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## Matthew Christopher Stamp



Chris and Kizzy would like to announce the birth of our son, Matthew Christopher Stamp, born 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 2017. Also we would both like to thank friends and family for cards and gifts received for Matthew.

*Chris and Kizzy*

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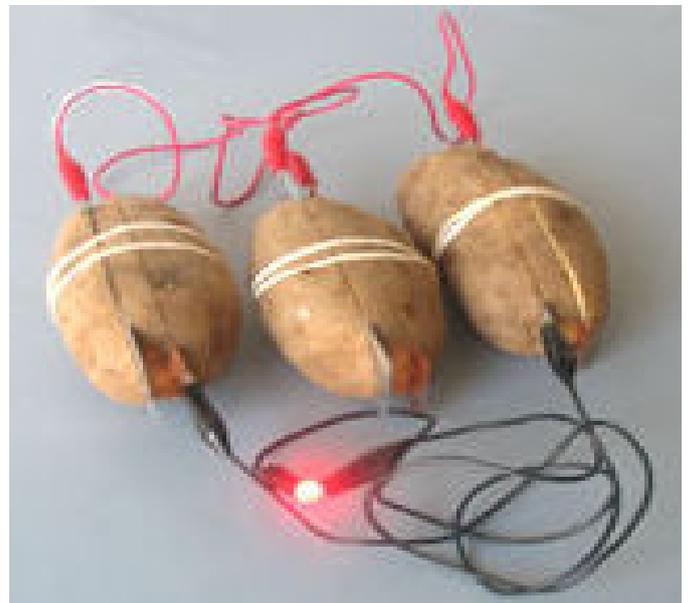
## Porch Farm in 1967

This excellent aerial view shows Porch Farm in 1967. At the time it was a working farm, with the usual variety of sheds, barns and sundry vehicles. There is also a large vegetable plot for the farm. Hope House, now called Lindon House, is on the right. Behind the farm is now Porch Farm Close. Sycamore Close is still allotments and fields.



## Fryton farmer's brilliant new potato!

You might remember from simple school experiments that it is possible to produce electricity from common fruit or vegetables, where a tiny current can be shown to flow through a voltmeter. The lemon is the most widely used for the experiment in primary school. The humble King Edward or Maris Piper potato can do exactly the same thing as a lemon but the current is very much smaller, however a farmer from Fryton has recently bred a 'super potato' which generates up to 20 times more current than the usual spud. He has called his variety of potato 'Electra' for obvious reasons. By connecting several Electra potatoes he has made enough electricity to light-up a light emitting diode, see genuine photo below.



If you connect a thin wire between two potatoes you get twice as much current flowing, so by connecting hundreds together he has shown that he can power a light bulb.

Recently this farmer has demonstrated that by interconnecting thousands of Electra potatoes together with cables in his experimental field he can power several homes and sell the surplus back to the national grid via the 11,000 volt distribution network, thereby generating income from it. Obviously he has now patented the Electra potato so that his brilliant new idea cannot be stolen.

Could this be the new renewable fuel, instead of filthy fracking gas or large solar panels?

*Triangle Science correspondent.  
1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.*

## Triangle matters

### Subscriptions for 2017–18

During the month of April your kind-hearted delivery crew will be calling round for annual *The Triangle Fiver*. We greatly appreciate the support you give to *The Triangle*, be it as a subscriber or as a contributor. The subscription remains unchanged for 2017–18 at £5.00 and we hope you will continue to support the magazine for the forthcoming year. Thank you.

*Keith Buck*

### A new Triangle co-editor!

The Triangle team is delighted to announce that we have a new co-editor. Joanna Bradley has just moved into Cavendish Court, Slingsby with her young family. Joanna is totally au-fait with the computing skills needed and has agreed to edit the next issue (after a practise and a little help to start with) and should bring a younger perspective to the magazine. Being new to the area, Joanna hopes to make new friends and acquaintances through the Triangle magazine, as well as having an interesting new part-time editing job! Welcome to the team, Joanna!



### Articles always wanted please

We also have a new regular contributor in the shape of Kay Hill from The Green Crescent. Kay has already started her contributions with the Village Hall article later in this issue. Welcome Kay! We also have a one-off article on the last days of the railway through Slingsby by Charles Allenby. Charles is an ex-railway signalman, who personally remembers Fred Wright, the last station porter/signalman before closure of the line. Could you write something for the Triangle like Charles Allenby and Kay Hill have? We always welcome

articles, whether written or typed, by post or e-mail! As you see above we have two contributors who have done just that, but we always welcome more copy.

### Submission of copy

If you want to submit an article to The Triangle please send it to [thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

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If you want it published in both, please send it to both addresses. Alternatively just post your article to the editor!

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## Slingsby Ladies' Group

In February Slingsby Ladies Group held their AGM and it was reported that it had been an excellent year. All the committee stood for re-election and were unanimously proposed and seconded, after which members enjoyed a delicious supper.

At the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March the speaker was Roger Burnett who had, a few years ago, hosted our Gardeners Question evening but this time he gave a talk on the Probation Service. He explained with the help of slides, how his new job entails organising youths, and sometimes older people, who have been given community service after committing crime. Typical tasks were painting railings in villages and the seaside towns, rebuilding walls, tidying waste land, repairing shelters and joinery jobs. Often they learn new skills through doing this work which leads to a full-time occupation, enabling them to turn their lives around. Roger and his wife also brought lots of plants and greetings cards for members to purchase. The speaker at the next meeting on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April will be Sandra Piercy talking about quilting and on May 9<sup>th</sup> there is an evening outing to Jeff Andrews garden in Pickering.

Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup> – A to Z of Quilting by Angela Piercy. Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Evening Outing to Jeff Andrews Garden

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### Cover photo.

Taken at Duncombe Park Bird Of Prey Centre, this Tawny Owl is perfectly camouflaged in the rotting tree trunk and would be hard to spot with a passing glance. Photo used with photographer's express permission.

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## Slingsby to South Holme Drive.

If you drive from Slingsby to South Holme, you might think it's a road of no particular interest. Well, you'd be wrong!

