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## Summer flowers in Slingsby

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## Slingsby Methodist Church News

We have had a busy summer including:

On August 13<sup>th</sup> we organised a Prayer Walk, starting at The Chapel and heading up The Balk and Long Balk up to Slingsby Banks Wood. Turning right there we headed along the wood to the Baxtenhowe Road and then down the road to Fryton, across the Flatts back to Slingsby. We had three stops on the way when we thought about the needs and problems of our villages, the Ryedale area and the world as a whole. On arriving back at Slingsby we all enjoyed tea together.



*A pause during the Prayer Walk*

On 17<sup>th</sup> August, instead of the usual Soupa Lunch we invited everyone to join us for Afternoon Tea at Stephen & Rachel's home, The Old Fold, Railway Street. It was a lovely day, a lot of people came and had a very enjoyable time. We also sent some teas out to some who were unable to make the journey.



*Enjoying afternoon tea at Rachel and Stephen's*

We have commenced our Wednesday night Homegroup meetings again. We meet fortnightly in the home of Geoff & Karen Bishop or Rachel & Stephen Prest starting at 7pm. Give one of us a ring if you would like to know more.

## Methodist Church Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Once again we are taking part in The Samaritans' Purse Shoebox Appeal, packing shoeboxes with gifts for poor children in Africa and Eastern Europe. Leaflets about how to pack a box will be delivered round the village but are also available from Slingsby Farm Shop, All Saints Church and Slingsby Methodist Church.

If you struggle to get a shoebox then flat-pack boxes are available from the farm shop. If you feel unable to make a shoebox and would like to make a donation (or have a shoebox made up on your behalf) please contact Rachel Prest (01653 628277). Bring your shoeboxes to the Shoebox service at Slingsby Methodist Church on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November at 10:30am. Alternatively they can be left at Slingsby Farm Shop. Finally, on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> November at The Methodist Church we have a service for Advent at 10:30am led by Rachel Prest.

*Stephen Prest*

## Pat's Garden Party pictures



*Above: Thornton Dale Ukuleles*

*Below: John Scoble and Pat deciding the winning singers!*



## Slingsby Village Hall

### Forthcoming events

**1950's Themed Pudding Night.** Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Oct at 7pm.

**Slingsby 2017 Calendars** will be on sale again this year. If any one or business would like to sponsor (£15) a month for the 2017 Calendar please would you contact one of the VH committee. Advance orders can be given to Janet (Tel 628625) or Trudy (Tel 628302) or collect one from Tony at the Farm shop. They should be available from mid October. All proceeds are for the Village Hall.

**Xmas Produce Orders.** The Committee is once again baking for parish residents. Order forms will be posted to all residents during the week beginning Nov 21<sup>st</sup>. Produce will be delivered to homes on Saturday Dec 10<sup>th</sup>. If you wish to have some of your Christmas baking done for you and want to support the Village Hall then please complete and return the forms by the given date.

**Christmas Bingo.** Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Dec in the Village Hall. Eyes down at 7.15pm, includes tea and biscuits.

**It's Panto time again.** Pocket Panto are putting on Jack & The Beanstalk in Slingsby Village Hall on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017 at 3pm. More information will be in the Christmas edition of the Triangle.

**Badminton Season starts again.** Badminton is held in the Village Hall on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October. We are a mixed group of players of various ages and abilities. Come along and have a go. All will be made welcome. There is no need to pay a subscription and sessions cost £2. More information from Janet (Tel 628625) or Barbara (Tel 628107).

**The Village Hall Committee would like to thank everyone for their valued support.** *Janet Clarke*

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### Pins and Needles Sewing Group

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month, 1:30 to 3:30pm in the Village Hall. Contact Anne Bayes on 01653 628416

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### Slingsby Sowers and Growers

At our November meeting Kymm Queen will be demonstrating the making of Christmas Swags. The meeting takes place in Slingsby Village Hall on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov at 7pm. Everyone will be able to participate and leave with their own swag. Price is

£6 which will include basic materials as well as tea and mince pies. Please bring along any materials to add to your display. Tickets available from Cynthia (Tel 627283) or Trudy (Tel 628302).

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### Slingsby Ladies' Group

The group didn't meet in August as that is our summer recess but on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept members and friends left Slingsby by coach to visit Saltaire village. On arrival we were met by two guides in costume and given refreshments, after which we were taken into the non conformist church. It was explained how Sir Titus Salt had moved his woollen business out of Bradford to Saltaire, where the air was cleaner. He built his mill alongside the Leeds-Liverpool canal and the railway for ease of transporting his wool. He built houses for his workers around the mill and also included a school, library, hospital and allotments, but no public house. We then had lunch in a very nice restaurant in the mill and were able to wander through the nice shops and the David Hockney art gallery.

**Our next meeting** will be Tues October 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:15pm - a talk given by RSPB (Royal Society for the Protection of Birds)

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### Indoor Bowls starts again

This starts again in the Village Hall on 6<sup>th</sup> October, weekly at 7:15pm. New players welcome, contact Peter or Ann Cornick on 696526 or just turn up.

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### Malton Museum

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1-3pm 'HOARDS OF COINS'**

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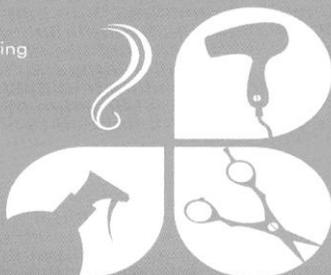
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## Businesses in Slingsby.

### An interview with Kymm Queen of Queens Flowers

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 business.

Kymm Queen is a freelance, artisan florist of 30 years experience, learning from her mother who was also a florist. Kymm works with all budgets and venues, being the wedding and event florist for Castle Howard, from where she has operated for many years. However if you just want some flowers delivered for any occasion, Kymm's your lady.



