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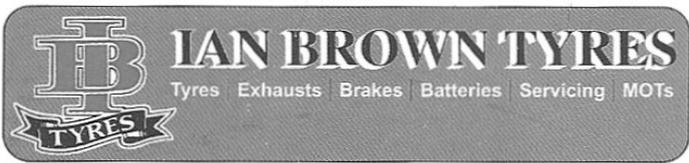
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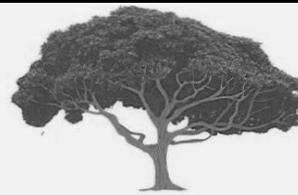
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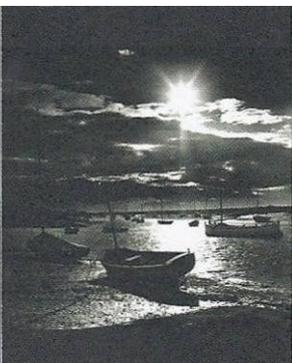
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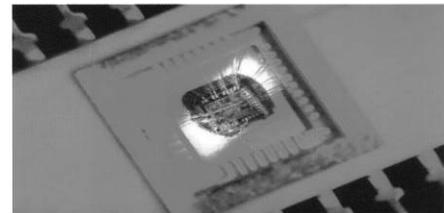
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Front cover photo.



Pictured on the front cover is someone who many local people will know, namely Robert Lange. The cover photo, almost certainly taken by Alan Wormald at South Holme, is fantastic quality and has captured the moment brilliantly. My thanks go to Robert for being a good sport and allowing me to use it. The one above was taken more recently!

David Thornley

Beware - they'll steal anything!

On the afternoon of Saturday 14th June one of the steel newspaper boxes was stolen from outside Tony's shop. Although the item had little monetary value, it highlights the fact that some people will steal anything! So beware, keep your eyes open and be aware of undesirables around! Please inform the Police if you know anything about this or any other theft on 101.

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By 10:30 am on Monday 22nd September please.

New arrivals

Welcome to Martin and Sue Wilkingson of Aspen Way.

Welcome to Porch Farm Close, Jacky and Paul Ayres and their 12 year old son, Caine. They have arrived in Slingsby via Oswaldkirk and Bermuda where Paul still works!

Apples for Slingsby press.

You may recall that last year Rob Racenis suggested we pooled apples from the three villages to produce apple-juice. Subsequently Elaine Keith from Wyville Hall (next to Tony's shop) offered the use of her mobile hydraulic apple-press for a day. So that she can get an idea who will be donating apples and whether it will be viable, can you please contact Tony at the shop if you intend to submit apples? October is the time to press and it may be possible to involve the school in this pastime, which is apparently fun for children too. Further details in the next issue of The Triangle but don't forget to let Tony know.

Triangle 22.....oops!

Apologies from one of our volunteer deliverers who accidentally delivered their personal, **completed** Slingsby School wordsearch copy to someone. Our competitions are not usually *that* easy!

Please remember that the whole of the newsletter is written, compiled, edited, delivered etc. by volunteers. Apart from the printers no one gets paid. We're all amateurs and none of us has a journalistic background. Also, it's only £5 **per year**, which just covers our printing costs. For your fiver you get five black and white Triangles and one colour Triangle at Christmas, six Pinks and one Yellow Pages! Obviously our newsletter content depends on the amount of copy coming in from contributors, so some issues will be thicker than others. Please consider writing something for the magazine. Yes, you! Don't worry about spelling, punctuation, presentation, typing etc, as we can do that for you. Remember - If no one bothers to write for us, there may not be a magazine !

Slingsby Village Notice board

Would you please note that all notices for display on Slingsby Village notice board should be given to Mrs Daphne Wilson of Porch House Farm Cottage (i.e. next door to Porch House Farm) .

Slingsby Parish Plan

A meeting will be held before the next Parish Council meeting on Monday 22 September, starting at 6:30pm till 7pm.

If you are interested in being involved with the plan then please put this date in your diary and come along.

Maggie Farey

North Yorkshire Development Officer

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Slingsby Methodist Church

On Sunday June 15th we had a very interesting Chapel Anniversary. Firstly we went on a walk round part of Castle Farm which Stephen & Rachel Prest run, looking at some of the conservation work we have done including two new ponds, plantations of trees, grass margins, wild bird crops etc. After the walk we had afternoon tea in the Methodist Schoolroom and finally Louise Hayes led us in a service celebrating the ongoing work of the church.

Our 'Harvest Festival' this year is on Sunday 28th September with a service of thanksgiving at 10:30am followed by a harvest lunch in the schoolroom. Do come and join us in thanking God for another bountiful harvest.

Regarding other activities at The Methodist Church, 'Little Adventurers' continues to meet on Thursdays at 1:30pm but all the other groups have closed down for the summer months. We will let you know in the next edition of The Triangle when we start the groups up again, which will be in the autumn.

We are sad to report the death of Doreen Sleightholme, who was one of our congregation at The Chapel. Doreen was one of those people who was at the chapel every Sunday and was always smiling and was a great encouragement to us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with her daughter Sue, son in law Adrian and grand daughter Laura, Doreen will be greatly missed by all of us but we thank God for her life.