1. Firstly you'd pass Brickyard Farm to the north of the village. Brickyard Farm is so called because it is the site of the old Slingsby Brick and Tile Works. A large part of the old kiln is still to be seen there (please note that this is on private land). It is looked after by English Heritage and is Grade 2 listed.

2. If you continue round the right-hand bend you then come to a left-hand bend with a path off to the right. Again please note that this is private land. This leads to the site of the old ketworks – where dead animal carcasses were stripped, ground and boiled down for fat, glue, bone meal etc. It was well outside the village because it almost certainly stank! Some older residents still remember the ketworks.

You'd also be forgiven for driving quickly through South Holme and probably thinking there's nothing of interest there. Again you'd be wrong. South Holme today is a hidden, almost secret place!

The farmhouses of West and Home Farm and restored Manor Farm, also Dixie Land, are tucked away from sight up the dead-end road to the right so there is little to cause the passing motorist to give South Holme a second glance. However research shows South Holme to have been very interesting.

3. In 1651 Roger Hebden was a woollen draper and tailor of Malton. His way of life was dramatically changed by the arrival of one George Fox. Fox had become dissatisfied with the religious practices and beliefs of those around him. So he left his job and home to go looking for spiritual nourishment. His preaching received an unfavourable welcome though and he was actually ejected from York Minster, so continued northwards towards Whitby, passing through South Holme. His new religious message had particular appeal to farming communities of Yorkshire and many embryo meetings were held in the area and in one South Holme house in particular – Fircit House.

Hebden soon gave up his drapery business and devoted himself to Fox's cause, which became known as Quakerism or The Religious Society of Friends. Hebden moved to Fircit House, which was on or next to the site where Dixie Land stands today. This house

was ideally situated, being half a mile away from the original hamlet of South Holme and away from sight.

The early Quakers cut themselves off from the established church, even for marriages and burials. They broke with many conventions of the time, refused to attend church, take the Oath or pay tithes. They were utterly devoted to their new faith as they had found a new inspiration that changed their lives. However refusal to pay tithes brought the Quakers into constant conflict with the law. In 1652 to 1660 twenty seven men and eleven women were imprisoned in York Castle. One of these prisoners was Roger Hebden of South Holme. During the reign of Charles II punishments meted out to Quakers were frequent and heavy and were said to include flogging, starvation and other forms of torture. South Holme had become one of the hubs of Quakerism in the North Yorkshire area.

4. Next, let's go back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century, when King Henry VIII wanted to divorce Katherine of Aragon (as she had given him no male heir) in order to marry Ann Boleyn. The Pope refused to comply with his wishes so King Henry broke away from the Catholic Church in Rome and started his own church! He declared himself Supreme Head of the Church of England. Everyone was required to attend church every Sunday and swear allegiance to the King, or be severely fined - or worse! Most people conformed, but a certain set of Catholics pretended they went to church, but were secretly Catholics at heart. They were called Papists.

There was however a hard core of Catholics who refused to conform. They openly declared themselves as Catholics, refused to attend Church, said Mass and took the Sacraments in their own homes. These were known as Recusants and there was a group of Catholic Recusants in the South Holme area. They were always being accused of plotting against the King, as well as being heavily fined for non-attendance at Church. They often lost their lands and were imprisoned or even executed if they were discovered holding Mass or sheltering priests. They would often have secret chapels and priest holes in their houses. So you see, the drive to South Holme is more interesting than you first thought!

**If you have found the above interesting you will probably like the forthcoming 'Farming in Slingsby Parish Then and Now' book, from which the above is just extracted.**

*David Thornley*



We held a very well attended Quiz and Curry Night at the Village Hall at the end of January. This was a social event and those attending enjoyed an evening of quizzing (both adults' and children's versions), some delicious curries and even an 'After Eight Mint' challenge! Thank you to everyone who helped and attended.

Woodland Wander - Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> April 11am on The Green - Join us for a sociable walk, dogs welcome. Sensible clothing and footwear recommended. A 3.6 mile gentle stroll suitable for all ages and abilities – Duration 1.5 hours approx. (with short route option 1.8 mile) Contact 01653 628370 or [friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk)

Scarecrow Weekend - Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April - Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May. We will, once again, be adorning the village with a mix of handmade modern and traditional interpretations of the Scarecrow, shown in a variety of forms to amuse and delight. Slingsby Scarecrow Festival takes place over the May Day weekend running from 12 noon Sat 29<sup>th</sup> April until Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May. Scarecrow entries are displayed around the village and Scarecrow trails are available to purchase for £2. Scarecrow trails are available from our 'pop up' cafe in the Methodist Chapel, from Robin Hood Caravan Park or the Village Shop. Our pop up cafe will be serving refreshments and home made cake and savouries and will run alongside our 'pre loved' children's stall.

Annual Duck Race & Family Fun Day - to be held on Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July at 11am (ducks to be released at 2pm) at the Sportsfield. More details in the next Triangle.

*Liz Wilson*

## New arrivals

### Welcome to the following new arrivals:

From West Yorkshire, Simon and Catherine Dibb. Simon runs a plumbing business in Pudsey.

From Thorpe Bassett, Dave, a retired electrical engineer, and Lynn Wilmore.

Welcome Joanna Bradley, her two sons, Henry (4) and demon crawler and soon-to-be-toddling Rex. Also welcome to her hard working partner, Oliver.

From Alne, Gemma Darley, physiotherapist and runner.

From Leeds, Ray, a retired head teacher, and Sue Ruszynski.

From the tiny Wolds village of Thixendale to the urban metropolis of Slingsby, Paul Jagger with his partner Beverley, his twin children Sky and Caine.

Dan Cribbens arrived on the High Street via London and Kent. Dan, a keen footballer who played for Millwall Schools as a young man, is now looking to indulge his other sporting passion - cricket.

From Ampleforth and Bulmer, Thomas Wall and Rosie Bulmer with their little boy Hector. Thomas is an old tractor enthusiast and Rosie enjoys the challenge of showing cattle.

Welcome Jamie Miller and Jade Carlisle. Jamie arrived in Slingsby via Terrington and Malton and is a keen footballer. Jade, has crossed the Derwent from Norton and hopes to be involved in tennis and other activities in the village when settled in.

