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Flower arrangement by Chrysa Apps and Anita Brewer, based on the regular 'Tea Spot' in the Chapel.

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## Review of May Day, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2017.

At a meeting on June 6<sup>th</sup> 2017 at The Grapes, many of those who had helped on Mayday got together to share views on how the day had gone, and to feedback ideas for next year. The CIC (Slingsby, Fryton, and South Holme Community Interest Company) responsible for the day circulated the day's accounts and for the previous 2 years for comparison. These show that the CIC made a profit of £291.21 which will go towards the cost of bookings for next year's Mayday. This is on top of the monies made by other organisations on the day e.g. £1200 for the church, approximately £200 for the Methodist chapel, and £500 for the school. The school were glad to report a good result for the whole weekend



*Molly and Archie in the background, Roger, and Megan, Hannah and Andrew along the front*

These accounts were prepared for us by Rita Clemit, the financial wizard who set the CIC on the path to financial stability. Rita also oversaw the grants, which helped us to buy the gazeboes, tables, children's costumes and a contribution towards the painting of the maypole. Rita has had to resign from the Maypolers and we are asking anyone who would like to join the 3 of us to get in touch with Pat, Chris Conyers or Tamsin Smurthwaite – we thank Rita for her work on behalf of us all.

It was reported that people had come from far and wide e.g. Sheffield, Derbyshire, Middlesbrough, probably thanks to the hard work of Stephen Mackinder on Facebook and Twitter. Many spoke of what a good day they had had, with plenty going on in the whole village with the scarecrow trails, the car-

boot sale, and then all the activity on the green. Yes we were helped by the weather, but it was not only that that was commented on – the music, the food, the teas, the ice-creams, the stalls and of course the children dancing round the maypole. All this happened because of the hard work of lots of people beforehand and definitely on the day. Several people were on their feet from 9:30am till well after 5:0pm. and others felt as though they should be in 3 places at one time. The day was hectic and we hope that this will continue and grow next year. To do this we need more helpers, then people can have a break and maybe even watch the dancing for the first time in years.



*Tamsin Smurthwaite, Pat Thompson and Chris Conyers.*

I hear wonderful stories about past Mayday celebrations – children having to take off their boots to dance in bare feet with no other shoes to wear, being made to dance whether they wanted to or not. It is not like that now! In fact the day is fun and such a tradition in the village that we are proud to show off to everyone who comes along. We hope to plan an event during the summer to raise more funds for May Day as we now have to pay out for insurance, lottery licence, and of course the bands and dancers. But this remains a day of collaboration in the village when so many organisations pull together to stage a great day for others to enjoy. Thank you all for your support.

*The Maypolers*

## A thankyou from Oz!

(you'd be surprised where Triangles get to - Ed)

Dear Keith,

Thank you for e-mailing the Triangle - I was thrilled to see on page 1 the photo of George and Shirley Wright and the story about their forthcoming 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. I am in Facebook contact with their daughter-in-law in New South Wales so I asked her if they received the Triangle and told them about the photo and story of Paul's parents. I subsequently forwarded it on to them, and Paul phoned Shirley and George who couldn't work out how they had seen the photo and story - so I hope you don't mind that I shared that lovely tribute to George and Shirley with Paul and Kate.

Shirley and George bought the DVD and Slingsby Tea Towel for me and posted both on to me. I really enjoyed seeing all the photos on the DVD and please pass on my thanks to David Thornley for including the photo of my father and his Dad taken in 1914 and also of my parents' wedding photo taken in 1937. These were part of my story "Two Ends of the Earth" that was published in a previous Triangle.

Shirley and George should soon be receiving my thank you letter and some Stirling currency to cover cost of DVD, tea towel and postage and some money to pass on to you for the next 3 years of the Triangle. I think I have mentioned my father died when I was 6 years of age so my visits to Slingsby in 1967, 1971, 2010 and 2012 and now receiving the Triangle have been a wonderful way for me to have a feel of Dad's early life in Slingsby before his move to Australia.

In one day's time it is our winter but we don't experience very cold weather in Perth. Next week we fly across to Canberra to see our son Glen and family and for his daughter's 2<sup>nd</sup> birthday on 16<sup>th</sup> June and then we will experience some cold weather - I think it will be -2 in Canberra tomorrow! Thanks again and please pass on my regards to Pat Thompson.

Best wishes

*Jenny Fuller*

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## N.Yks Mobile Library Service

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## Correction.