Originally from Hovingham, where her father was the local policeman, she now lives at Partway Cottage on High Street, Slingsby.

"My work at the castle has provided me with the opportunity to display my creations in the most luxurious surroundings. It is a truly magical place when styled with extravagant flowers and lit by

candle-light. I love walking through my cuttings garden and being inspired by colours and scents that nature provides. I am an avid supporter of local and British flower growers and use British wholesalers weekly when needed. I have an eclectic mix of candelabra, urns, pedestals, vases, plinths, arches and just about everything you'd wish for available for hire" says Kymm. "I feel honoured to be chosen by a bride for her wedding day. There is a great responsibility to create someone's personal, floral wedding day dreams. My unique style and creative mind can transform the ordinary into the spectacular."

### Queens Flowers at Beadlam Grange

Although continuing as the main event and wedding florist at Castle Howard, Kymm has recently begun the move to Beadlam Grange, where she is setting up her own flower studio which will be stocked with gorgeous fresh flowers, plants and everything you will need to make your home, wedding or event just fabulous. Kymm is looking forward to organising workshops and events. She opened to the public on the 20<sup>th</sup> September and had a 'launch event' on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

If you would like to know more about what Kymm can offer please contact her as below.



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## Fish and Chips

Malton & Norton Lions Club are again delivering fish, chips and peas to Slingsby on the second Tuesday of the month. These will be delivered to your door and the cost is £3. This is mainly for the elderly and others who live alone. Contacts are Stephen Prest on 628277 and Trudy Carr on 628302. Do get in touch if you would like to receive them.

The dates are: 11<sup>th</sup> Oct, 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 13<sup>th</sup> Dec, 10<sup>th</sup> Jan, 14<sup>th</sup> Feb, 14<sup>th</sup> Mar.

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## Slingsby Bowls Club

It was a case of déjà vu in the Triples League, losing out to Malton by just 5 points at the end of the season. In the Cup Competition, the final was lost against a very strong Swinton side. With only 18 players to draw from, it was a great feat to field a full complement each game throughout the season. In the Veteran's League, after a strong start, Slingsby faded slightly to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> in the 1<sup>st</sup> Div but they were victorious in the Ossie Ashcroft Cup, beating Easingwold in a rather one-sided final. This Cup Competition is open to all three divisions of the Veteran's League. This was even more of a feat as only 14 players were eligible to play.

You can see by this that with so few players it becomes more difficult each season to fulfil these fixtures, so if anybody is interested in giving the game a try please contact the Club Captain, Doreen Bardon, or Fixture Secretary, Alf Holmes. In fact there is an early chance to try the game, albeit in the short mat form, as the season starts on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Slingsby Village Hall. Just pop along and give the game a go!

*Alan Voules*

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## Parish Council

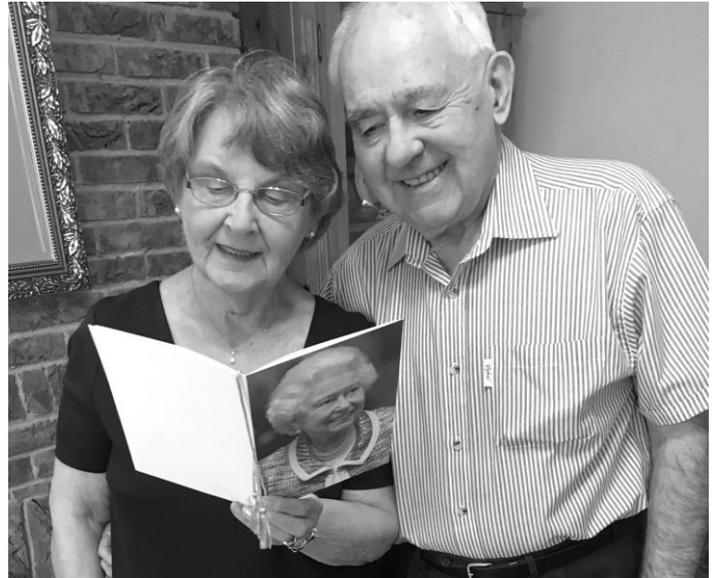
**Please note that PC reports have not been included in this edition as the next meeting is 26<sup>th</sup> Sept, after this magazine goes to Prontaprint.**

Our new Parish Clerk started her role on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2016. Her contact details are:  
Gail Cook, Clerk to Slingsby Parish Council  
Angel House, Middle Street, Swinton, YO17 6SR  
Email: slingsbyparishcouncil@aol.co.uk

"Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information. Many thanks"

*Gail Cook*

## Diamond Wedding Celebration



Shirley and David Turton of Sycamore Close have recently celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They were married in the Parish Church of Mexborough, South Yorkshire on the 25<sup>th</sup> August 1956, where they lived for many years before moving to Slingsby in 1985, when David took up employment at the Malton Bacon Factory. In those early years in the village, Shirley worked at the former Co-operative store as well as at Nunnington Hall. They were members for many years at Hovingham Bowling Club. The couple, who have a son and two daughters, three granddaughters, and a recent addition to the family in great grandson, Oliver, marked the occasion with a Vintage Garden Party held at their daughter's home in Helmsley, where they were joined by their family and friends. Amongst many cards and gifts received was a congratulatory card from Her Majesty the Queen.

*Beu Flowers*

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### Forthcoming Local History Group Farming Book. Photograph appeal.

Does any Triangle reader have an old photograph of Slingsby villager Boyes Kneeshaw please? If so, please contact David Thornley on 1653 627210 or Margaret Mackinder on 01653 628303. Thankyou.