Via Northumberland and Bransby, the Owen family. Peter and Kathryn and their children Edie (nine soon), Victor (12), Raf (14) and Arthur (16). The household also has Kitty the dog and Purdy the tortoise-shell cat, who got lost as soon as she arrived, causing worry and panic!

*Keith Buck*

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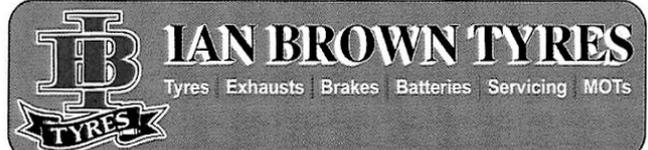
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## A tribute to the life of David Batley.



David was born in Bradford in 1947 and lived and worked there until he married. On leaving school he worked for local government as a 'public servant'. In the 1960's he worked at Bradford Town Hall in the pay office as a pay clerk. He told many funny stories of his experiences there, paying out the wages in cash to council employees at local libraries, schools, and the police, and pensions to retired former employees. In 1978 he joined Yorkshire Water where he stayed until retirement.

In 1974 he married Barbara in Farsley Baptist Church; their son Richard was born in 1975. Richard and his wife Alice now live in Australia.

Living in Pudsey, David and Barbara liked to escape from the city to spend the weekends in the country in their caravan. This brought them to Slingsby in 1983, staying at the campsite on Railway Street. They travelled widely but often returned to Slingsby and in 1999 decided settle here. David used his skills as clerk to governors at various schools including Slingsby, Settrington and mainly Amotherby. He became clerk to Slingsby Parish Council and also worked for the East Riding Council at Beverley.

David was a calm, quiet man, with a warm smile. He took his responsibilities seriously and was always well informed and organised. He enjoyed his garden and was often seen looking after the garden of Barbara's late father, Frank Wood.

They still enjoyed travelling until the sudden diagnosis of idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis in 2016 turned their lives upside down. David died on February 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Leonard's Hospice, York.

## Stephen's farming column



It has been a long, somewhat dismal winter with very little in the way of frost or snow. Good hard frosts are very good for keeping diseases under control both in humans and our crops. Fungal diseases like mildew thrive in damp, mild conditions, which means more chemical sprays on cereals to keep it under control.

Spring has definitely arrived as I write in mid March. The daffodils are in full bloom and there is always an impressive show of violets up The Long Balk. If you walk up there on a calm day you have the pleasure of their wonderful scent. It is a good time to plant trees and shrubs and having bought some fruit trees in a charity auction, Rachel & I have been creating a small orchard in a corner of a field up Slingsby Heights.

On the farming scene there has been a welcome increase in the prices of cereals and oilseed rape. This seems to be due to Brexit and the fall in value of the pound against the euro and the dollar. The negotiations to leave Europe will be long and tedious, which means several years of uncertainty in the farming sector. We hope it all works out well for everyone in the end.

*Stephen Prest*

## Slingsby Methodist Chapel News

### DIARY DATES:

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April - Tea Spot in The Chapel  
Schoolroom 10am to 11:30

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Sunday Celebrations.  
9am Easter Breakfast in The Schoolroom  
10:30am Easter service

Wed. 19<sup>th</sup> April - Soupa lunch 12noon in the  
Methodist Schoolroom.

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May - Stall on The Green for the Mayday  
celebrations.

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> May - Tea Spot in the Chapel Schoolroom  
10am to 11:30am

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> May - Soupa lunch 12noon in The  
Methodist Schoolroom

Sat 8<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Concert by The Terrington  
Choir at Slingsby Methodist Church at 7pm followed  
by refreshments.

Our present kitchen at Slingsby Chapel was put in  
25 years ago and was beginning to show its age so  
we decided it was time for an upgrade.

The kitchen gets very well used these days. We  
provide refreshments after every service and Soupa  
Lunch once a month, when we offer delicious  
soups, sandwiches and a pudding to anyone, but  
particularly the elderly and those who live alone.  
We also do Teaspot on the first Thursday of the  
month and our facilities are used for providing  
refreshments around Mayday as well as for many  
other activities.

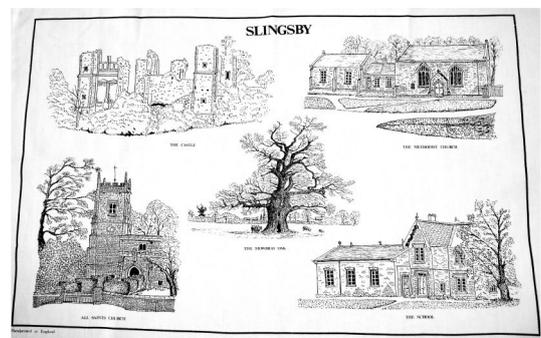
In order to raise some funds for the project we had  
a Gift Day on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb. We had already  
received many donations before the day so I wasn't  
expecting a great deal more on the day itself.  
However lots of people came and joined us for  
coffee or tea and cake and the morning was a great  
success, raising an amazing £4109. We are very  
grateful indeed for this wonderful response and a  
very sincere thank you to all who gave. If we raise  
enough money we shall also redecorate the  
schoolroom and put a new carpet down.

**180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.** This year we celebrate the  
180<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the building of Slingsby  
Chapel. As part of our celebrations we are having a  
Summer Concert by The Terrington Choir on

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm in The Chapel. We invite  
you to join us for a memorable evening.  
Refreshments will be served at the end.

Audrey Foster has now retired as a Church Steward  
after many years of very faithful and dedicated  
service. We do thank her very sincerely for all she  
has done. Rachel Prest and Geoff Bishop are taking  
on the role between them.

**Slingsby tea towel.** We have recently  
commissioned a new tea towel, showing 5 scenes  
of Slingsby. The sketches were drawn by the late  
Ken Bland and are used with the kind permission of  
his wife, Pam. Tea towels cost £5 and will be on  
sale on May Day, at The Farm Shop or from Chapel  
members. For anyone who remembers these  
towels the first time round, that was 30 years ago,  
for the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary!