In the last Triangle, the RDC Dog Warden's number was out of date. Complaints about dogs are now dealt with by Mel Holmes, who can be contacted on 01653 600666 Ext 284.

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## A snippet from Miss Lascelles' ledgers.

"The Church bell was tolled to inform the village that someone had died. It was a certain number of times for a man and a different number for a woman. Just how many I cannot recollect but I will try to find out. Then the person's age was given. I think it was tolled once for each ten years, and after a pause, quicker rings gave the extra years. If anyone was ill and expected to die we were informed in this way of their passing but there was no 'passing bell'. I think the death bell continued until the 1920's."

*Ursula Lascelles*

*June 25<sup>th</sup> 1968*

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## Slingsby Car Boot dates

Slingsby Car Boot sales will be held on the playing field on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Aug, Monday 28<sup>th</sup> Aug and Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept. 7am – 2pm. All are weather dependent! Please use sat-nav coordinates YO62 4AW and use the free parking on the field.

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## Pins and Needles

We are a group of ladies who meet on the first and third Tuesdays of every month, bring our knitting, embroidery or any other craft we are interested in. We enjoy a chat and a cup of tea. Our first meeting this Autumn is 5<sup>th</sup> Sept. We are actively seeking new members, so why not come along and join us? Contact Ann Bayes on 628416.

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## Council Snippets

The Parish Council has received an application for permission to erect a Telecommunications Mast at North Farm, Fryton.

Work is to start as soon as possible on the footway between Slingsby village and the cemetery.

The Clerk has received a complaint about aerobatics over the village.

There is to be a Property Marking equipment day on a Saturday, date to be agreed.

Next meeting Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm.



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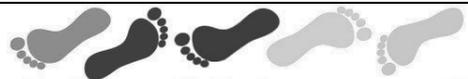


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## Getting to know.....



**Pat Thompson** is best known in the village as being one of a dedicated group of people who work to ensure a successful May Day Festival in Slingsby.

When asked where her love for, and undoubted prowess for gardening came from, without hesitation, her father, from a farming background, got the credit. Pat's mother, who was an expert at embroidery, was responsible for passing on her eye for colour. When asked what brought her to Slingsby, the answer must rank as one of the most imaginative of reasons. As an Occupational Therapist working to aid the recovery of stroke patients in Ryedale, Pat challenged her patients and their relatives to find a 'Property for Pat', and they did! Burwood, on Railway Street became available and was identified as being suitable. On arriving in Slingsby in 1996, before the furniture had even been unloaded, the cry rang out "Do you bake cakes?" (This fits my theory that Slingsby truly is 'the home of the baker') The garden at Burwood was just a field with a couple of horses in it at that time, yet went on to become an area of beauty.

Apart from gardening, another of Pat's likes is Country Dancing. Together with a friend, she started attending a class in Welburn where she honed her skills. This was all to the good, as in turn, the children of Slingsby school are taught the important English tradition of Dancing round the Maypole.

There are three things Pat dislikes: intolerance, inequality and waste. A measure of how far Pat goes to ensure things are not easily discarded is her ability to give new life to chairs through either re-upholstery, or via the art of caning. A beautiful wooden chair was produced, in the process of such

refurbishment, and there is no doubt that the craftsmanship Pat has learned will add at least 20 years to its lifespan.

The family is well spread out, with two daughters in Holland and one son in Sydney, Australia. Pat's remaining son has bucked the trend by staying in Blighty and lives in Oxford. Grandchildren are a true delight, and Pat makes a point of seeing each of them as often as possible. Friends, both local and distant, are an important part of Pat's life, as are her two dogs. The pair was in recovery following a yomp on the north York Moors prior to my arrival!

With regards to her social life - where do I start? Pat and dogs walk for miles, keeping fit and enjoying the beauty of the Yorkshire countryside often followed by tea and cakes. Also in her social life are trips to the theatre and cinema as well as attending concerts. At this time of year Pat enjoys helping with natural history classes for children at the Yorkshire Arboretum.

Finally, instead of putting her feet up, Pat is currently learning to play the accordion. What a lady!

*Kay Hill*

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## Slingsby 'characters' - Arthur Allanson 1910 – 1989



Arthur Allanson, known as 'Art' was a familiar face in Slingsby for over 50 years, although he was not born or brought up in Slingsby.