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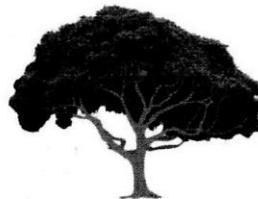
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## Slingsby Website & Newsletter Group

### Annual General Meeting 2016

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2016  
at 7.30pm  
in The Grapes Inn, Slingsby.

All residents welcome.

Refreshments/snacks provided.

### Slingsby Website & Newsletter Group AGM A word from the Chairman/Secretary

Autumn is upon us and the Chairman's thoughts turn to mists, mellow fruitfulness – and, of course, the SWaNG AGM!

All residents, especially those who read the Triangle or visit the website regularly, are cordially invited to attend this year's AGM, which will be held on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November at 7:30 pm in the Grapes. Please come along and let us know how we are doing, and help us plot the course for the coming year, our sixth. Your feedback and ideas will be very welcome. Help us to help you.

Our team has continued to evolve over the year. Early in 2016 George Dudzinski stepped down as a website editor, and more recently, Naomi announced in the Triangle that the Feb 2017 issue would be her last. So, once again, we are on the lookout for new team members to secure the future of website and Triangle.

Our AGM will include a review of the funding of Triangle, our main outgoing. Our financial position is sound. As well as brief accounts, you will find nearby in this edition brief reports from webmaster Richard, Triangle editor David and advertising, distribution and Yellow Pages manager Keith.

Full annual reports will be available at the AGM.

*Jon Boots, Chairman*

## Marjorie Esther Ventress

Passed away 5<sup>th</sup> August 2016

Marjorie (Mum) was born in Helmsley in 1926, the eldest of the family with 4 younger brothers and 2 sisters. She lived her early life at Old Byland, Hawaby and Sutton Bank before the family moved to Nunnington, where she attended the local School. On leaving school she went to work at Nunnington Hall for Colonel Fife as a domestic/cook and later to Ness Hall working for the Kendal family in the kitchen. It was there she first met Bill as he was working as a farm labourer. They married at Nunnington Church in 1947.

They made their first home in Ness, where Heather was born before moving to South Holme, where both Leslie and Janet were born and then to Slingsby in 1964. Paul was born the following year.

Marjorie undertook various seasonal work for many years working for local farmers and families. This work included potato picking, strawberry and raspberry picking and wreath making.

She loved her sport and supported and watched Bill when he played football for Slingsby as well as Leslie and Paul later on. She went to every match and prepared the half-time drinks for the players for many years. She was also a great supporter of the local cricket team.

Marjorie was a brilliant cook. She would bake for any occasion and fundraising event in Slingsby, as well as for many members of the family. She always ensured that there was baking in the house in case anyone should call in.

She enjoyed attending Chapel and Chapel events and always supported them whenever she could.

Marjorie recently celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday with a family get-together at the Worsley Arms, but despite her age and mobility problems in later years, she managed to stay independent.

Heather, Janet, Paul and families would like to thank the many friends and neighbours for the kind words, letters and cards they received after their loss.

*Janet Clarke*

This wordsearch was originally sent to coincide with school holidays to alert young people (particularly) about the dangers of swimming. Unfortunately it had to be held over as the last Triangle was full. We hope the message will still get across now.

Water Safety Word-search: Designed by Libby from  
Slingsby CP School

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Can you find these words?

BEACH	WINDSOCK
SAFETY	COASTGUARD
LIFEBOAT	COAST
LIFEGUARD	SWIM
CURRENT	DROWN
FLAGS	BINOCULARS
HELP	RED
SAVE	YELLOW
FLOAT	DANGER
WATER	WARNING
EMERGENCY	RNLI

## Yellow Pages, advertising and distribution.

Thanks to The Triangle crew of distributors, many of whom have done the job since Issue 1 in December 2010. They also undertake the slow job of collecting the annual subscriptions in April each year. Thanks again team.

Also thanks to our advertisers for their continued support. They provide nearly 50% of the income needed to run the operation for twelve months.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to Tracey and David Mortimer at Prontaprint in Scarborough, who give us such excellent service and support.

Please come to the AGM in November to discuss your ideas for the development of **YOUR** Triangle magazine and see if we can move it forward together.

*Keith Buck*

### Jenna.



Phil Roberts would like to thank everyone who spoke or sent messages in honour of Dalmation / Collie cross, Jenna who died on 28<sup>th</sup> August, aged 15. She came to me from Jerry Green Dog Rescue in June 2009. A very gentle lady without a single enemy, a perfect companion and much loved by so many.

*Phil Roberts*

## Slingsby Village Hall

If you are interested in booking the hall or have an enquiry about the facilities, please contact Trudy Carr on 01653 628302 or [mowbray.rise@gmail.com](mailto:mowbray.rise@gmail.com) or Debbie Firby at [gillgirl42@yahoo.com](mailto:gillgirl42@yahoo.com)

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Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October - Music Night at 8pm

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> October - Quiz Night at 8pm

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October - 7 pm. An informal evening showing film and photographic footage of Slingsby over the years in aid of the Yks. Air Ambulance.

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> November - Music Night at 8pm

Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> November - Quiz Night at 8pm

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> December. Carols in The Grapes at 7pm

## Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group

Please note that an audited set of accounts will be available for inspection at the AGM.

Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group					
Accounts Year to 31st October 2016					
	Expenditure		Income		Last Yr
	Current	Last Yr	Current		
Printing	£1,794.50	£1,862.60	Advertising	£1,177.50	£1,074.00
Misc	£154.97	£162.84	Web	£131.80	£100.00
Prizes	£15.00	35	Reader's Contributions	£1,388.00	£1,427.60
Web	£87.96	£109.86	Extra Sales	£23.40	£12.00
	<b>£2,052.43</b>	<b>£2,170.30</b>	Misc	£4.00	£0.00
In Yr Surplus/deficit	<b>£672.27</b>	<b>£443.30</b>			
	<b>£2,724.70</b>	<b>£2,613.60</b>		<b>£2,724.70</b>	<b>£2,613.60</b>
Current assets to 31st October 2016					
Petty Cash	£56.11	£52.08			
HSBC	£3,137.69	£2,469.45			
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>£3,193.80</b>	<b>£2,521.53</b>			
Surplus b/fwd from 2015	£2,521.53	£2,078.23			
In Year surplus/deficit	£672.27	£443.40			
<b>Surplus f.wd 31/10/16</b>	<b>£3,193.80</b>	<b>£2,521.63</b>			

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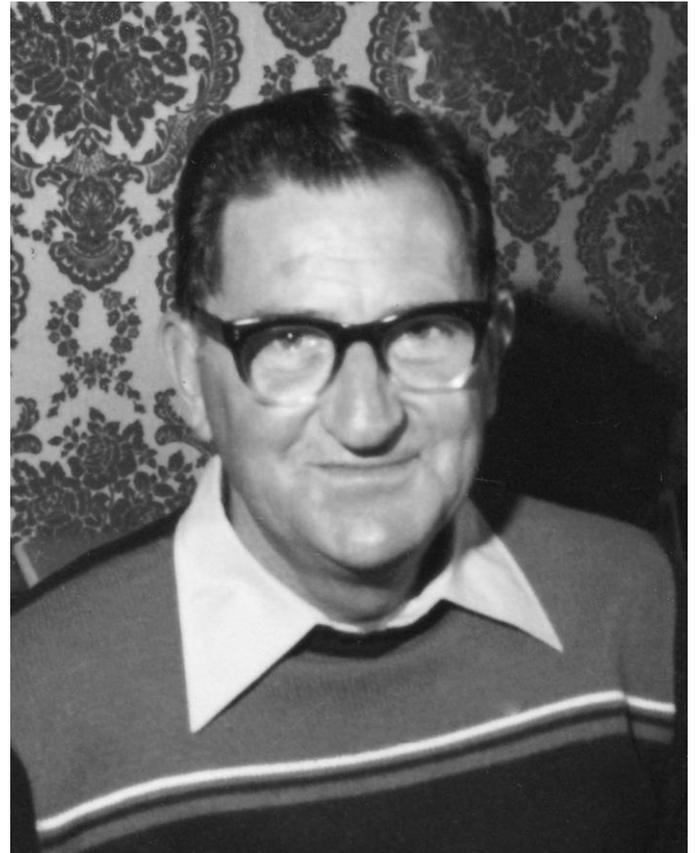
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## Les Lumley

1923– 2016



Les Lumley was a well known local builder, son of Frank and Mary Lumley previously of Castle House, Slingsby.

Les was conscripted into the forces in WWII in the Armed Forces First Airborne. He has medals for his bravery and received a citation and medal for his involvement in the liberation of Norway. After the war he was sent to India, where he used his skills with a trowel in building pigsties.

After being demobbed he returned home and again took up working for his father, Frank Lumley and Son, Builders. They were involved in the repair and restoration of Slingsby Church, the ceiling in the church a major feature. When Les' father, Frank died, Les took over the family business.

Les took up golf for a pastime but, after suffering a heart attack in his early 40's he changed to the steadier game of outdoor bowls and played for his local team.

Nearing retirement age, Les and his wife, Myra bought a bungalow and moved to Pickering where they spent approximately 30 years.

Les passed away on Myra's birthday, 15<sup>th</sup> July 2016, at the age of 92. His final wishes were to come home to Slingsby to be laid to rest.

*Kay Sturdy (Les' daughter)*

## Stephen's Farming Column

We have had some fantastic weather in early September in which to complete nearly all of the harvest. Even the spring beans have been mostly gathered in. Yields and quality have been very variable with some winter barley not yielding well at all and with poor quality. The winter wheat was much better and there has also been an upsurge in the acreage of beans and they have yielded quite well. Beans are relatively easy to grow with a single application of weed killer usually adequate and of course they don't need nitrogen fertiliser because, like most legumes, they produce their own through their root system. They do need fungicide to protect them from chocolate spot. Beans are widely used as a protein in animal feeds and some varieties are exported to North African countries for human consumption, especially Egypt.

The focus now changes to sowing autumn crops for next year's harvest, it really is a never ending process. Oilseed rape is already sown and emerging rapidly but has to be carefully protected from slugs and flea beetle, which readily devour the young crop. Winter wheat and barley will soon be sown and then lifting potatoes becomes the top priority before the autumn weather gets too bad.

One bit of good news from the government is that following Brexit, the British Government will maintain support for Agriculture at its present level of funding until 2020.

There have been a number of reports and articles recently highlighting the decline in wildlife in this country, often farmers and farming practises being blamed for this. However there are many other factors to consider, including cats, which the RSPB themselves say kill over 50 million birds a year! And what about the ever increasing number of motor cars speeding through the countryside? No one knows how many birds they kill or injure every year. Whatever the causes we all love to see the wild birds all around and we must all play our part in trying to protect the ones that are left and hopefully reverse the downward trend in their numbers.

*Stephen Prest*

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## Music in the Garden

(See colour photos on page 2)

The rather drizzly weather did not stop us from having a fun afternoon on Sunday September 4<sup>th</sup> in my garden at Burwood, Railway Street, Slingsby, Thanks go mainly to the Thornton Dale Ukuleles and lots of delicious cakes on offer. John Scoble, the leader of the Ukulele players, soon had everyone singing, shaking instruments or just tapping feet to the music, with songs for all ages.

People were able to wander round the garden, try their luck on the Tombola, or even have a go at the lucky dip. Thanks to the gazebos and tables purchased by Slingsby, Fryton, and South Holme CIC, and chairs on loan from Stephen Prest, people could sit around, listen to the music and enjoy the wide variety of cakes on offer.