*Stephen Prest*

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### Fish, chips and..... Lions?

Next delivery date for fish and chips -Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>  
April. Malton & Norton Lions Club kindly continue  
their delivery of fish, chips and peas to Slingsby on  
the second Tuesday of each month, delivered to  
your door, and costing £3. This service is mainly for  
the elderly and others who live alone. Contacts are  
Stephen and Rachel Prest tel 628277 and Trudy Carr  
628302.

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### Addresses of new Slingsby houses

Please note that the new houses behind the old Co-  
op and next to Shelagh and Malcolm Richards are  
to be called Thornton House, Appleton House, and  
Hutton House. Shelagh and Malcolm's bungalow is  
to be renamed Orchard Bungalow and all are The  
Orchards, Railway Street, YO62 4BP. Also, the new  
houses at the top of High Street are called  
Cavendish Court, not Cavendish Vale, despite what  
the sign says!

## New Pound coin coming soon!

Are you a coin collector? If so, be sure to empty your piggybanks and coin jars and get all your pound coins together – then spend them before October 2017.

The new 12-sided £1 coin is being rolled out next month, and the current round version will stop being legal tender (and so won't be accepted in shops) on 15<sup>th</sup> October 2017. After that, if you still have any old £1 coins, you won't be able to spend them but you'll have to change them at a bank. Of course, you've a few months left yet to sort it.



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*Chris, Railway Street*

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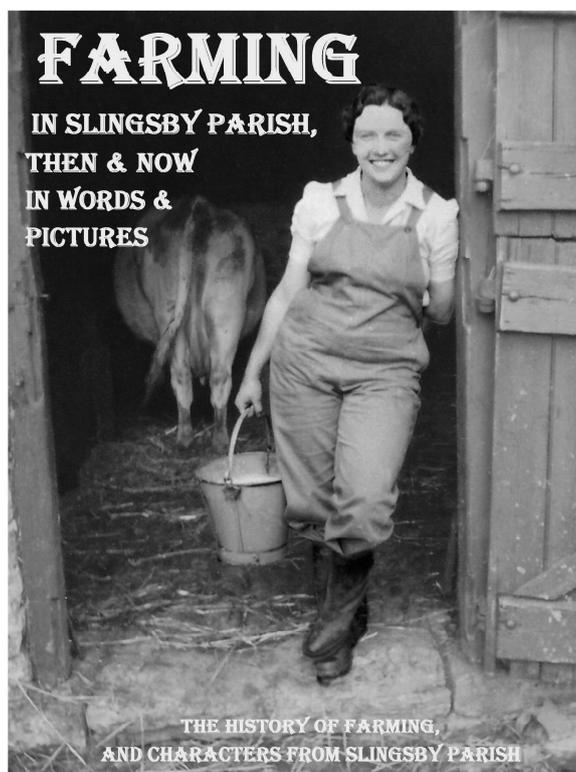
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## Village publications

Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme villages are now the frontrunners in village publications and the envy of other local villages! If you haven't bought at least one of the following, **please support your village and get at least one for yourself – sharing a copy is not in the spirit of the three villages!**

We now have two large pictorial history books (Slingsby, Then & Now and Farming in Slingsby Parish, Then & Now), two church guides (one for adults and one for children) and a free village trail. Finally we have a DVD of over 1100 old photographs. These are all shown below.

### Farming in Slingsby Parish - NEW



Your local history group has been very busy! If you didn't manage to come along to our very successful book/village trail launch day in March you can still get two of The Group's new publications from either Tony's shop or direct from David Thornley (627210) or Margaret Mackinder (628303). The event also included a small exhibition about Ursula and Lionel Lascelles, which was very well received, particularly by all those who remember them both and their house, Slingsby Heights.

The new 'Farming in Slingsby Parish' is a large book of 120 A4 pages and includes a wealth of information about local farms and farmers, plus a lot of history of the area – *not only farming*. It is in colour and has over 200 photos. At £12 it's not to be missed!

The previous book called 'Slingsby Then and Now' has been reprinted, yet again, due to continuing demand. It is also for sale at £12.

There are also **two new All Saints Church guides** available from the church. SLHG members and Slingsby School were involved in the preparation of these guides. The 20 page A5 booklet costs £2.50 and is for adults, while the other, smaller one is written especially for children and costs 75p.

### Slingsby Village Trail - NEW

The new **Slingsby Village Trail** is a free leaflet, pointing out village landmarks with a brief history.

The group has published a new Village Trail, which gives a guided walk around Slingsby Village identifying some of the historical and architectural features. Pocket sized and in colour, it opens up into a large but manageable sheet for the walk.

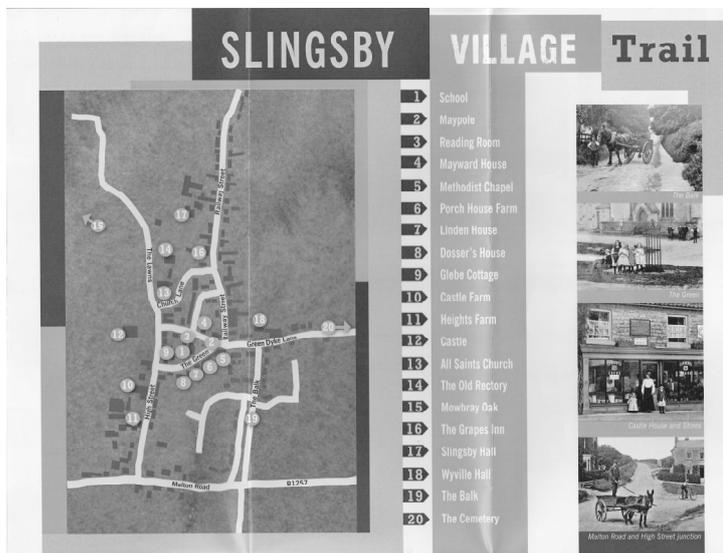
How much do you know about the rich history of your village? This document provides a very good starting point.