Photo shows the group of walkers ready to set off on The Chapel Anniversary walk.



...and a new family arrival.....

Rachel & Stephen Prest are pleased to announce that their daughter Rebecca (Dr Rebecca L Davidson) has just had another baby daughter 'Isobel Sophie' - a sister for Abigail.



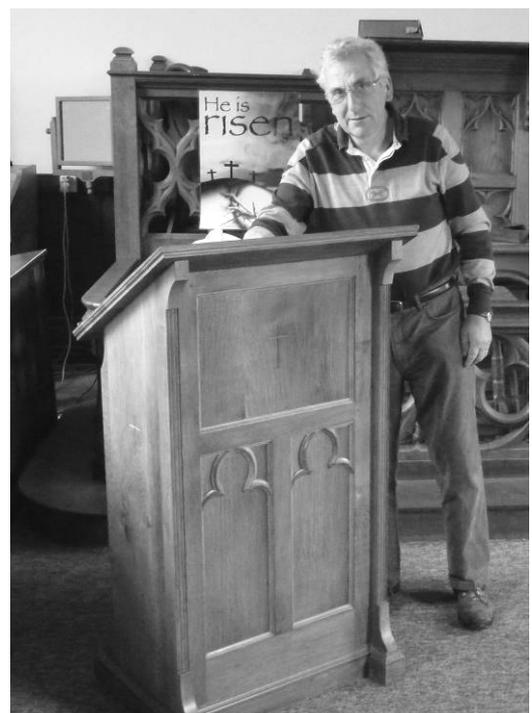
In memory of Esther Dennis

On Sunday 25th May at Slingsby Methodist Church the Rev Ruth Duck dedicated a "Lectern" in memory of Esther Dennis. Esther always loved the spoken word and to hear the Bible well read so a lectern seemed to be a fitting memorial to her. Esther was a local preacher for over 60 years and over her lifetime spoke many thousands of times at services and many other meetings and was a very loyal supporter of the Bible Society.



Photo shows Esther's four children, Paul, Ruth, Rachel and Stephen, admiring the new lectern.

The lectern was made by John Apps of Slingsby (JRA Woodworking). It really is a beautiful work of art and matches the other oak furniture perfectly. It will be greatly appreciated by those taking part in services there. The photo below shows John pretending to give the lectern a final polish.



Slingsby Local History Group RTI day.

Dr Gareth Beale and Nicole Beale of the Centre for Digital Heritage, University of York came to Slingsby Local History Group to give a talk and demonstration on Reflectance Transformation Imaging (RTI) on Saturday 6th June. Sounds complicated! In fact RTI is a simple photographic recording technique, increasingly used by heritage professionals to record memorials and gravestones. It requires minimal digital camera equipment and uses free software to reveal often-hidden details of carved and decorated stone. The results are truly astounding!

The computer software stitches together about 25 different images of the same thing, lit from different angles, to enable faded, worn or crumbled lettering and symbols to be easily discerned. Apart from two real camera enthusiasts, the rest of us were basic level amateur photographers with simple digital cameras.



Photo by Richard Flint

We spent a fascinating 4 hours in the Church and Village Hall, ending with a climb up the church tower to view the graffiti to use as practise. About 15 people attended the session and all thought it very interesting. Pictured are Nicole Beale (holding the flashgun) with Dr Kate Giles, who arranged the day, looking on. Evan Smurthwaite was chief flashgun operator and is shielding his eyes from the direct flash. Maurag Carmichael is observing from behind. Dr Gareth Beale, who was leading the day, is out of shot, behind the camera, as were all the other participants.

David Thornley

News from All Saints Church

The new seat sponsored in memory of Derek Carr and Peter Fell is now in position in the church yard. It is sited so it has pleasant views of the churchyard towards the castle. We hope that people living in the village and our visitors will make use of it and enjoy it.

There are a few events taking place over the next couple of months which we hope will be of interest and also some where we should very much appreciate your help and support:

Continued: All Saints Church dates

Saturday 9th August

ANNUAL CHURCH CLEANING AND MAINTENANCE MORNING.

Please come along and help us give the church and churchyard a good annual spring clean as well as carrying out routine tasks in the churchyard. From 10 a.m. Coffee and cake provided. Bring suitable clothing, cleaning materials etc.

Sunday 10th August

ANNUAL OPEN AIR SERVICE - held jointly with Slingsby Methodist church. 10:30 a.m. on the Green. All are very welcome to join in or just come and listen. Join us for coffee afterwards in the chapel schoolroom.

Saturday 16th August

AUGUST MINI MARKET AND MORNING COFFEE AT SLINGSBY CHURCH AND IN THE CHURCHYARD. In aid of church funds. 10 a.m. -11:30 a.m. Cake and produce stall, raffle. Contributions of cakes, raffle prizes and produce gratefully received.

Margaret Mackinder

All Saints' Christmas Cards (in colour)



Photo by Steve Allen

All Saints Church, Slingsby, has just had a new set of postcards printed of three images of the church, one an interior shot, one the detail of a pew carving and one a stained glass window. The photographs were taken by members of Malton Camera Club and are for sale in church. We are currently printing two Christmas cards, one a photograph of the Christmas crib by Graham Piercy of Malton Camera Club and the other an exterior of the church in the snow by kind permission of Steve Allen. The two Christmas cards will be available soon, please contact Maurag Carmichael to order.