We ran out of chairs, cups and (almost) cakes so a huge thank you goes to everyone who came along and helped us raise the amazing sum of £626.87 to be shared between the Ryedale Stroke Group and the Slingsby Maypole fund. Thanks also must go to the Maypolers and friends who worked so hard to make the day a success. *Pat Thompson*

## Images of Slingsby



THE SCHOOL  
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THE MOWBRAY OAK

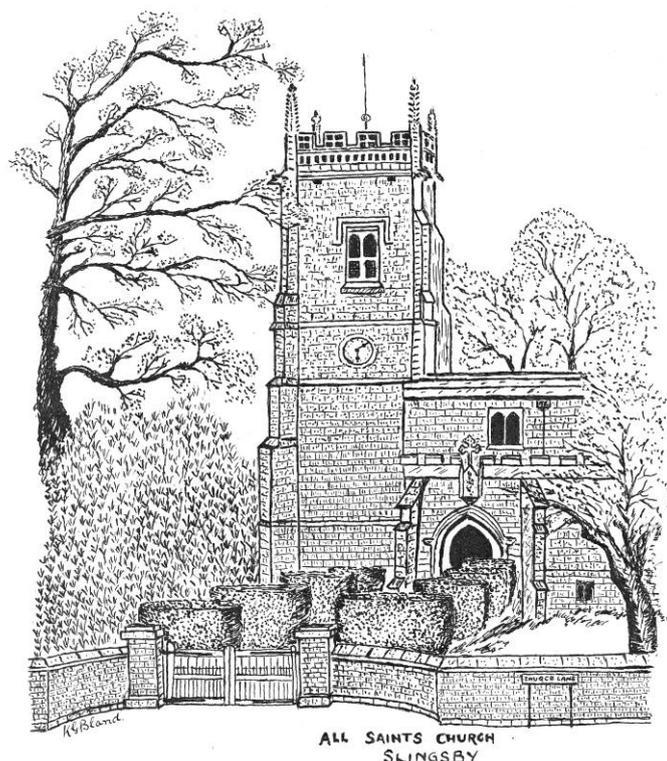


THE CASTLE  
SLINGSBY

There will be some people in the three villages who have never seen the above, brilliant sketches. They were all drawn by Ken Bland, who lived down The Lawns and who sadly died in 2007. They were originally printed on a tea-towel, which was sold by the Methodist Church to raise funds for its 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 1987. It is possible that a new release of tea towels may be produced in the near future.

Ken was multi-talented and also produced pyrography, woodwork and glass engravings. His wife, Pam, did a lot of knitting and together they attended and sold at local craft fairs. He was a keen walker and gardener and was always ready for a chat as people passed his house.

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## Pssst...wanna pigeon?

Now, let's be clear, I know nothing about pigeons, nor do I really want to as they have one of the most irritating calls of any bird I can think of. However one recently adopted us as its parents. It wasn't an ordinary pigeon, mind. Not a wood pigeon, collared dove or even just a feral pigeon. No, this was a very handsome racing pigeon, with a white tail and coloured, go-faster rings on both legs. It came and sat on our patio table and, well, it wouldn't leave. We christened it Percy. We had various unhelpful suggestions for what to do with him, ranging from wringing his neck to pigeon pie but we didn't fancy any of those.



After two days of him squatting and our thinking that the cat might get him, we decided to catch him! Easier said than done, you might think. But no, he just sat there and more or less just let me pick him up. He didn't seem to be injured and wasn't scared of me. Having decided he needed some water and bird-food, we placed him in a large cardboard box, complete with two pots and left him quiet and safe in the garage. We then began our internet quest to find his real 'dad'.

Now the internet gets plenty of stick for its dubious content, but when it comes to re-homing lost pigeons it is a mine of useful information. It turns out there are several UK racing pigeon sites, so we contacted one. Having read the coloured leg rings and noted down the numbers we sent an e-mail to the North East Pigeon Homing Unit. Within ten minutes we had the name (let's say Mr Smith) and address and phone number of the owner of the pigeon.

Mr Smith said "just let him go and he'll fly home". So we did..... but Percy didn't. He flew up and sat around on our roof for another day, getting wetter and wetter in the showers. His owner told us Percy had been released from Selby, supposedly to fly home to South Shields. However, we reckon that when he got over our house he simply thought 'blow this for a game of soldiers, it looks nicer here than South Shields'. This was the beginning of our liaison.

I have to say that initially Mr Smith seemed disappointedly disinterested in Percy. I suppose a homing pigeon with a wonky satnav is pretty useless. We got the impression we were being a bit of a nuisance, as Mr Smith would have a long drive to get Percy back. So poor old Percy just sat around on our roof for two more days, making the occasional guest appearance under the bird-feeders, or for a drink.

After 3 more days we got a call from Mr Smith, confirming there was no sign of Percy and perhaps he wouldn't fly home after all. "Can you catch him again?" Not best pleased, we did try but this time Percy was more clued up and kept out of my way. However, good distraction technique by my husband proved successful as I sneaked up from behind and nabbed him with a fishing net! We had managed to borrow a cat basket so his accommodation had gone up-market a tad from the first, cardboard box.

It turns out that Percy was just exhausted after his 30 mile flight. That's not far for a pigeon..... is it? Anyway, he did sound a bit wheezy so was in for a dose of pigeon antibiotics in his seed when safely home in his pigeon loft in South Shields. Mr Smith thanked us for our concern but pointed out that Percy was actually Patricia. You live and learn. Good luck Patricia!

*Lydia Broughton*

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## Tribute to John Etty. 1934 - 2016



John was born at York on 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1934 and went to live in a flat at Castle Howard, where his father was a chauffeur. After the birth of two more children, the family moved to Swiss Cottage in the grounds of Castle Howard. After another move the family arrived in Slingsby, at Keeper's Cottage, where Kenneth was born.