This leaflet was put together by a group of regular LHG members, and professionally designed and printed with support from a North York Moors, Coast and Vale Local Tourism and Distinctiveness Award and the North Yorkshire County Council Locality budget fund. Our County Council representative, Cllr. Clare Wood, put the trail forward for this second award.

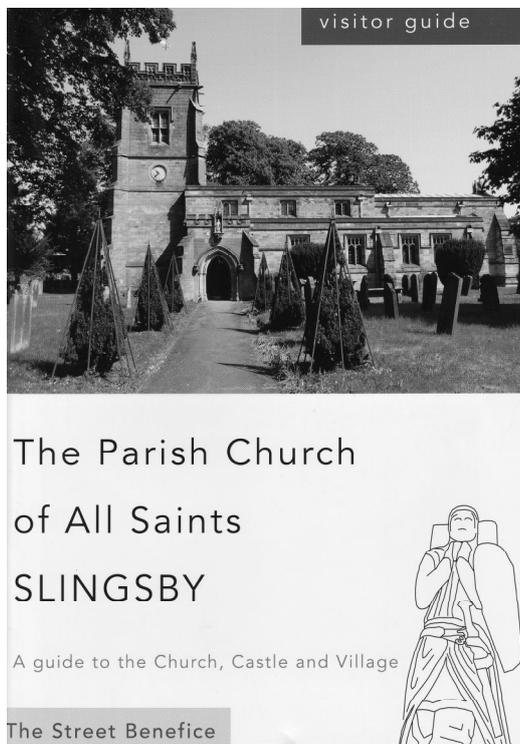


The Trail leaflet is free and can be obtained from the Village Shop, All Saints Church, The Grapes Inn or the two caravan sites.



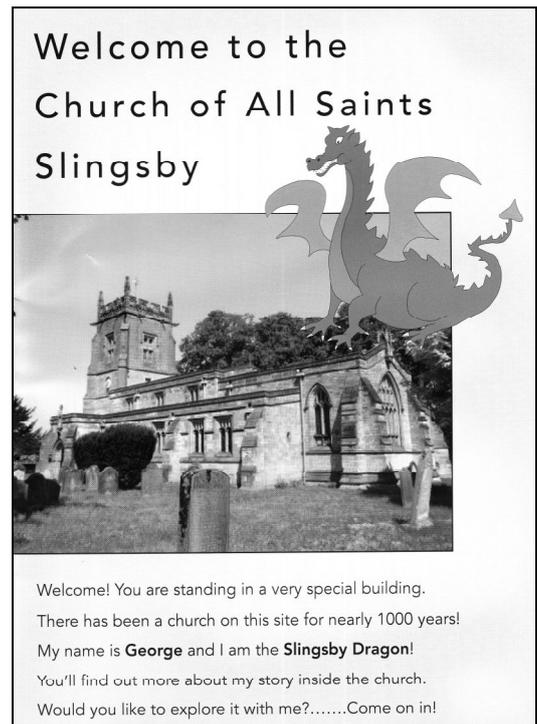
The village trail above is in full colour and opens out to become A3 double sided.

### Guide to All Saints, for adults – NEW

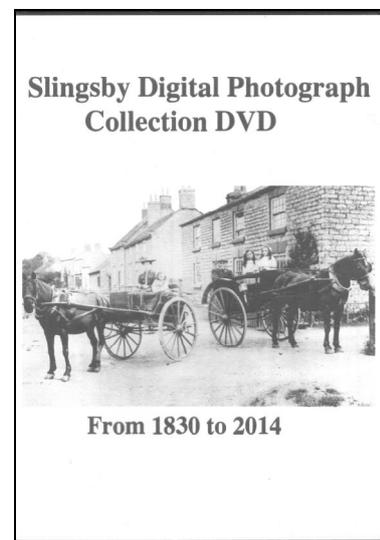


All Saints Church has also published **two new updated guides** to the church building, arising from recent research by Dr. Dav Smith from the University of York. Local History Group members and Slingsby School were also involved with the preparation of both of these. The two colourful guides give the history of the church and point out the key features. The adult's guide costs £2.50 and the children's guide 75p. Both are available from the church.

### Guide to All Saints, for children – NEW



### Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Photo-DVD



**And finally, the Photo-DVD** above, containing over 1,100 photographs of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme over the past 100+ years is still available for £5. This will play on a normal DVD player such as that connected to an ordinary television. It will play for over 2 hours and may be paused/resumed just like any other film. A very nostalgic two hour trip!

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## Tax rebate scam

NHS members are being targeted by tax rebate companies, purporting to offer services whereby they obtain a tax rebate on the victim's behalf. However, the company obtains the refund but does not provide any of the funds to their customer, leaving victims over £34,000 out of pocket.

Information suggests that the companies have managed to infiltrate NHS practices/hospitals. They also advertise their services to staff members and have been known to set up stands in the reception or restaurant areas. The companies request the victim sign forms which give them permission to liaise with HMRC on their behalf, stating their fee will be charged to the rebate received. Once the refund is obtained all contact is broken and the victim does not receive their rebate.

Do research online to ensure the company is reputable. Do not feel pressured to sign documentation without doing some basic checks. Do not respond to unsolicited emails, texts or calls offering rebate services.

## Talk Talk scam

This scam was the subject of an article on the BBC news. If you receive a call from someone claiming to be from Microsoft or Talk Talk telling you that you have a problem with your computer or router, please terminate the call - IT IS A SCAM.

**If you have been affected by this, or any other fraud, report it to Action Fraud by calling 0300 123 2040, or visiting [www.actionfraud.police.uk](http://www.actionfraud.police.uk).**

## North Yorkshire Police

**Operation Spartan.** The public are the police and the police the public, so Op Spartan is inviting the public to submit details of instances of dangerous or anti-social driving they have witnessed via the web link. The driving concern form captures the details of the incident and requests information such as vehicle number plate, so police can carry out the relevant checks and follow up with engagement or enforcement if required. <https://northyorkshire.police.uk/what-we-do/road-policing/operation-spartan/>

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## Amotherby Parish Hall

There will be a Table Top & Car Boot Sale from 9am to 1pm on Easter Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April. To book a table or car space (£5.00) please email [amotherbyhall.trsr@btinternet.com](mailto:amotherbyhall.trsr@btinternet.com) or ring 694009.