Art was born in Marishes in 1910 but moved to Cowlam, near Sledmere when he was about 3 years old. The family (Art and two sisters at the time, and Mum and Dad) stayed in Cowlam until after WWI, but then moved to Amotherby in 1931, where Art attended Amotherby School. It is thought Art's father moved to work on a farm.

At the age of 14 Art was hired out to a farmer in Thirsk as a milk boy i.e. delivering milk to houses by horse and cart, having previously milked 14 cows by hand. It appears that the wage of £6 for 7 months' work was not considered adequate so Art left and was then hired to Thorpe Bassett, where the wage increased to £14 per year. He stayed for 14 years, so that was obviously an improvement.

Art came briefly to Slingsby in 1929 to work for Hardwick's, possibly at Wyville Farm, but didn't stay long there either! He left to work at Grimston Manor Farm near Birdsall. When the farmer died suddenly Art stayed on to support the widow and five children until 1934.

In 1934 at the age of 24, Art moved to work for Wentworth's at Wandale Farm and this marked the beginning of his 55 years at Slingsby. It was while

working at Wandale that he met Janet Foster from Fryton, who was working as a maid for Cundill's at Wath. Art and Janet married at Slingsby Methodist Chapel in 1941 and went to live in a cottage on High Street, Slingsby, with Janet's father.



*Art and Janet on their wedding day in 1941*



Sheep dipping at Wandale Farm ~1953  
L-R: Tim Wentworth, Arthur Allanson, David Millerchip (boy),  
Bill Myers, Alan Wentworth, George Wentworth

*Art and friends sheep dipping approx 1953*

Art worked at Wandale for the remainder of his working life. Although he began as a general farm hand, he became unofficial 'farm foreman' in later life and became good friends with Tim Wentworth. Art was a strong, well-built man in his younger days but unfortunately began to suffer badly with arthritis, so he volunteered to have an experimental new hip joint in 1966 when the replacement technology first became available. The new hip allowed him to return to farming work but only for a couple of years, so he had to finish work again in 1968, when his other hip failed.



*Wandale Farm pond, since filled in.*



*Art scruffing with the last horse yoked at Wandale Farm.*

During his younger years at Wandale Art worked with the farm horses, a skill he had learned from his father. One photo shows Art with the horses at Wandale Pond, which has since been filled in. Tractors succeeded horses in the 1940's and one photo shows Art scruffing with the last remaining horse at Wandale. Art used to enter ploughing competitions and the photo with two horses shows such a competition where Art won first prize for the straightest and most consistent furrows.



*Art competing in a ploughing match*

In retirement Art continued to struggle with arthritis but kept active at Slingsby Bowling Club, where he was a founder member. Later, when he was unable to bowl, he became Club Secretary. He was also a keen Methodist Chapel supporter and served on the Parish Council too.

Art is particularly remembered for his Coronation Day tractor decoration, shown below. Apparently it was a new Ferguson, which they had kept particularly clean for the event.



*1953, decorated tractor for the Queen's Coronation.*

When All Saints' bier turned up, possibly at Billy Swann's yards, Art did restoration work on it, all for no charge of course. He grew flowers in his greenhouse, which he had brought with him when he and Janet moved into 19 The Green Crescent from 15 Balksyde. Being keen on growing flowers, Art always kept his bungalow garden looking nice. He regularly entered The Produce Show.

A colour photo below shows the evacuee from Hartlepool, who Art and Janet looked after during WWII and who came back to visit them in later life and to say 'thankyou'.

Art died in York Hospital in 1989, aged 79. We are indebted to Margaret Seller, Art and Janet's daughter for information and photographs of her father, a well loved Slingsby character who is fondly remembered by many of the older villagers.



*Art and Janet with their visiting evacuee.*

## Jessie Hesp

Formerly Johnson, nee Horsley, 1925 – 2017



Jessie was born on 19<sup>th</sup> November 1925 at Westow, youngest of four children of Ernest and Elizabeth Horsley of the Blacksmiths Arms in the village. Her dad died when she was young. After schooldays and teenage years in Westow she moved to Slingsby in 1947 as housekeeper to Johnnie Johnson at Swiss Cottage, the smallholding on Malton Road. She later married Johnnie and together they brought up three children, Ted, Doreen and John.

Johnnie had a debilitating illness so things were difficult but Jessie loved the life and joined in fully with all the farm work. She was a very private person who didn't take part much in village activities but who made good friends with people living close-by. Her friendship with Lionel and Ursula Lascelles resulted in Lionel painting her a watercolour of the view of Slingsby from the bungalow they occupied after the farmhouse had been demolished – a valued possession, especially after the view disappeared behind new houses.