Golden Wedding – 50 years!



Jill & Tom Sawyer of Sycamore Close will celebrate their Golden Wedding day on 22nd August 2014.

Mum and Dad met in February of 1964 while Dad was on leave after a two year spell sailing the Pacific Ocean on a Royal Navy Survey Ship. Married on 22nd August 1964 in Lofthouse, Wakefield, Mum continued her work in the Woollen Mill in Wakefield and Dad went off on another voyage.

Following completion of his naval service, they lived on the outskirts of Leeds for some years and eventually took up residence in a public house in Bradford, where Mum ran her own in-house catering business while Dad took care of all things relevant to running a very busy pub.



On retiring from the pub trade, Dad bought himself a commercial vehicle and set up a courier business, transporting goods throughout the UK and the continent while Mum went on to cater for various companies, mainly old people's homes.

In 2007 they both retired and moved to Sycamore Close, Slingsby. They have two children, Melanie & Gary, and two grandchildren, all of whom live in

the Bradford area.

The Golden Wedding will be celebrated with a cruise to include the whole family. Dad is still active with the Royal Navy, being the Honorary Secretary of HMS ARETHUSA Association, a group which he founded in 1987 and who meet annually throughout the UK.

By their daughter, Melanie Peel

Yorkshire Film Archive

There is some great *local* film footage to be found on Yorkshire Film Archive's site. <http://shar.es/MCBqk> This particular link shows aspects of daily life in the town of Malton during the Second World War. It shows an air raid precautions drill in the town centre. The ARP unit is practising for a gas attack in Market Square. They wear rubber suits, boots and gas masks, and work together to hose down the street, clean their boots in a white liquid and sweep away any dangerous matter resulting from an attack. A crowd gather around to watch the proceedings from behind a cordoned off area.

Also shown are evacuees from Hull and Middlesbrough arriving in the town. Outside of Malton Railway Station crowds of children gather next to billboards as they wait to meet their host families. There is a large marquee and the children themselves. Why not have a look? There are lots of other interesting bits of old film on their web-site and if you haven't a computer you can use the one in the library.

Forthcoming Slingsby Car Boot dates

These are planned for 10th and 25th August and 7th September, weather and ground conditions permitting of course.

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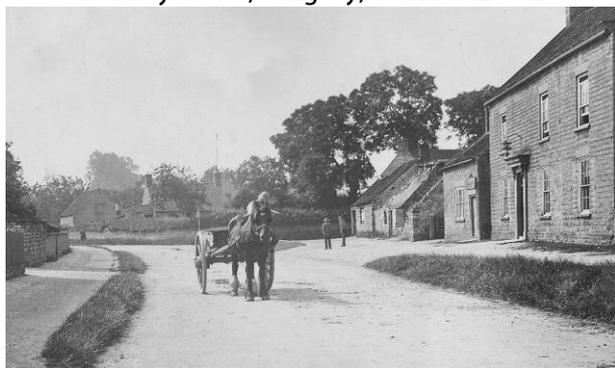
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'Slingsby, Then and Now' Book

The Local History Group's publication has now sold out, again! A further 50 were printed after the initial two print runs sold out but now these have all gone too. Tony Hodgson at the village shop has kindly offered to keep an 'order list' if anyone still wants a copy but there will not be a reprint until there are about 25 on the list. Tony's doing a brilliant job selling these for the village and already has 7 on his list at the time of writing. Altogether 200 have been sold at the time of writing, which Tony predicted from the start!

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September 21st Sun – Quiz Night, 8pm

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The priceless photo below shows The Grapes Inn Football Team on Whit Monday, 1965. Apparently after the match the mean all dressed up in women's clothing to raise money for charity!



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Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association (YCA)

The July meeting was a little different from usual. Sue Birkbeck welcomed 12 members and received apologies from those absent. Entries for Ryedale show were discussed and the association newsletter was made available for members to read at their convenience. Dr Kate Giles then joined us and took us on an historical tour of part of the village visiting the Castle, Rectory, Church, Dossers House and the School. Time was short so we returned to the schoolroom for questions and tea and biscuits and Sue thanked Kate for a very enjoyable evening which we hope can be repeated in the future.

Our next meeting will be an open meeting on Tuesday 9th September in the village hall when you can put your gardening questions to a panel led by Roger Burnett. Tickets are £3-00 and available from Tony at the village shop and *everyone is welcome*. *Shelagh Richardson*

Doreen Sleightholme

Doreen Sleightholme, born at Cropton in 1931, passed away on 7th July. She will be much missed by her daughter, Susan, grand-daughter, Laura and son-in-law, Adrian.

Moving to Slingsby from Nunnington with her husband, Derrick, she enjoyed her time here near her family, going to Chapel, Fellowship, village events and passing time with friends in her conservatory.

After Derrick's death and since her first fight against cancer she much appreciated the support of family, friends and neighbours at home, in hospital and latterly at Beechwood Place Nursing Home. *Susan Thackray*

Tour De France passes Castle Howard.... really?