The Parish Hall at Amotherby will be open for refreshments during the Tour de Yorkshire from 1pm on Fri 28<sup>th</sup> April. Later that day at 8pm there will be an Old-time & Sequence Dance with music by Nightowl and Faith Supper. *Nigel Ballard*

## Last passenger excursion through Slingsby.

The last official train at Slingsby station, the return Kirbymoorside (railway spelling) to Malton freight passed through mid-afternoon on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Aug 1964. Formal complete closure of the remaining Hushwaite Gate - Gilling - Amotherby (excl) and Kirbymoorside - Gilling lines followed three days later on the 10<sup>th</sup>. The Amotherby - Malton (East) section remained open for B.A.T.A traffic until the 19<sup>th</sup> Oct.

Regular passenger services at Hovingham Spa (railway name), Slingsby, Barton-le-Street and Amotherby had ceased from 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1931. However, an annual excursion to Scarborough continued to run, the last one being on the 27<sup>th</sup> July 1964, a fortnight before the official closure.



*Diesel railcar excursion, a Sunday School outing to Scarborough on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1964. Porter-signalman Fred Wright can just be seen exchanging tokens with the secondman of the unit.*

This day proved to be the busiest the Slingsby porter-signalman, Fred Wright, had experienced for many years, with no less than ten trains for him to deal with, in terms of carrying out his signalling duties and booking tickets for passengers wishing to make a journey on the line for the last time.

There were two excursion diesel multiple unit trains bound for Scarborough, returning in the evening, one from Helmsley calling only at Gilling, where it had to reverse in any case, and the other starting at Gilling calling at the four intermediate stations as described above, which all came under the Gilling Station Master's jurisdiction.

Fred Wright at Slingsby would have started at about 6.30am in order to accept (by means of the Tyer's No. 6 block instrument) from Amotherby the empty stock from Clifton (York) carriage sidings to Helmsley. This was followed 90 minutes later by the empty stock for Gilling from Neville Hill (Leeds) carriage sidings.

Things started to get busy for Fred. Having accepted from Hovingham Spa, and signalled the excursion from Helmsley through Slingsby at 8.38am, he then had to concentrate on the excursion from Gilling following immediately behind, including selling any tickets to last-minute passengers as well (most people would have bought tickets in advance). The standard excursion tickets were specially printed for the occasion.

Having departed Slingsby at 8.56am (four minutes late) Fred didn't enjoy much respite as, once the excursion had cleared the Amotherby - Scarborough Road (Malton) signal box section, the Kirbymoorside freight was ready to come on to the branch, passing Slingsby at 9.42am. During that 46 minute gap Fred would no doubt have been counting the takings from his passengers and hoping that it would all balance.

Now there was a welcome gap for Fred as the 'pick-up' freight didn't return until 1.56pm, and once it cleared Amotherby, after first doing some shunting there, sixteen minutes later, the signalling element of Fred's job ceased until the return of the excursions.

Signalling was not particularly onerous at Slingsby. There was no actual signal box, the levers to operate the two signals, one for each direction, were enclosed in a cupboard on the platform. The connection to the sidings was operated by a ground frame released by inserting the Slingsby - Amotherby single line token. There was also the level crossing gates protecting the Ness road to close and open, and the two token machines in the office to operate.

Fred would have opened to Amotherby and Hovingham Spa at around 6.10pm. The return Helmsley excursion came first, passing Slingsby at 6.36pm, followed by the return Gilling excursion, stopping to set down Slingsby passengers at 7.42pm. This returned as empty stock at 8.17pm, and finally the empty stock from Helmsley passed through at 8.26pm, clearing Amotherby at 8.36pm, enabling Fred to book off duty at 8.46pm, having accrued some useful overtime! (Note that the times quoted are from the Scarborough Road signal box train register book in my possession).

So ended an unusual day for Slingsby station. Within a year the tracks had been torn up, and now, over fifty two years later, it is but a memory.

*Charles Allenby*



The above photo is clearly Yates of Malton, little changed today and instantly recognisable. Above the nearest door it says 'Laid Corn Lifters'. Although not Slingsby, Fryton or South Holme it will be of interest to many who have been in the shop. That's probably everyone! Photo courtesy of Richard Hopkinson.

### **The Antiques Roadshow is coming to Castle Howard.**

BBC's Antiques Roadshow will record a programme at Castle Howard on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July. Specialists are on hand to offer free advice and valuations to visitors who are invited to raid their attics and bring along family heirlooms, household treasures and car boot bargains for inspection.

Entry to Castle Howard grounds on valuation days is free of charge to all visitors. No tickets or pre-registration is required. An upgrade price can be paid on the day to visit the house if required. Find out more by looking at the BBC A.R. website.

Doors open at 9:30am and as long as you are in the queue by 4:30pm you will definitely be seen by an expert.

### **The Fryton Fiver Frighteners!**

Well, here we all are, it is April again. That time when you shock those slumbering moths in your purses and wallets and greet your Triangle delivery and dosh collecting person with laughter and joy. It's just no good hiding as Nancy Coates has borrowed a load of X-Ray specs off Superman.

*Keith Buck*





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( \*note new date\* )

Sunday 7th May - Music Night

Sunday 21st May - Quiz Night

Sat/Sun 27th/28th May -MINIFEST  
live music, guest beers, BBQ, games

## Slingsby Village Hall new extension

While the majority of us were less energetic than usual due to the cold weather, there was frenzied activity at the Village Hall, thanks to the hardworking committee. To solve the problem of carting tables and chairs from the external shed, and sometimes getting soaked in the process, space had to be created from within the hall, via an extension. Dave Calvert, Chairman of the Village Hall Committee, headed a successful application to 'Yorventure' to secure the necessary funding to pay for the £13,200 project, which had 3 aims:

To provide an insulated storage space to prevent the deterioration of stored items, to ensure ease of access to tables and chairs, and reduce the carrying distance.



The contractor, Ryedale Builders, is pictured during the project, braving very low temperatures to get the job done. An aspect of the extension worth noting is how sympathetically the features of the original building have been replicated, notably the brick tiling, pictured below. This was thanks to the architect, who is the son of Brian and Janet Clarke, and who included it in his drawings.