John's first job was with Lumley's Builders at Castle House, Slingsby where he stayed until he was called up into the army to do National Service. After that he went to work at BATA in the mill. After being there for 11 years John wanted to work outdoors, so he went back to Lumley's. After being made redundant he worked for another builder – Freer's of Malton. Another redundancy led him to work for Ridings Construction Company based in York, getting there by a work's van.

John's work with Ridings Constructions came to a sudden stop when he got knocked down by a car while working at Strensall Barracks, rolling tarmac paths. He spent 6 months off work with his injuries, getting back to work for just one week before suffering his stroke. After this John seemed to have one health problem after another.

In his younger days John was a keen sportsman at a local level. He played football for Slingsby, one time dressing up as a woman to play in a comic match to raise money for the old folks of the village. He loved to go to see racing at York, especially the Ebor

Meeting. He helped Kenny with the papers. In both their garden and Ronny Swann's he grew splendid carrots, onions and marrows. With his interest in cooking, John had one recipe he liked to give to people – does anybody here remember that recipe?

Despite his health problems John was always keen to offer advice to village newcomers, and he kept a packet of dog biscuits in his pocket to befriend all local dogs. With John's passing we have lost one of Slingsby's special characters. "Rest in peace, John"

*Kenny Etty*

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## FOSS

The children are back at school after a lovely summer break but Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS) have not been resting on their laurels! Committee members have been busy organising an Auction of Promises to be held on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Tickets are on sale now priced at £5 to include a glass of wine and nibbles. A bar will also be available.

If any villager would be generous enough to donate a 'lot' to this event - lots usually consist of a donation of a particular skill or commodity and should not necessarily cost the donor anything other than their time - please contact Liz Wilson on 628175 or at [lizbre2002@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lizbre2002@yahoo.co.uk).

Villagers may be aware that the school's population has risen considerably over the last three years (currently over 60) and with new building developments in the village this is sure to continue to rise. The school has acquired the adjacent School House and is looking to convert it into additional teaching space and staff facilities. Any money raised at the Auction will go directly towards this project. Tickets can be ordered from Liz Wilson on the above number.

I promised that I would reveal the grand total raised by the Duck Race back in July (we were still counting the pennies at the time of the Triangle going to print!). The grand total was exactly £3,000 and this money will be donated to the school to help with educational resources and visits. A big thank you again to all that helped and attended.

Plans are under way for other fundraisers for the remainder of the year including a jumble sale, Halloween party and Christmas raffle. A big thank you to all our supporters!

*Liz Wilson*

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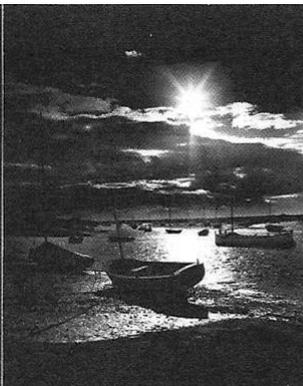
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## All Saints' Theft

As many will have already heard, All Saints Church has had lead stolen from the roof, probably sometime during the last week of August. It was not discovered until water poured through the roof during a heavy rainstorm, flooding the church a few days later.

The Parochial Church Council is very grateful to those kind people who rushed to set up buckets, bins and every sort of receptacle to catch the water and helped to clear up the mess. As always with these events, the cost created by the theft far exceeds the worth of the stolen material, to say nothing of all the time and trouble spent organising repairs.

Reluctantly the PCC is applying to the Diocese of York to replace the lead in theft proof material called Terne Coated Steel, which is more expensive than lead, but looks the same and has no scrap value. As the church is also appealing for help to replace the antique heating system this could not have come at a worse time, particularly as the insurers also now require the security system on the church roof to be upgraded.

It appears thefts are starting again in a far more organised way, smuggling the material directly abroad without going through British scrap merchants. We are being told to be vigilant. If anyone notices strange lights or activities around the church at night, please contact us immediately day or night (Kate Giles – 01653 628739 or Margaret Mackinder – 01653 628303). Please also make a note of the make, colour and registration numbers of any suspicious vehicles, particularly vans or trucks parked near the church. Quick thinking and alerting the Police has saved the lead for us before.

The PCC is already committed to installing a new audio system with loudspeakers and an induction loop for hearing aids. This will make the church far more usable. The system will be installed in time for use at the planned Christmas Carol Concert and the Christmas Carol Service, run jointly with the Methodist Church, which will take place in All Saints Church on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December.

*Margaret Mackinder*

## Police and Trading Standards

### 1. Cold Callers selling fish

A number of fish-sellers are cold-calling and acting aggressively towards elderly residents. Please be mindful not to let anyone into your house and where possible ascertain who the callers are before opening the door. Fish should be marked, stating what is contained within the packaging, a use-by date, company name and address. Furthermore, paperwork should be provided to you as the customer.

Should you encounter the cold-callers and they are aggressive in nature please call the police on 999 immediately giving us as much information as possible.

### 2. Tarmac scam

North Yorkshire Trading Standards have received numerous reports of residents and businesses being approached by teams of individuals purporting to be working on nearby highways projects and offering tarmac services with 'left over' stock. These teams are not contracted to any highways projects and invariably the work done is overpriced and of poor quality. Threats are often used to secure payment.

The number of reports received would indicate there are several of these teams working across the North Yorkshire area.

Residents are warned that if they are approached by such traders they should not engage with them and should contact Citizens Advice on 03454 04 05 06 and ask to speak to a member of the Investigations and Safeguarding Team at North Yorkshire Trading Standards or call the police on 101.

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### Local Walking Guides

Ryedale Council and iFootpath have published 21 walking guides centred on our market towns. Visit the Visit Ryedale website for more information.