Johnnie died suddenly in 1971 so after some 23 years of happy marriage and life as a farmer's wife, she was alone, with her family having left home. A couple of years later she met and married Stan Hesp, a friend from her early years in Westow. She left Slingsby and moved to Stan's home in Pickering where she had another 48 years of happy married life. Stan died in 2012 and shortly afterwards Jessie moved to Spring Cottage residential home where she received loving care until dying peacefully in her sleep on 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Her life was not without sadness, all three of her children dying before her.

Before leaving Slingsby she purchased the grave next to Johnnie in the cemetery, saying she always wanted to come back to Slingsby. She was interred there on 13<sup>th</sup> May surrounded by children, great-grandchildren, other relatives and friends.

For those who remember Slingsby in the 1970s, her Grant of Exclusive Right to Burial was signed by village stalwarts, Willy Baker, Bob Smith and Henry Richardson. It cost her princely sum of £4 which was handed over to the Parish Council by Dave Thackray. It is now a treasured possession in my Slingsby and family archive. It is written by my brother Pete who, aided by mum, was clerk to the Parish Council at the time.

*Geoff Myers, Jessie's son-in-law.*



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## Slingsby Churches' Anniversaries

### 1. Slingsby All Saints Church foundation

On 28<sup>th</sup> September 1867 an article in The York Herald described the laying of a new foundation stone by the Honourable Mrs Howard, wife of Admiral Howard. The old church had been closed in May and almost completely demolished. The new foundation stone was suspended from tall poles and decorated with a garland of flowers made by Mr Sutherland, gardener to the Earl of Carlisle. Mrs Howard was presented with a silver trowel which still survives here today. A Time Capsule was laid under the stone, which we excavated and replaced last year. The article records that the Rev. W Carter delivered a 'beautiful address' interspersed with cries of 'hear, hear!' and ended by praying that "an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit of God may be shed upon the population of this parish to take part in the worship in the church where they shall serve God without weariness, without imperfection and without end".

An interesting reminder of the aspirations of those who rebuilt Slingsby church!

*Kate Giles*



### 2. Slingsby Methodist Church foundation

Rev'd John Wesley founded Methodism in 1739 when he started a United Society for weekday meetings. We know that he visited Slingsby and there are references to him preaching in the original part of what was Glebe Farm and/or preaching in a cottage in Railway Street which we believe to be Beecroft Cottage.

Reading from his journal of Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 1757 it says....."On one of the hottest days I ever knew in England we rode to Slingsby. The minister, an

old acquaintance of my father's having desired to see me, I called at his house before I preached and I could gladly have stayed longer with him, but I knew the congregation waited. One poor drunkard made a little disturbance, but after he was silenced all was still and steadily attentive."

The existing chapel was built in 1837. It was raised by subscription and a nominal rent paid to The Earl of Carlisle. Later by the kindness of the Castle Howard Estate the ground was made freehold. Mr Joseph Smith of Southolme, a well known and highly respected farmer and preacher remembers being taken by his father to the opening services in 1837 and said "I shall not forget the allegorical style of the preacher".

Methodism has always been renowned for its singing, Charles Wesley, John's brother, wrote over 6000 hymns. At Slingsby John Thornton used to start the singing at first but a year or two after the chapel was built Ben Arundale took up the starting of it on his violin and did it for more than 15 years, after which they got a harmonium.



Mr Thomas Leefe (of Fryton) remembers how trying it was when he was a young man, because the hymns had to be read out 2 lines at a time and sung and then there was a pause while another 2 lines were given out as most part of the people could not read. He remembers that they had a minister one Sunday who read out 4 lines at once, but Ben Arundale said "2 lines at a time Sir!"

Today Slingsby Methodist Church sees itself as a visible Christian presence at the heart of the village. We are committed to ensuring that through our words and our deeds the gospel of Jesus Christ is both preached and lived. We are also committed, whenever possible, to working within an ecumenical context.

*Rachel Prest*

## Slingsby All Saints Church dates

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

**Annual Big Church Clean. 10am to mid-day.**

We are exceedingly grateful to our rota of volunteers who regularly vacuum and dust the church throughout the year, however this still leaves numerous other tasks to keep this large Grade II\* listed building and the churchyard around it looking tidy and presentable to the public who visit it. If you can spare some time on this day to help, please come along. There are small tasks to be done both inside and outside the church. Please bring gloves and your preferred cleaning or gardening equipment. Refreshments provided.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August. - Annual Open Air Service.**

A joint service with Slingsby Methodist church. 10:30am on the Green. Everybody welcome.