Once built, the task of painting and decorating it both internally and externally was undertaken by

the committee, some of whom are pictured, paintbrushes in hand!



*Pictured are Janet Clarke, Trudy Carr and Sue Carr.*

As the Village Hall is one of Slingsby's major assets, I am sure you will agree that our thanks go to all involved in its improvement; we appreciate your hard work!

To celebrate the achievement, a coffee morning will be held from 10:00am onwards on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> April when a warm welcome awaits and you will have the opportunity to inspect the project yourselves.

*Kay Hill*

### **Village Hall bookings/enquiries**

For Village hall bookings please contact either Trudy Carr on 628302 (e-mail [mowbray.rise@gmail.com](mailto:mowbray.rise@gmail.com)) or Debbie Firby at [gillgirl42@yahoo.com](mailto:gillgirl42@yahoo.com).

### **New Parish Clerk e-mail address**

Please note Gail Cook's new e-mail address. Unfortunately her old address has been repeatedly hacked, so has had to be changed again. It is now [gailcook15@yahoo.com](mailto:gailcook15@yahoo.com)

## Slingsby May Day Festival

(Also see our poster on page 23)

Slingsby May Day Festival is taking place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May. The centrepiece of the day will be the village children dancing around the May Pole, demonstrating traditional dances, such as the Spider's Web, Plait, and Barber's Pole, weaving the colourful ribbons in intricate patterns around the 6m high pole.

Festivities will run from 11am until 3pm, and will include Swinton and Malton School Jazz Bands, and dancing from the Minster Strays. There will be craft stalls around the green and in the Village Hall, children's games and activities, and refreshments.

There will also be a car boot sale in the sports field from 7am, and a scarecrow trail around the village.

The programme of events for the day is as follows –

11:00am - Swinton Band

12:00 noon - The Slingsby school children dancing.

1:00pm - The Minster Strays dancers.

1:30pm Malton School Jazz band.

2:00pm The Minster Stray dancers and the children.

2:30pm Malton School Jazz band.

3:00pm Raffle and end of activities.

*Pat Thompson*

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## The Slingsby Sports Field Tennis Courts

For a long time, the tennis courts have been redundant and the current weathered playing surface makes any sporting activity almost impossible. However, for the last two years the necessary paperwork, legal permissions and cost estimates have been acquired to resurface the courts. The last hurdle is money but it is hoped that the project will attract relevant grants so that play is possible this summer. Significant interest has already been shown by locals and the school.

The purpose of rejuvenating the courts is to encourage anyone to enjoy fun outdoor exercise on an all-weather surface. It will be a free facility and belong to the Community.

Watch this space for details of the official opening and if you want any further information, please contact Geoff Bishop on 01653 628055.

*Geoff Bishop*

## Slingsby Community Primary School

After ever increasing numbers and a very successful Ofsted, Slingsby CP School continues to provide an outstanding Primary education. However lack of space and the use of the Reading Room as a classroom, dining room and gymnasium has always been unsatisfactory. The good news is that The Old School House, which looks as if it is an integral part of the school but has been Castle Howard rented accommodation, will become a part of the school, providing much needed space for a new classroom, staff room and Head Teacher's office. It is hoped that the necessary building work will be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> September.

The school is thriving thanks to outstanding teachers, staff and volunteers and is always seeking opportunities to involve itself with the Slingsby community such as the May Day weekend celebrations and other events throughout the year.



Austerity measures are hitting education hard but with the help and support of the local community, Slingsby CP School is confident that it can continue to provide outstanding Primary education, about which, the local residents can feel very proud.

*Geoff Bishop, Governor*

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## Parish Council

Unfortunately the Parish Council meeting is not until the week after Triangle closure date, therefore no council notes appear in this issue.

## All Saints Slingsby, churchyard changes

Some of the trees have been removed from the churchyard to improve visibility and security, to help prevent further thefts of roof lead. This now creates the possibility that some parts of the graveyard can be managed to create some wildflower areas and introduce more bee and insect friendly plants.

Ryedale District Council organises the grass mowing in the churchyard for the Parochial Church Council, and is now able to carry out the necessary special mowing regime to encourage this to happen. Their maintenance surveyor hopes that other churchyards, which are closed for burials, like All Saints, will take part in the experiment.

It may take several years to establish a wider variety of plants. What comes up in the first year or so will have to be monitored and encouraged. The grass might therefore look a bit more wild and untidy for a while until different wild plants take over from the dense grass.

Before the spring progresses too far efforts are being made to remove some of the ground ivy and brushwood in order to enable other wild plants to grow. The areas which are to be allowed to grow up are being marked off. Thereafter these will be cut just twice a year and the grass clippings removed. The rest of the churchyard will be mowed as normal. The churchyard is an attractive community space, open to everyone. It is closed for coffin burials, but burials of ashes still take place there. We are looking for volunteer help to help keep the two small ashes burial areas neat and tidy. If you are able to spare the occasional hour to help with this, we would be very pleased to hear from you. Please contact Margaret Mackinder, Kate Giles or Maurag Carmichael.

Don't forget the Easter services at All Saints!

*Margaret Mackinder*

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## Nancy Stroughair

The Triangle is sad to announce the death of Nancy Stroughair. An obituary to this well known and popular Slingsby lady will appear in the next issue.

## Slingsby flower and garden weekend 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> June 2017

2017 marks the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the rebuilding of Slingsby Church. 2017 also marks the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of Slingsby Chapel. To mark these significant anniversaries and to raise funds towards the repair of the church roof we are planning a grand flower festival and open gardens weekend.

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June - The festival opens with a concert in Slingsby church featuring local talent with wine and canapés.

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June - Flower festival in Church and Chapel. The floral displays in the Church will be created by Malton Flower Club and the arrangements in the Chapel will be created by a group of our talented local flower arrangers.

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June - Flower festival continues in church and chapel. The open gardens programme takes place from 1 - 5pm when 14 gardens will be open to explore and enjoy. Teas will be served in the village hall throughout the afternoon. There will also be a display of local art in the village hall.