With the iFootpath app the guides can be downloaded to an iPhone or Android device. No mobile signal is then needed to follow the walks, and the guides include maps, photos, written instructions, and GPS positioning.

The walks can also be printed out. The app costs £1.49, downloading walks is free after registration.

## London to Paris, by bicycle Tom's ride for Alzheimer's Research



In 2012, when Bradley Wiggins won the Tour de France, he said "Every lap of the Champs-Élysées was goose-pimple stuff."

There is something about that road that compares to no other. While cycling 364 miles across British and French countryside, I experienced blood (sadly 102 miles into the ride, I fell off), sweat (the temperature got no lower than 28°C) and I can safely say I had tears in my eyes as I had the Eiffel Tower in sight! At that point I had raised ~ £1,900 - £400 more than my target of £1,500. Now, as of 14/09/16, my total stands at £2,192.16 and I cannot thank the people who supported me enough.

Special thanks must go to the customers of Roots Farm Shop who sponsored me well over £500, Slingsby Sports Club and Cricket Club who enabled me to have a Tombola at the May bank holiday car boot [which raised just under £500] and finally family, friends and villagers who have also donated.

A sporting challenge such as London to Paris compares to no other, the friends you make and the stories you hear make you proud to be a member of a group who together raised £220,000. After walking the National 3 Peaks in just over 24

hours the weekend after I cycled London to Paris, I've decided to wait a little while until I do my next sporting challenge, however expect to see another stupid challenge in years to come.

Thanks for everyone's support and the publicity The Triangle and slingsbyvillage.co.uk has given me!

*Tom Nesfield*

## Village Design Statement

The Village Design Statement for Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton was adopted by Ryedale District Council as a Supplementary Planning Document on 1<sup>st</sup> September. It now forms part of the legal planning framework and will be used by the Council when determining planning applications.

The VDS is a document prepared by a small group of residents following local consultation and provides guidance for people wishing to alter or extend their properties and for developers wanting to build new houses here. It is an attractive document with lots of photographs of buildings and design features. It can be viewed via the village website [www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk) or on Ryedale's Local Plan website .

*Carolyn Boots*

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## Internationally acclaimed violinist plays at Slingsby

Slingsby hosted its first Ryedale Festival concert since 2012 when the acclaimed violinist Rachel Podger performed by candle-light in All Saints' Church on 19<sup>th</sup> July.

She played two of J S Bach's partitas (including the one which ends with the famous Chaconne) and a sonata by Biber (a precursor of Bach). Just one month later Rachel was to win a Gramophone Award for her recording of music by this same Bohemian composer. It was pure, but not easy, music, requiring concentration from player and audience alike.

Matters were not helped by the late arrival of a part of the audience. This was due to the outstandingly successful preceding concert at Castle Howard: a ground-breaking combination of two late Beethoven quartets and one of T.S.Eliot's "Four Quartets", read by Jeremy Irons. The length of the programme, Jeremy's measured delivery and the audience's reluctance to tear themselves away from the grand South Steps where they were enjoying interval drinks and the wonderful view as the sun began to set – all this conspired to make the Castle Howard event overrun.

At Slingsby, Rachel agreed to delay the start of her recital but eventually she had to start without that part of the audience who were hot-footing it from Castle Howard. The first partita was rather disrupted by these latecomers entering between movements, although Rachel took it well and with good grace. When the great Chaconne came, no one was disappointed.

Although this was not quite the hushed and intimate evening of music making that the Festival had been hoping for, looking back on it now I have no doubt that the evening's events will live long in the memory of all who were there.

A photograph of Rachel appears below.

*Jon Boots for Ryedale Festival*



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## Reading Room repairs

What are they doing to the building next to the school on The Green you may ask?

Better known as The Reading Room, this Grade 2 listed building is owned by Castle Howard and used by the school as a classroom, sports hall and canteen. It was built circa 1865 and has been leaking badly for a long time due to flaking mortar/stones which have allowed the weather to create holes and cracks.

After years of sub-standard 'patching up', the Reading Room now has a new roof and all the old mortar has been gouged out by skilled workmen and replaced by a significant number of new stones and special lime mortar mix. This not only makes the building look good but will now keep it waterproof, much to the delight of teachers and children!

*Geoff Bishop*



## Triangle editor's report, 2016

I am pleased to announce that The Triangle continues to be very successful. We now print 370 Triangles and Pinks every issue so the number is growing slowly but steadily. We have quite a few new houses being built in Slingsby at the moment so hopefully our circulation will increase again once these are occupied.

You will be glad to hear that, despite producing two of the biggest ever Triangles (issues 34, and this one – issue 36) at 24 pages, we are able to keep the subscription price at £5 *per year* for 2017. That subscription also includes six Pink Pages and an annual Yellow Pages, so it must be good value!

As you will have read in the last issue, unfortunately my co-editor, Naomi, has decided that the February/March issue of The Triangle will be her last, so we are again looking for a new co-editor. We are all grateful to Naomi for helping us over the last 18 months and will be sorry to lose her. However, if any of our current subscribers feel able to fill Naomi's shoes, please do let one of the Triangle team know at [thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk). As co-editor, with me, you would be responsible for compiling three alternate editions a year. You must be computer literate (the magazine is currently compiled using MSWord) be familiar with e-mail and be able to download text and image files and tweak them accordingly.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind readers that we can only continue to publish the magazine in its present 20 or even 24 page form if we have sufficient material to fill it. We have several willing and regular contributors but if anyone else is considering contributing an article, please just say so. Don't be concerned about your inability to use a computer, write legibly, spell correctly etc. as the editors can help you! We can even write the article after talking with you about the topic, if you prefer.

Please continue to support The Triangle. To lose it after all the hard work that has been done over the last five years would be a disaster. Please help us to keep The Triangle going and thriving!