According to the television commentator, the Tour De France was going to pass Castle Howard on its way from York to Harrogate. I don't think so! One yellow bicycle was spotted in the village though, photo below.



High speed photo by Keith Buck

What a marvellous job Gary Verity did. I don't think anybody imagined that roadside spectator numbers over the two days would top 3 million. The T de F goes out to 190 countries with viewing figures of 3.9 billion! Guess we might see a few more tourists. *Keith Buck*

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Malton Museum Summer Workshops

Malton Museum has a number of talks and workshops taking place in July and August. The August ones are as follows:

Thurs August 7th Alison Williams

“Burning the midnight oil” – a pottery workshop looking at how people have created ways to light their workspace. Make your own Roman style clay oil lamp.

Thurs August 14th Sarah Maultby & Michelle Pety

“Making it fizz!” A practical look at the history of making sparkling soft drinks in Malton. Have a go too!

Friday August 22nd Keith Matthews

“Shield walls and how to get round them!” Be a Roman soldier for a day. Join the Norman soldiers from France. Learn battle tactics and have a go at making chain mail.

Friday August 29th Rachel Matthews

“Twisting Threads” creating decorative and useful braids, cords and plaits from medieval times. A hands-on day.

More information for all of these events can be found at www.maltonmuseum.co.uk or phone 01653 697845

Stephen's farming column

What a different year this has been from the previous one. Last year, because of the cold wet winter and spring crops were quite poor and did not yield very well, however because that resulted in a shortage of grain, crops prices were very good. This year with a very mild winter and good growing conditions throughout the year

crops look very well indeed and the barns will be full to bursting with barley, wheat and oilseed rape etc. However, because the merchants and processors expect crop surpluses prices for grain have dropped alarmingly. As I write this harvest is ready and the combine harvesters have been hard at work until the arrival of a few thunderstorms which brought everything to a standstill.

Conservation of wildlife and the countryside are an important part of farming these days and money paid from the European Union to support farming is closely tied to conservation features on every farm. At Castle Farm I have entered several additional 'Countryside Stewardship Schemes' which are supported by Natural England. Under these schemes we have planted a lot of trees, dug two ponds, created wildlife meadows, planted new hedgerows and established over 4 miles of 6 metre grass margins round arable fields. We also have beetle banks, pollen & nectar flower mixtures and 6 acres of land in wild bird seed mixes, so the birds have plenty of feed during the winter. We have also put up nesting boxes for small birds and about 4 years ago we put up two barn owl nesting boxes. I am pleased to say that this year, for the first time, a pair of barn owls has nested in one of them.

Many of these features are very successful; for instance on the pollen and nectar crops there are lots of butterflies, bumble bees and many other insects feeding on them. In winter there are large flocks of birds feeding on the wild bird crops. On the ponds moorhens are nesting and we often have wild duck on them. In some of the grasslands a lot of pyramid orchids are growing and so on.

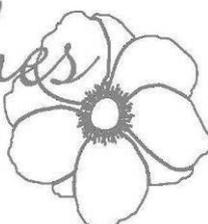
Sadly the government support for these schemes is coming to an end and as yet we have no information on what will follow. Obviously food production is the most important job of farming but I believe it is also very important to maintain a balance between farming and looking after our glorious countryside.

We are so fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the country and it is our responsibility to look after it and hand it on to the next generation. *Stephen Prest*



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Triangle Nursery Rhyme quiz. Not as easy as you might think!

Although now thought of as children's verse, the origins of most nursery rhymes reflect events in history. For example 'Remember, Remember' alludes to Guy Fawkes' foiled attempt to blow up the English Houses of Parliament. Many nursery rhymes were used to parody the royal and political events of the day and dissent would often be punishable by death! Also, when considered carefully, some Nursery Rhyme words are quite gruesome.

Can you complete the following nursery rhymes? They're not all as easy as the first one!

Please return your entry to David Thornley at The Dower House, The Balk, Slingsby, by Monday 1st Sept.

There are four £10 Castle Howard Gardening Vouchers available to the four winners. Don't forget your contact details!

Name: _____ Address: _____ Tel: _____

1. What colour was the boat in which the owl and the pussycat went to sea? _____
2. What say "you owe me five farthings"? _____
3. Monday's child is fair of face but what is Wednesday's child full of? _____
4. Which popular rhyme can you make from this anagram: A Rob Key Cabby? _____
5. Whose poor dog went without a bone because the cupboard was bare? _____
6. Who gets brown bread and butter for his supper, provided he sings? _____
7. If 'eleven and twelve is dig and delve', what are thirteen and fourteen? _____
8. Who stepped in a puddle right up to his middle? _____
9. What did the farmer's wife cut off with a carving knife? _____
10. What did Kitty Fisher find empty? _____
11. Which rhyme tells of the Bubonic Plague of London? _____
12. What were the names of the two little dickie birds sitting on a wall? _____
13. Who did the dish run away with? _____
14. What is the fine lady sitting on at Banbury Cross? _____
15. If you have no daughters, what can you give to your sons? _____
16. What was Miss Muffet eating when the spider frightened her away? _____
17. What was called for in the middle of the night in addition to a pipe and bowl? _____
18. Who kissed the girls and made them cry? _____
19. Who were the tarts stolen from on a summer's day? _____
20. 'And so betwixt the two of them they licked the platter clean'. Who were they? _____

Prestigious award for Matthew

Matthew Harrison, who works at Castle Howard as an under keeper was awarded the prestigious Frank Jenkins Memorial Trophy for best gamekeeping student in the country from the National Gamekeepers' Organisation.