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September**

**Churchyard Market. 10am to 12:30pm.**

Coffee and stalls in the churchyard, or inside the church if wet; cakes, produce, raffle etc. This coincides with the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' day when churches throughout Yorkshire welcome visitors, some of them sponsored to raise money for the Trust's work. There will also be a guided tour of our own historic church at 11am for interested visitors and residents. Contributions of cakes/produce etc. gratefully received. Please bring on the day from 9.30am onwards or leave with Maurag Carmichael at Porch House, The Green.

### Future events:

We shall learn whether our application for grant funding for the church roof restoration has been successful in September. Regardless of the outcome, we shall still have to raise funds for parts of the work which the grant will not cover. Further events planned for this year include a musical/gourmet evening in the autumn and a Christmas concert. Watch this space.

*Margaret Mackinder*

### Village Hall booking:

For more information or booking enquiries please e-mail Trudy Carr at [mowbray.rise@gmail.com](mailto:mowbray.rise@gmail.com) or telephone Trudy on 01653 628302

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## Slingsby Chapel News

The joint Flower Festival with the Parish Church was a great success, thanks to all who came and to the village people who did the displays in Chapel. Many of our activities have closed down for the summer. The next **Tea Spots are on Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am to 11:30. The next Soupa Lunch is on 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 12noon and will be a Harvest Special.

The new kitchen is now complete and looks really good and again a very sincere thank you to all who have supported us. We are going to decorate the schoolroom and put new floor covering down before the end of summer.

Our **Harvest Festival is on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> Sept.** at 10:30am and will be taken by Rev Mark Haynes and there will be a Harvest Lunch afterwards. Everyone welcome to all of these events.

*Stephen Priest*

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## Slingsby Local History Group.

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August** - Daytime trip to the Borthwick Institute for Archives at the University of York to discover what is held there about Slingsby. The conference room has been booked from 10am for as long as we wish on that day. There are a few places left still but booking is essential as numbers are limited to 20. If you are interested and have not already asked to have your name put on the list to attend please contact Margaret Mackinder 628303 or email [family@mackinders.demon.co.uk](mailto:family@mackinders.demon.co.uk). Exact meeting times to be confirmed soon to those who have signed up.

### Local History Meetings from September.

Meetings generally take place on the third Tuesday of each month in the Village Hall Committee room at 7:30 pm. Meetings are open to all. Please just turn up if you are interested. We charge a £1 per person entry to each meeting to cover the costs of hall hire, with any surplus going towards the cost of creating a secure archive cupboard/display cabinet in the church. We are a small society, which works to discover and record things about the past in Slingsby and the immediate area. We do occasionally have outside speakers. Everyone is welcome to come and contribute, or just listen, as they wish. We are keen for as many as possible to understand the particularly interesting history of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme. A number of our members also attend the excellent series of monthly lectures run by the Friends of Malton Museum which are usually relevant to our appreciation of our past here. (£10 covers the cost of all the Friends' lectures if you sign up for membership, otherwise it's £3 per meeting). You can sign up for regular email notice of both sets of meetings. Please contact Margaret Mackinder at the email address above.

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> Sept.** 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room. A working meeting and review of what we found in the Borthwick Institute for Archives, updates on other projects and planning of work over the coming year, including work on Slingsby Castle and on the history of education in Slingsby.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct.** 7:30pm in the Village Hall Committee room. Wildlife, Fauna and Flora in Slingsby, past and future. Details to be confirmed.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov.** 7.30p.m in the Village Hall Committee Room. Kate Giles and Margaret Mackinder will give an overview of Slingsby Castle from medieval times onwards.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec.** 10:30am in The Grapes, with coffee and mince pies. Discussion meeting around memories of Slingsby School. £3.00 per person including coffee.

*Margaret Mackinder*

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### New Arrivals and Movers

From Aspen Way to Malton Road; Builder Chris Stamp, his wife Kizzy and their seven month old son Mathew Christopher.

Hello new subscriber via Tony's shop, Mary Burns. Where do you live Mary?

Hello to Susanna and Adrian Kilvington who have come from Barton le Willows to Railway Street. They both have a keen interest in horses and dressage.