*David Thornley*

## All Saints Ride and Stride

A very successful Ride and Stride with a mini market was held at All Saints on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> September. This event coincides with Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust Open Churches Day who provided sponsorship for our tower restoration.

The mini market was well received by locals and visitors alike, with a raffle, cake stall, bric a brac, children's activities and refreshments. The tour of the church by Margaret Mackinder and Christine Churches proved extremely popular with a large audience all eager to learn the history of the church and its artefacts.

## All Saints' Christmas Concert

Slingsby PCC are delighted to announce that Terrington Village Choir have generously offered to stage a pre-Christmas Concert in All Saints, Slingsby. Come and enjoy the music of this talented local choir as they present a programme of popular Christmas songs and traditional carols.

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3:00 p.m. in All Saints Church, Slingsby. Tickets £6.00 per person. Ticket price includes tea/coffee and homemade cake.

Tickets are available from Maurag Carmichael, Porch House, Slingsby or Margaret Mackinder, Wyville House, Slingsby or the Village Shop. Order on [maurag21@outlook.com](mailto:maurag21@outlook.com) or [mm@mackinders.demon.co.uk](mailto:mm@mackinders.demon.co.uk).

Terrington Village Choir have been extremely generous with their time and talent in supporting All Saints over many years and when they heard of our recent roofing problems they once again offered their support to our fund raising efforts. Our grateful thanks go to the choir.

*Maurag Carmichael*

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## Snippets

Congratulations are due to Slingsby school pupils and staff for their fantastic SAT results! All the staff wish their pupils continuing success at their new schools.

An application has been submitted to RDC by Mr & Mrs Hoggarth of Melgates, Green Dyke Lane, Slingsby, to build a 4-bay garage/garden store.

## Local History Group News

Our work and forthcoming meetings:

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. 7:30p.m. in the Village Hall Committee Room. This will be a discussion and fact finding session about Ursula and Lionel Lascelles who lived at Slingsby Heights for a good part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century, and contributed a great deal to village life. They lived through both world wars and had interesting lives. If you knew or remember Miss Lascelles or her brother, we should be delighted if you would come along and join in the discussion.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> November. 7:30p.m. in the Village Hall Committee Room. A working meeting, topics to be arranged. For more information, watch the Slingsby Village Website or contact us to be put on our email circulation list.

Our current work includes, among other things, creation of a *village trail* for residents and visitors, pointing out the historic features of the village. We have been offered a Local Distinctiveness and Tourism Grant by the North York Moors National Park, Coast and Vale, to produce this. We are also working on a further publication on the History of Farming in Slingsby, all about farming and to be called *Farming, Then and Now*, a sister publication to *Slingsby Then and Now*, which was about village businesses. Both this and the Village Trail are making good progress and will be launched at an event early in 2017.

If you would like to join the group, or just find out what we do, please just come along to a meeting. We are a small working group, which shares knowledge and carries out research on village history, with a view to creating an archive. We ask those attending meetings for a £1 contribution towards the cost of room hire.

Many of us also attend the regular programme of lectures provided by the Friends of Malton Museum. The lectures usually cover topics relevant to the history of the Ryedale area and are always interesting. They take place at 7:30pm in the library in the East Wing of Malton School. Please let us know if you would like a lift. Entrance costs £3 per meeting, (£10 if you sign up for the full year of eight meetings.)

The next two meetings are on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October: BINCHESTER, THE POMPEI OF NORTHERN ENGLAND, by David Mason (Principal Archaeologist, Durham County Council) and Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November: THE PICKERING CHURCH WALL PAINTINGS PROJECT. Dr Kate Giles. Senior Lecturer in Building Archaeology, University of York.

*Margaret Mackinder*

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### **Webmaster AGM Report**

2016 has been a strong year for the website event, though it hasn't been a record breaking year like 2015. Visitor numbers have remained strong over the year with the final estimate for page-views looking to be around 44,000.

The WordPress system that powers the website still performs well and has been improved over the year, with a number of performance updates. Further improvements are expected before the end of the year. The servers have also seen software upgrades over the summer, which have improved security and access speed.

The social media sites have seen an increase in followers/likes with Facebook being especially popular throughout the year. Currently the Facebook page has 229 likes. Twitter has likewise seen a boost in the number of followers, which now numbers 989. We should be able to go above 1000+ followers by the end of 2016.

The most popular pages (after the website's own homepage) over the past year are Geoff's Walks, closely followed by Slingsby Sportsfield (for car boot dates). A more detailed webmaster report will be released at the AGM.

*Richard Flint*

## Slingsby Produce Show

The sun shone for the 44<sup>th</sup> Slingsby, South Holme & Fryton Produce & Pumpkin Show and records were broken! The winner of the class of Heaviest Marrow and the R Martin Cup was Kenny ETTY. His record breaking marrow weighed in at 113lbs and took three men to lift it into position. The recipient of the N & D Stephenson Trophy for the Heaviest Pumpkin was Mike Dixon.

There were some beautiful and colourful entries from the children at Slingsby CP School in the handwriting, arts and crafts classes who had worked very hard to create their submissions. The Alan Wormald Memorial Trophy was awarded to Will Prest for his atmospheric picture of All Saints' Slingsby's Churchyard.

The Raffle - supported by local attractions such as Castle Howard, the Yorkshire Arboretum, the Palace Cinema Malton, Helmsley Walled Garden, the Grapes Slingsby and the National Trust - was very popular and proved a fitting end to a most enjoyable day.

*Show Secretary*



*Above: Malcolm Stainthorpe judging eggs and wheat/barley*

*Below: Stephen Prest controlling the raffle*



*Above: Shirley Woollens' winning painting*

*Below: Kenny ETTY with his 113lb marrow!*



*Below: Colourful display of jams etc*