The photo below shows Matthew being presented with the award by Alan Titchmarsh at the Country Landowners' Association Game Fair at Blenheim Palace in Oxfordshire.



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Slingsby Bowls Club

With more than half the season over it's time for a report on Slingsby Bowls Club's progress. In the BATAGAS League, which encompasses clubs as far apart as Heslerton and Strensall, Slingsby look booked for a second place finish. Malton Bowls Club is so far undefeated and looks uncatchable.

However, in the Knock Out Cup competition, Slingsby have booked a place in the final where they will play Terrington, who, although struggling in the league, managed to defeat Malton in a tense semi-final. Meanwhile, Slingsby veterans lead Division One as we enter the second half of the season.

Sadly, due to the lack of support, many of the Open Competitions for pairs or triples have been cancelled. However Slingsby B.C. have bucked the trend by holding their annual pairs competition, held over two days due to heavy rain. The event was won by D. Raines and J. Harper of Malton B.C.

There was better news for Slingsby B.C. when two representatives from the club, Ron Collier and George Wright, were successful in the Stillington Pairs.

Alan Vowles, Secretary

Picture below shows the 2013 team, with Alf Holmes and Nancy Coates holding the cup on behalf of the team.



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The Friends of Slingsby School would like to say Good Luck to all the Year 6's that are moving onto secondary school: Annabel Williams, Josh Bradley, Aimee Hayhurst, Sophie Palmer-Bunting and Dennis Higgins.

Also a big thank you to anyone who contributed in some way to our Annual Duck Race, we raised £2600!

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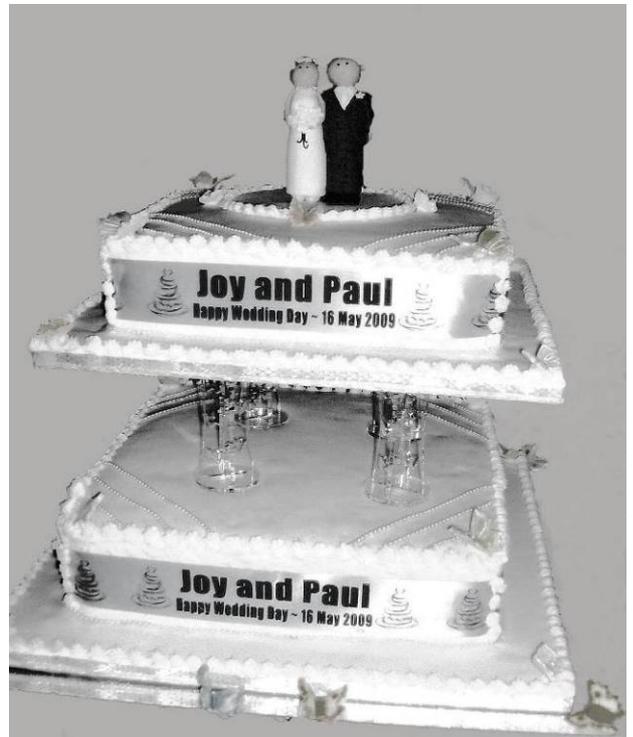
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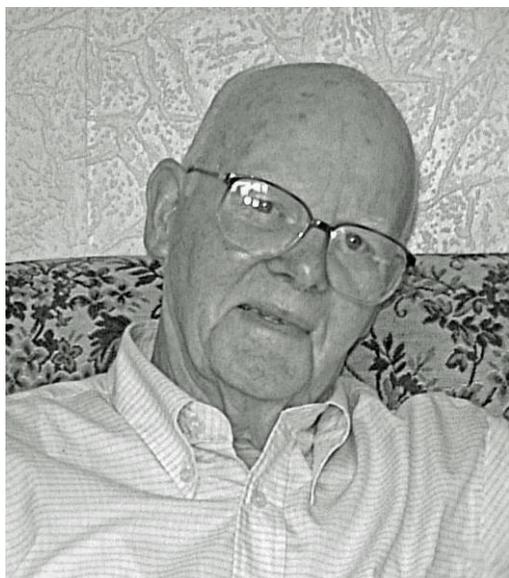
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Frank Wood, 95 and in good voice!

Even though he's lived in Slingsby since 2003 you might not know Frank Wood. He'll be 95 on August 13th although you wouldn't believe it! However he's not as mobile as he used to be due to knee problems so can't walk around the village now. Also, he gave up driving last year so is now dependent on his family and friends for transport.