Welcome to Jane Swallow and Andrew Scaife to Aspen Way. Also, Alfie the greyhound lurcher, who got fed with cream teas in Devon and has moved to Slingsby to enjoy the delights of our Village Shop's apricot slices. Andrew is a very, very enthusiastic motor cyclist.

Rob Hicks, shown below, being ably assisted by his sons Rueben and Sebastian, moving house from Wandale Farm Cottage to Sarum, now renamed Sundial House, on The Green. *Keith Buck*



## Flower Festival Weekend report

On behalf of All Saints, Slingsby our grateful thanks to all who sponsored, helped and supported our Flower Festival and Open Gardens Weekend. The opening concert, featuring Slingsby School Choir, Jane Goldsmith and Malton School Jazz Band performed for a very appreciative audience, a section of which lingered on to listen to more of the jazz band afterwards. Drinks were served in the churchyard, with delicious canapés bought from Hovingham Bakery.



*A simple, welcoming display in the church porch*

The floral displays on Saturday and Sunday were spectacular and stylish, both in the parish church by Malton & District Flower Club, and in the Methodist Chapel by a team of local flower arrangers. All were very much admired.



*Sheep!*

A record number of people enjoyed the 'Open Gardens' on the Sunday. Teas were served on Saturday at the Methodist School room and on Sunday in the village hall where there was also a plant stall, all of which were very popular. The artistic talents of Slingsby school children were also

on display in a special and very colourful art exhibition, also in the village hall.

Very many thanks to all those who provided food and helped with refreshments generally, and donated plants.



*Some of the tea-ladies, Kate Giles, Liz Smith and Cynthia Fell. Other ladies were there too and different group of ladies did the Saturday teas in the Methodist Schoolroom*

A joint Anglican/Methodist service of thanksgiving led by the Bishop of Selby to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the rebuilding of the church and the 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the Methodist Chapel rounded off the weekend. It was a lively service with wonderful congregational singing and an entertaining and thoughtful 'wallpaper roll' illustrated sermon from Bishop John.

All Saints Church community is hugely indebted to all who helped and supported us over the weekend, the amount raised, including some generous donations, was just over £3,000 which is a great boost to the Roof Repair Fund.

*Maurag Carmichael*



*The Wyville Knight*



## Hummingbird Hawk-moth visit



Sarah Bowley of Railway Street reported seeing a Hummingbird Hawkmoth and wondered whether this was unusual. Sarah managed to capture a photo of the moth – no mean feat as they're very fast!

Apparently it is a day-flying moth with a wingspan about two inches, a brown, white-spotted abdomen, brown forewings and orange hindwings. It is very swift on the wing and an expert hoverer. The wings beat so rapidly that they produce an audible hum and can be seen only as a haze. The darting movement from one flower to the next with the long proboscis uncoiled completes the illusion of a hummingbird.

Even though the moths successfully breed in the UK, they are not able to survive the winter (in mild winters, small numbers may overwinter). Therefore, the continuing presence of this remarkable moth is dependent on the annual influx from southern France.

The hummingbird hawkmoth prefers to fly in bright sunlight, so in fact behaves more like a butterfly than a moth. It is very strongly attracted to flowers that provide a plentiful supply of nectar, such as honeysuckle, jasmine, buddleia etc. The moth hovers in front of a flower, probes it repeatedly for nectar and then darts to the next flower. It has a remarkably good memory individuals return to the same flowerbeds every day at about the same time.

So research reveals that it is not so unusual after all, although I've never seen one either!

*David Thornley with help from Chris Conyers*

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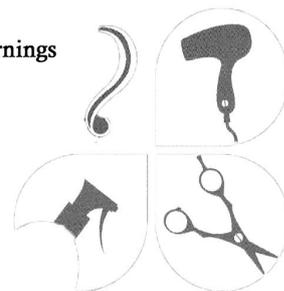
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## Stephen's Farming Colum

Harvest is upon us once again, the combine harvesters are already rolling! It isn't often that harvest begins before the Great Yorkshire Show so that indicates an early harvest all round. On the last Friday in June Robert Wainwright and I were asked to judge farm crops for the NFU in North Ryedale around Helmsley, Kirkbymoorside and Pickering. We were very impressed by the standard of the growing crops. Some of the oilseed rape crops were 6 ft tall and laden with a mass of pods. The barley and wheat also looked like yielding very well and with prices holding up it should mean a very successful harvest. All we want now is some good harvest weather.