The weekend will finish with a joint church/chapel service in church, preacher The Bishop of Selby.

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*Maurag Carmichael*

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## Slingsby Local History Group forthcoming events.

**April meeting** Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April. This will be a working meeting to consider our next project and look at some recently researched information about Slingsby and Slingsby connections. These are:

**John Close**, who is commemorated in two All Saints' Church windows and was three times Lord Mayor of York. We will present information about his connections with Slingsby, which corrects a few myths, but reveals in more detail about him. This arises from recent research by a York LH group.

We will present information about **Robert J. Johnson** the Victorian Architect who designed All Saints' Church, and who is now considered to be the foremost High Victorian architect of his era, working exclusively in the North. He was responsible for the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century work at Castle Howard, including major re-ordering of the chapel, and for much civic and ecclesiastical architecture in and around Newcastle upon Tyne. This will be a useful extra briefing in advance of the following:

**Talk and Tour of All Saints Church** on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May by Dr. Dav Smith, who has completed his research on the rebuilding and alteration of Slingsby and the other principal Street Parish churches during the Victorian period. We hope to have extra expert contributions from other local history group members. 10:30am start, with coffee.

**Morning Walk** on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June to examine the flora of Slingsby. The Slingsby area was once renowned for its wildflowers and variety of other plants in the hedgerows. Sadly that time has long gone, but Simon Conyers, who is a professional botanist with expertise in wildflower meadows and their conservation and promotion, will help us to identify what can still be found, so we can update the records. Meet 10am on Slingsby Green when we shall walk up to the top of Fryton Lane for 10:30am start. Wear comfortable footwear for walking (and mud).

**July/August Meeting** - Trip to the Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York to discover what is held there about Slingsby. Date to be confirmed.

**All meetings are open - please feel free to join us.**

*Margaret Mackinder*



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*Join us for a circular walk round Slingsby.  
A chance to meet friends and make new ones.  
Sensible footwear and clothing recommended.  
Dogs welcome!*



**When?**  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April  
**Where?**  
Meet on Slingsby  
Village Green  
**What time?** 11am  
**How long?**

A 3.6 mile gentle stroll suitable for all ages and abilities -  
Duration 1.5 hours approx. (with short route option 1.8  
mile)

**Contact?** 01653 628370  
friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk

**Website stuff happens....**  
admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk

The website's latest Events Calendar (installed at the end of last year) enables us to alert you to upcoming events many months in advance, even if we only have the barest of information. So, if you are considering organizing a local event, do remember to have a look at the calendar early on, to avoid any unwanted clash. Please make sure you to tell us once you have fixed a date for a community event.

Subscribers to our email service (new post alerts) will perhaps have noticed that this function has not been operating recently. Sorry, but this is out of our control. At the time of writing (20<sup>th</sup> March) we are hoping that action scheduled by our host to move the website to a new server may rectify this. Whatever the outcome, we suggest you visit the website regularly to ensure you are not missing anything important.

It's not just the website that is migrating. We are expecting the webmaster himself to migrate (further north) soon. We will continue to require technical expertise down in the engine room and, fortunately, Richard has promised to do his best to provide this by remote control from afar. Phew! Thanks Richard.

Finally, we are very envious of the Triangle team who have attracted a very promising recruit. We here at the cutting edge are still looking for someone to help us keep the website up-to-date with news and events. If you are not acquainted with WordPress, expect to ride an enjoyable learning curve!

*Jan Boots  
for the Website team*

**May Day**  
1 May 2017  
11am to 3pm



**Slingsby Village Green**  
featuring

Swinton Brass Band      Minster Strays  
Malton School Jazz Band  
Maypole Dancing



Scarecrow Trail

Tea, coffee & cakes      

Pulled Pork Sandwiches

Crafts      Raffle      Tombola  
Children's Corner      

Organisers: Slingsby Fryton & South Holme CIC

# Domestic waste, recyclables, garden waste collection days for 2017

Garden waste collection has now become simpler....maybe!

For Slingsby and Fryton - recyclables collection will still be on Mondays (except Bank Holidays).

For Slingsby and Fryton - garden waste is on Tuesdays, the same week as **recycling** collection.

For South Holme - garden waste collection is Tuesdays, the same week as **refuse** collection.

The RDC table below shows refuse and recyclables collections for all of Ryedale but does not include garden waste collections.

March 2017					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	31

April 2017					
Mon	3	10	17	24	
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	
Sat		15	22		

May 2017					
Mon	1	8	15	22	29
Tue	2	9	16	23	30
Wed	3	10	17	24	31
Thu	4	11	18	25	
Fri	5	12	19	26	
Sat	6				

June 2017					
Mon		5	12	19	26
Tue		6	13	20	27
Wed		7	14	21	28
Thu	1	8	15	22	29
Fri	2	9	16	23	30
Sat	3				

July 2017					
Mon	3	10	17	24	31
Tue	4	11	18	25	
Wed	5	12	19	26	
Thu	6	13	20	27	
Fri	7	14	21	28	

August 2017					
Mon		7	14	21	28
Tue	1	8	15	22	29
Wed	2	9	16	23	30
Thu	3	10	17	24	31
Fri	4	11	18	25	
Sat					

Sept 2017					
Mon		4	11	18	25
Tue		5	12	19	26
Wed		6	13	20	27
Thu		7	14	21	28
Fri	1	8	15	22	29
Sat	2				

Oct 2017					
Mon	2	9	16	23	30
Tue	3	10	17	24	31
Wed	4	11	18	25	
Thu	5	12	19	26	
Fri	6	13	20	27	

Nov 2017					
Mon		6	13	20	27
Tue		7	14	21	28
Wed	1	8	15	22	29
Thu	2	9	16	23	30
Fri	3	10	17	24	

## Waste & collection calendar 2017

	Refuse collection
	Collection of cans, plastic bottles, glass, paper and card

	<b>Good Friday</b>
	All collections due on Good Friday 14 April will be on Saturday 15 April 2017

	<b>Bank Holidays</b>
	There are no collections on a Bank Holiday Monday All collections will be one day late