Frank was born in Farsley, near Bradford in 1919, the second of four boys. He left school at 14 and started work in a local mill, making fine worsted men's clothing. At the outbreak of war he was one of the first to be

conscripted into the Royal Army Medical Corps (RAMC) but he managed to get a week's leave to marry his girlfriend, Hilda. During the war years he was promoted to corporal and served in many places, including West and North Africa (the 1st Army). Then he was transferred to Sicily, where they encountered little combat but many victims of malaria, then back to North Africa. He was then awarded a month's leave but had to return to Italy until the war ended. Sadly Frank's brother, Tom, was killed within a few days of victory.

Back in Civvy Street he returned to his old firm, where he worked as a textile designer until he retired at 64. Their daughter, Barbara, was born after the war. The family were regular visitors to Slingsby in their caravanning days, and Barbara and her husband, David, had already settled in Slingsby, so when Barbara asked in 2001 if they would like to move here, Frank and Hilda jumped at the opportunity. They packed up their home of 42 years and just moved to Green Crescent – "our best move ever" says Frank.

Sadly, Hilda passed away just before Christmas 2012 after 70 years happy marriage together. "Having lost Hilda and many of my friends due to our age and moving away from the Bradford area, I feel very lucky to find myself near my family and amongst so many very kind and helpful friends and neighbours" says Frank.

One of Frank's new-found hobbies is the 'Songs and Scones' Group. This is organised by the staff and volunteers of Ryedale Carers Support and is brilliant as far as Frank is concerned. "You simply go along, listen to some lovely singing and piano and maybe have a sing yourself, then some tea and cakes. You don't have to be a good singer! On the second Tuesday of every month at Amotherby you just enjoy top quality entertainment of one professional singer, and the company and friendliness of everyone there. You even get a volunteer 'chauffeur'! It's brilliant!"

Frank may be approaching 95 but he's young at heart and really looks forward to his monthly 'Songs and Scones' outings, see below.

Songs and Scones



On the second Tuesday of every month at Amotherby Village Hall, 'Live Music Now' musicians Chloe Saywell and Stephenie Leung provide a live music musical event.



Photos used by courtesy of Songs & Scones and Live Music Now.

Each session lasts about 2 hours and is free to attend, **although you must book in advance, see below**. The music starts at 1:30 and generally finishes at 2:30, followed by the refreshments and general chat until around 3:30.

Free transport is provided by Ryedale Carers Support. Scones and other cakes are from local bakeries and other volunteers, who also do the waiting-on and the washing up afterwards!

Chloe and Stephenie have built up a fantastic rapport with the audience and spend time with the audience, gathering requests for specific pieces to perform at the next meeting. Feedback has been universally positive; just see what Frank Wood has to say as an example!



If you are interested contact Ryedale Carers Support at The Old School, Tinley Garth, Kirkbymoorside YO62 6AR or simply telephone 01751 432288.



Where do all our tokens go?



Many people in Slingsby collect the tokens while shopping in Morrison's or Sainsbury's but do not know what becomes of them. Some coupons are for specific things eg sports equipment, gardening tools. This time, so many coupons were collected from Morrison's that Slingsby school has been able to purchase a hen coop.

The school now has 4 point-of-lay pullets, living in a smart house thanks to the effort of so many Slingsby people. The hens also have a very safe run, build by Mr. Bradley and Josh. Thanks to them no fox can get anywhere near those precious hens.

Thanks to Mrs. Hindby and Mrs Magson the hens will be cared for during the holidays when the children are not there to do the tasks themselves. Hopefully soon there will be the eggs to collect.

So please continue collecting any vouchers that are on offer; the school will make good use of them. Thank you for your support.

Pat Thompson

Piano tuition.

Fancy learning the piano? Or maybe your child would like to? Alan Moore is a qualified music teacher offering local tuition to adults or children. If you are interested please phone him on 07761 004 567 or visit www.TheATheme.co.uk

A tribute to Peter William Green.

Peter was born in Hemsorth, near Wakefield on 8th August 1939 just as WW2 broke out. He moved with his family to Leeds five years later and Leeds became his home and where he followed four generations into the leather trade.

He met June in 1960 and they have worked together ever since. Peter and June opened a factory making leather goods, and then six shops. They both raced stock cars for 15 years before moving to Slingsby in 1984 for a quiet life.

They opened Green's Furniture in 1985, with shops in York, Malton and Selby. Peter loved the buzz of buying at auctions, travelling all over the country in their big van. Although constantly busy with the businesses, Peter played his part quietly in the community.

Family and friends always came first; he was an excellent host especially at his birthday parties and the BBQs in their large garden. He always seemed to have a new project in mind, and would work away at yet another scheme, be it redoing the kitchen or building a swimming pool. How his grandchildren loved that pool!

Peter was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer in June 2012 and given 3 months to live. However, Peter was not to be defeated and he battled on till June 2014 fighting all that time. As June said "Pete was her love and her best friend" and he will be sadly missed by all his many friends and family. Because of Peter and June's close links with Leeds, Peter's funeral and committal took place there, his home town.

Pat Thompson

Slingsby Annual Produce Show

Saturday 13th September in Slingsby Village Hall.

Open to the public at 2pm teas, home made cakes raffle. Entry forms available from Farm Shop and Trudy at Mowbray Rise from end of August. Exhibits to be staged in hall from 8.30 to 10am on day of show

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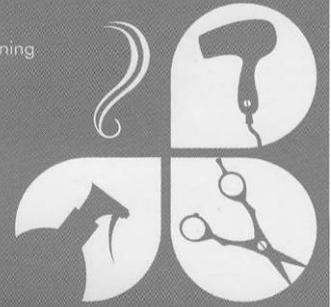
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YORKSHIRE ARBORETUM.