Malton show was held recently and had a good day with very good weather. Both Michael and Malcolm Dixon were there with their excellent vintage tractors. The Agricultural shows are very much a part of country life and provide a wonderful spectacle. We are looking forward to visiting the Great Yorkshire Show this year, which is a real highlight of our year. I worked out that The Prest family, beginning with our father William through to David, Stephen & John and then to Rebecca, Victoria and Stuart have been stewarding sheep at the show for a combined total of 150 years.



Great Yorkshire Show sheep stewards Stephen, David, John with Stephen's daughters Victoria and Rebecca standing

On a slightly sadder note, Rachel & I went down the fields two weeks ago to watch the barn owls. I knew we had a pair in one of the nest boxes in a very large oak tree, however when we got there

we were shocked to find that a huge branch had broken off the tree and demolished most of the barn owl box. We saw one of the adults flying around and eventually saw one owlet perched on a branch in the tree. Somehow it had survived. See page 24 for colour photo. Two weeks on it is still there. It appears to be sheltering in a small hole in the tree and is being fed by one of the adults. By the time you read this it should be flying.

*Stephen Prest*

## In praise of young people from Slingsby.

I have watched these young people as babies, then as they came into Slingsby school, rather shy and subdued; watched them at their 'Leavers' Assembly' then on to Malton school. Here they are ready for their final get-together before leaving to go their separate ways. Here they are, young adults, articulate, confident, opinionated and knowledgeable – ask them about Brexit, climate change, inequalities in society and they have their views – they are our future and we wish them well. A photo of the five year 13 leavers from Malton at their prom last Friday - they left Slingsby School 7 years ago. All are Slingsby residents from birth.



L-R we have Megan Chafer, Rachel Conyers, Claire Wharrick, Liv Smith, & Ryan Perry.

You may recognise Rachel and Ryan from Malton School jazz & soul bands that have performed in the village three times in the last couple of months - they are off for an 8 day music tour of Spain next week with the bands - lucky them!

*Pat Thompson*

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Although Dennis and his wife, Irene, have been away from Slingsby since 1998, they will be well known to many older Slingsby residents. They lived for many years at Partway Cottage, on High Street, Slingsby.

Sadly Dennis died on 21<sup>st</sup> May after a long struggle with cancer, and latterly Parkinson's Disease.

Dennis, or Den, as he was known, was born at Muscoates, the only child of a farming family. He attended Slingsby School and then did national service with the army for three years, when he spent much of his time in Germany and became a driver. He continued driving at Wath Quarry and later moved to drive for Tate Smith until his retirement.

As a young man, Den enjoyed participating in many sports. In later years he took great pleasure in maintaining his garden and tinkering and cleaning his car. Those who knew him best say that he was a quiet man, dependable, reliable and easy going and did not like a fuss. Den and Irene had a son, Gary and a daughter, Julie. I am indebted to Gary for the photograph and Irene for the above information.

*David Thornley*

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## New Neighbours.....

Removal vans were not needed for the new arrivals in The Green Crescent. This cheeky pair built their own nest - on the top of the passageway door between numbers 15 and 16!



Luckily, Nancy and Mike Coates, and their neighbour, Hazel, were very sympathetic and ensured they were not disturbed. In all, three lovely fledgling blackbirds were produced, a credit to their hardworking parents who took it in turns to provide the food. By building the nest in a sheltered spot, the birds avoided potential tragedy due to the period of torrential rain we experienced, was it by accident or design? We'll never know .....

*Kay Hill*

## Maypolers Summer Fundraising Event

July 30<sup>th</sup> 2017 1:30 pm – 5:30pm. Why not come along to our Summer Sunday Afternoon in Pat Thompson's garden at Croft Dene, with tea, cakes and music. Donations toward the Maypole Fund. Just before Yorkshire day, let's show we are proud to be in Yorkshire!

## Congratulations Tabatha !

We would like to congratulate our daughter Tabatha Fisher on graduating with a First Class BSc (Hons) in Wildlife Conservation and Zoo Biology. We wish her well with her Masters course in Animal Welfare Science, Ethics and Law at Glasgow University.

*Karen and Jack Fisher*

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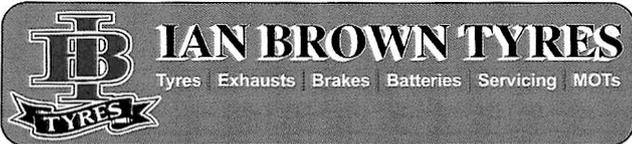
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# All change in Slingsby.



