teaching both in Thirsk and later in the 80's at York College. In 1993 he applied for and won a post at York College as Head of Woodworking and Furniture Conservation. However when the college began redevelopment in 2006 John briefly went back to Treske before starting in business again at Orchard Cottage on Railway Street, Slingsby. John and his wife, Chrysa lived in a caravan 23 years ago in the yard while they gradually restored the house and converted the granary to a workshop and teaching facility.



A Merchants Chair made for a museum in Newcastle

This business has proved to be extremely successful; at the moment he has 11 students and a waiting list, so John is very satisfied with the growth of the business, which covers design and manufacture of fine furniture and marquetry, along with ecclesiastical furniture conservation and occasional manufacture, inclusive of a variety of interior and high class joinery.

Away from wood, John and Chrysa have a second home in France, which they have also renovated over the last 10 years. He likes music and sings with Terrington Choir and, when there is the opportunity, he likes a round of golf but says he's 'not very good'. However his main passion is aeroplanes! John is a qualified pilot but has to borrow friends' aeroplanes or hire to maintain his licence, as he no longer has a plane of his own. "Owning your own aeroplane is an extremely expensive business" he says.

With work, music, holidays and work in France, golf and flying there's never a dull moment in the Apps' household!

*David Thornley, with special thanks to John Apps.*

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## Brief summary of Parish Council Minutes from 7<sup>th</sup> Sept 2015 meeting.

Mr G. Dickinson from Fryton was elected to the Parish Council, however there are still two vacancies.

The Sportsfield Association advised that the lease has been renewed.

A salt bin will be provided at the top of The Balk.

Work on the old phone-box has begun. The windows have been removed in preparation for the contractor repainting the phone-box. The defibrillator is awaiting the completion of the phone-box before installation. Training on its use will be available when it is installed.

New signage has been installed at the B1257 crossroads.

The cemetery trees are to be pruned.

The next meeting will be 30<sup>th</sup> November.

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### Stephen's Farming Column.

Harvest is in full swing aided by some better weather in early September. Yields of wheat, barley, oats and oilseed rape seem to be very good but prices are awful with wheat, which is the benchmark crop, at only £104 per tonne. Looking back in my records I see that in 2010 it reached over £200 per tonne. Bread prices should be coming down fast but I don't suppose they will.

It is such a busy time on the farms as not only is harvest in full swing but crops are already being sown for next year. Oilseed rape in particular needs sowing early, preferably before the end of August, so it gets well established before it gets frosty.

On the conservation side I now have 4 barn owl boxes around the farm and earlier in the year there was a pair of barn owls in a box down Slingsby Carr but sometime over the summer they disappeared. All four boxes were taken over by Stock Doves and all reared young ones. Just in this past week I have seen a barn owl come out of a box up Slingsby Heights so let's hope a breeding pair will get established for next year.

*Stephen Prest*

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### It's Pudding Party time again!

It's Pudding Time again. This year's Pudding Party has a School Puddings theme and starts at 7pm in the Village Hall on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October. Tickets cost £6 and include samplings of 6 deserts as well as tea or coffee. Please bring your own wine if preferred and, if possible, get dressed up in appropriate uniforms! See opposite.

Further details and tickets from Trudy (628302) or Janet (628625).

*Janet Clarke*

## Village Hall

**Bingo** – Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November, Eyes down at 7:15pm  
Tea & Biscuits included. Proceeds to Village Hall.

Oh yes it is! . . . **Panto Time**, Aladdin on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in The Village Hall at 3pm. Don't miss out on good old fashioned thigh slapping fun! It really is a good show!

**Calendars** – Will be available for 2016 in October, still at £5.50, Please ask Trudy (628302) or Janet (628625)

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### Slingsby Ladies Group

At our September meeting Pat Elener welcomed 19 ladies including 3 new members. She then introduced a supporter from the Camphill Village Trust and two young people, both residents of the Trust. The evening began and ended with music played on the piano by the young lady and the young man told us of all the events that are organised throughout the year. The Camphill Village Trust has nine centres spread out in Yorkshire, Gloucestershire, and Hertfordshire, the ones in our county being The Croft in Malton and Botton. A total of 370 adults with learning disabilities are cared for and taught trades, including making craft products to be sold. Others learn to work on farms. In Malton some run the cafe in Saville Street while others are able to do work in the wider community including care homes.

Our next meeting is Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October when we will hear a talk by Jeff Andrews entitled The Travelling Man.

*Shelagh Richards*

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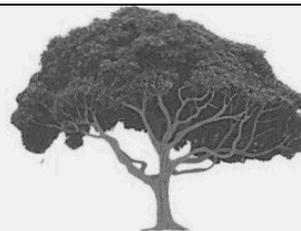
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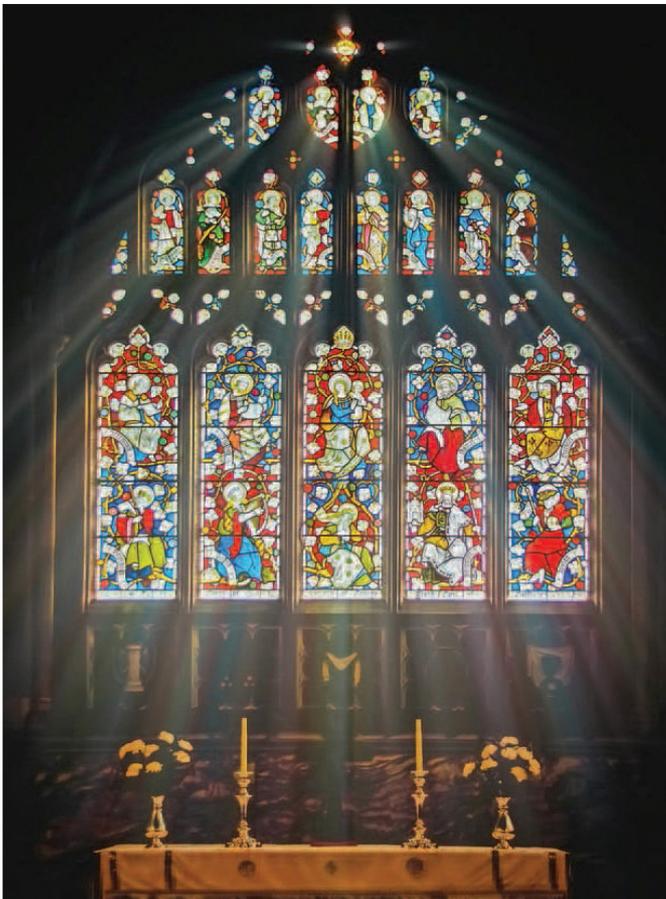
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**Slingsby skies! Two winning photos from the Produce Show.**  
Above, Sunset over Slingsby taken from Robin Hood Caravan Park by Damian Palmer-Bunting,  
Below, Gathering Clouds over The Flats taken by Tim Brion.