THUMBS UP FOR A NEW WOODLAND PLAYGROUND

Children from a York primary school have given a big thumbs up to a new woodland playground at the Yorkshire Arboretum. The group of 6 and 7 year olds from Heworth Primary School was at the arboretum, next door to Castle Howard, for a school visit, and took time out from their minibeast hunts and habitat creation activities to explore the new playground. With lots of den building opportunities, balance beams, tree trunk bridges, log ladders and giant stepping stones, all created from the arboretum's own trees, there was plenty to discover.

Director John Grimshaw said "The arboretum offers free entry for children and has always been a wonderful place for them to explore nature and play safely outdoors. We're delighted that the woodland playground is now also available for them to enjoy. The fact that the raw materials came from here, and much of the construction work was done by our volunteer teams, makes it even more special."

Education Office Kathryn Hardaker explained "The playground offers children a great opportunity for free play, and means they'll enjoy their school visits and our summer holiday activity days even more. We're looking forward to seeing lots of children enjoying the woodland playground in the weeks and months to come."

Photo shows children from Heworth Primary School exploring the new woodland playground.



Photo courtesy of The Arboretum

The arboretum is currently open 10am – 4pm every day with extended opening to 6pm at weekends. In addition to the 120 garden of trees and the new playground, there's a café offering delicious home-cooked seasonal food and drink and a gift shop. Well-behaved dogs are welcome. Admission is £6 for adults, £3 for juniors (12-16) and £15 for families. Under 12s are admitted free.

Full details about the Arboretum's event programme are available at www.yorkshirearboretum.org or from Anna Porter, Marketing Manager on 01653 648598, Email: marketing@yorkshirearboretum.org



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Poppy's giant cheque!

Poppy Harrison raised the grand total of £1685.24 for Cancer Research! I'm sure you will all remember Poppy's article in The Triangle earlier this year as it touched the hearts of many. This bonny 12 year old had all her long fair hair shaved off in memory of her Mum, Jane Harrison, who died when Poppy was only 5 years old and to raise money for Cancer Research. Poppy would like to take this opportunity to thank Catharine and Leigh of The Grapes Inn, Slingsby for their support in making this happen and I think everyone will agree with me that she has been a true star. We are all very proud of her for raising such a large amount of money and being so brave! Well done Poppy, you are an inspiration to all of us! *Name withheld*



Barbeque safety first!

If you are barbecuing this summer, never use a barbecue indoors – yes, people really do it sometimes! This increases the risk of both fire and carbon monoxide poisoning. Make sure your barbecue is well away from anything that might catch fire – like a shed, fence or garden waste – and keep a bucket of water, sand or garden hose handy just in case. Enjoy your barbie safely!

Slingsby clean water supplies

In 2014 we all take for granted the fact that when we turn on the tap we get water. But it wasn't always so! Access to clean water and sanitation is important to prevent the spread of disease. In rural areas such as Slingsby this did not occur until the 1930's. Up to then, stand-pipes, like the one shown below, were used. The photo below shows the last remaining stand-pipe in the village, near the corner of The Green at its junction with High St. It is thought that individual water supply pipes were laid in Slingsby around 1935 but unfortunately York Water Works' records no longer exist.



Slingsby had about 11 stand-pipes situated as follows: the one shown, opposite Prospect House; on the west side of Railway St at the north end near to Ward's Cottage; on the west side of Railway St near the sewage pumping station; on the west side of railway St near Slingsby Hall; on the west side of railway St opposite Orchard Cottage; on High Street near the wall of Castle Farm; on the verge opposite

The Dower House; on The Green opposite Mayward House; down The Lawns near to Rose Cottage, down The Lawns near The Mouse House.

Before the stand-pipes, water in Slingsby was obtained from a well or a pump or tank. Most of the houses and farms on Railway Street had their own well in the garden. "You had to drop a bucket and wind it up yourself ready for the day ahead" recalls one resident, "but some houses had a pump instead. Also, some houses had a tank, filled from run-off water from the roofs." There was also a well on a central reserve at the top of High Street, in the centre of the road, which is why the junction with the B1257 is so wide.



The excellent photo above shows a man, dressed in typical 'Charlie Chaplin' outfit, winding the handle, probably taken over a hundred years ago! The well was very deep and lots of winding was needed to get the water, which came from the same source as the pump much lower down High Street and was therefore much deeper. The water was at the level of Wath

Beck. Further down High Street, near the castle, was the old water pump, which was painted blue!

The brilliant photo below shows Minnie Trenholme (mother of Dorothy Collier) pumping the water, to be carried home in buckets. The picture is around 1930. Dorothy is one of the children. The pump has now gone.