Above: The Old Co-op, very nicely refurbished in 2017.

Below: The building when Hutton's lease expired in 2013



## All change in Slingsby



*Above shows the new Cavendish Court, 2017.*

*Below shows Richardson's yard some 50 years earlier.*



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**Never be rushed or pressurised** into making an instant decision. Banks etc. will never ask you to transfer money to another account.

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## Slingsby Ladies' Group

The meeting in June was not as advertised. Unfortunately the speaker had been taken ill whilst on a charity bike ride and was unable to come, so a quiz was held instead on the lines of Who wants to be a Millionaire, with members working in teams of three.

In July we had a very interesting talk with slides from Terry Frazier, a volunteer from the National Trust. He showed us all the parts of the coastline around Ireland, Wales and England that the National Trust has purchased or been given.

There is no meeting in August, but on 12<sup>th</sup> September there is an outing to Knaresborough, followed by a cookery demonstration and afternoon tea at 'Cooking Fantastic' at Killinghall.

The next meeting in the Methodist schoolroom will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October, when the speaker will be Sue Woodcock giving a talk entitled 'From Copper to Shepherd'.

*Shelagh Richards*

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## Ryedale Mumbler

"The website is now live having had a successful launch with a great competition and a Nearly New Sale. There is lots of information regarding weekly classes for children and adults in the Ryedale area as well as Summer Holidays, Days Out, Events, Eating Out, Trusted Trades, Things to do on a Rainy Day, Childcare, Jobs for Parents etc. In addition, there are homepage blogs featuring a variety of issues as well as being informative. A monthly newsletter is sent out detailing upcoming things in the area as well as a monthly recipe, July's being kindly supplied by Fryton Coffee House. Please either visit the website or email me, SJ Barker, on [ryedale@mumbler.co.uk](mailto:ryedale@mumbler.co.uk) for further information"

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## Slingsby Community Primary School

Despite the many education obstacles and political intrusions, Slingsby School is flourishing. The outstanding education the children are receiving is due to the excellence of the Head Teacher and Teachers who are always seeking ways, through additional training, of improving their already high standards. Like all successful organisations, it is also about teamwork and how wonderful things are being achieved by all pupils, no matter what their abilities, thanks to the efforts of many people.

Slingsby School has strong administration, parental support and Governors. FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School) is excellent and their innovative fundraising is becoming more vital as budgets are cut by Government. Your local Primary School needs your encouragement and support and is grateful for the many ways in which you already show generosity and appreciation.

Work on The Old School House should start soon and this will provide an additional classroom for the ever increasing intake of children. When you see a skip outside the property you will know that at long last things are happening!

Many thanks to you all for your continued support and kind offers of help in these times of austerity and cutbacks.

*Geoff Bishop  
Vice-Chair of Governors*



*Painting by Emily Scott, Class 3*



*Display of paintings by Slingsby schoolchildren shown at the Flower Festival tearoom in the Village Hall.*

## Fryton residents allowed out!

Residents of Fryton were allowed out for the afternoon on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May to support the event at The Grapes and also to contribute to the music. We all had a great time that went on well into the evening. It was fantastic to see the event so well supported for a good cause.

*Colin Douthwaite*



*Photos by Colin Douthwaite*



## FOSS Duck Race Day

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July saw a record number of ducks (2450) taking part in the annual Slingsby Duck Race and Family Fun Day. The duck which crossed the finish line first was sponsored by Joan Moore, with ducks sponsored by Alison Hugill and William Dunnett in second and third place. Duck 2450 was sponsored by school pupil, Tom Dodd, who won a plastic duck watering can! Attendees enjoyed attractions including Hook a Duck, Coconut Shy, Beat the Goalie, Plant Stall, Face Painting and a delicious cake stall.



*Despite the cunning disguise we all knew it was Geoff Bishop in there.*

Helped by some lovely weather we managed to raise £3,800 which will be donated to the school to enable them to furnish the new classroom conversion in the Old School House and will pay for a Christmas party for the children. Thank you to everyone who attended, bought a duck, volunteered or baked a cake. Special thanks must

go to the Sports Club Committee for allowing us use of the Sportsfield.



*Duck-meister Andrew Wilson encouraging the contestants downstream*

*On a similar theme to ducks, here is Stephen Prest's rather soggy owlet! See Stephen's report on page 15.*