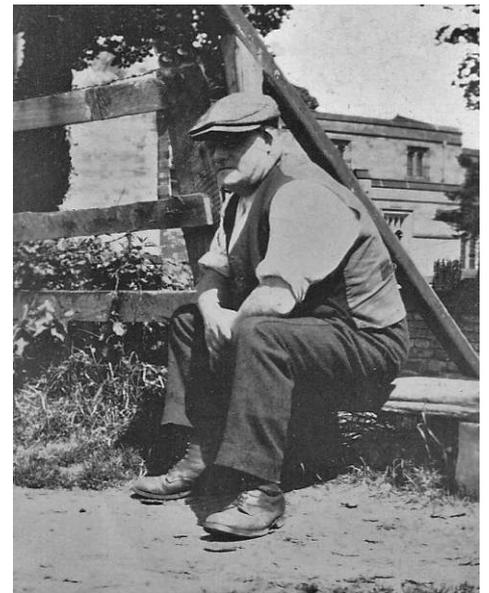


If you didn't have your own well or pump, you had to carry your water home or you could employ the services of a water carrier, someone who was paid a small amount to lug heavy buckets of

water to homes. He usually had a yoke round his neck, with one bucket suspended from each arm.

Some older people in Slingsby remember

George Jeffrey. George (pictured below) cared for the wells and also carried water to houses. He lived with Miss Pyatt at the corner house next to the surviving standpipe shown above. Of course, other means were available, including the donkey cart, which also carried a water barrel.



Although most stand-pipes were removed after installation of individual water supply pipes, stand-pipes were again used in the 1970's. In August 1976 the Prime Minister, James Callaghan, appointed a drought minister - Denis Howell - whose homespun wisdom raised a few laughs if nothing else. Between May 1975 and August 1976, England and Wales suffered the driest 16-month period on record. Eventually, some households were left without tap water for much of the day as temperatures remained stubbornly at 32C (90F) or above. The water supply in some parts of Yorkshire was once again replaced by communal standpipes in the street, although it is not thought that Slingsby suffered water shortage due to the water table below the Ryedale area.

David Thornley

with thanks to Dorothy Collier, Freda Ware and Peter Smithson.

Country Crime Fighters Awards 2014

NFU Mutual, the UK's leading rural insurer, has announced the return of its annual Country Crime Fighters Awards 2014.

With a cash fund of up to £6,500 available, the Awards will help to recognise and celebrate unsung rural heroes by providing them with financial and practical support to help fund anti-crime initiatives.

All you have to do is visit the website www.nfumutual.co.uk/crimefighters and tell the insurer in 300 words or less why your community group deserves to win an award and how you have helped to reduce crime in your local area. Nominations close on 11th August 2014, so you haven't got long! Good luck!

The categories for 2014 are:

- Social Media Crime Prevention
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Ryedale News items

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'Lights Out' invitation

At 11pm on 4th August 1914 Britain declared war on Germany, ushering in one of the darkest periods in our history.

As the moment approached, the British Foreign Secretary Sir Edward Grey made the famous remark: "The lamps are going out all over Europe; we shall not see them lit again in our life-time".

In a dramatic UK-wide event, Lights Out is an invitation to everyone to turn off their lights from 10pm to 11pm on 4th August 2014, leaving on a single light or candle for this shared moment of reflection.

Get sheducated

Police Officers are stepping up patrols in the Ryedale area to deter and target thieves. However, they are also urging people to make sure their shed is secured, particularly if expensive items are being stored inside. Garden tools can also be used to break into homes.

Practical help and advice

White Rose Home Improvement Agency (HIA) is celebrating being awarded a new three year contract with North Yorkshire County Council, so that it can continue to

help older and vulnerable residents live independently in their own homes across the Ryedale district.

White Rose HIA is a non-profit making partnership between Scarborough Borough Council and Ryedale District Council, which provides practical support and advice to enable people to remain independent in their own homes.

The Handyperson service can carry out minor adaptations and small repairs jobs, usually lasting less than three hours, such as fitting shelves, smoke alarms, changing light bulbs, hanging pictures and many other items or small repairs.

Healthwatch North Yorkshire

Healthwatch North Yorkshire is the new independent local consumer champion for citizens and communities giving people a say in how health and care services are delivered locally, and providing information that helps people make informed choice

Healthwatch North Yorkshire is working to improve health and social care in the Ryedale area and is asking residents to help improve services by telling them about their experiences.

'Fire Kills' campaign

As part of the NYFRS Fire Kills campaign, we are asking people to make sure their family, guests and loved ones know how to **get out, stay out, and call 999 in the event of a fire.**

A working smoke alarm provides a warning to get out in case of fire, but a blocked exit, locked door or unfamiliar surroundings can shave vital seconds from escape time, exposing people to the fatal dangers of toxic smoke.

Some simple steps and a clear escape plan in the event of a fire will help ensure that everyone can get out, stay out and call 999:

- Fit a smoke alarm on at least every level of your home and test them regularly. A working smoke alarm can buy you valuable time in a fire
- Prepare and practise a plan of action to help you act quickly if there's a fire in your home.
- Keep your escape route clear to ensure a speedy exit
- Make sure everyone knows where the door and window keys are kept.

NYFRS offer a free Home Fire Safety visit scheme and where appropriate may be able to supply and fit smoke alarms for free. For further fire safety advice or to book a visit go to www.northyorksfire.gov.uk or call 01609 788545

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