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FLORA'S GRAND DAY OUT

(also see front cover photo)

'The Lord Chamberlain is commanded by Her Majesty to invite Flora Dixon and the chairman of Next Steps (Allan Evans) to a garden party at Buckingham Palace on May 31st. 2018'. Now who would think of turning down such an invitation?



The photo above shows the Queen on the day of Flora's visit.

"What a day" says Flora. Leaving home at 8.00am, all beautifully dressed, hat and all, and with comfortable shoes, Flora started her great day with the train journey to King's Cross. Then a taxi "Buckingham Palace, please", which took her all through London, as she tried to spot all the famous places. Queuing at the gates for an hour was enlivened by all the other people around her, including an Indian lady in a gorgeous sari. When the gates finally opened the security (+guns) was tight but kindly. Flora needed her bus pass to prove her identity, and in she went, up the red carpet and through the magnificent building to the gardens –'a weed-less lawn of a few acres'. Tea at last, and a real Royal treat of cucumber and mint sandwiches, scones, cheesecake, roulade and Victoria sponge (of course).

After tea they made their way to line up for the arrival of the Royal Party. The Queen, small and a little frail, was dressed in a lovely Peacock Blue dress and the men were in top hats. Her Majesty talked to all small groups from different charities, as did Prince William. Most colourful were the Yeomen of the Guard (the Queen's own bodyguard) and Flora delighted in all the sewing and embroidery on their uniforms. After a turn of the garden, Flora and Allan walked back over the red carpet, Flora's eyes taking in every detail around her, then back through the gates to a taxi and so to King's Cross.

Next Steps has been awarded the special Queen's Award for its work with mental health matters in Malton. The centre may be used by anyone who has problems as a drop-in centre where there are qualified people to help and advise. Every day clients are offered a good meal and activities e.g. art, card making and other crafts. Flora has been helping at Next Steps for over 20 years, showing clients how to do for themselves, cooking the main meal, talking, laughing, but most of all listening to the people who drop in there.

You certainly deserved your wonderful, special, never-to-be-forgotten day, Flora.

Pat Thompson, with lots of help from Flora!



 **Ukulele Night** 

Slingsby Village Hall

Saturday October 13th at 7pm

featuring

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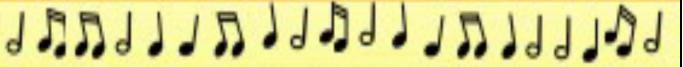
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A fun evening of music to raise funds for next year's May Day celebrations

Organised by Slingsby, Fryton & South Holme CIC for maypole funds



Bad Move in September

Anyone around Slingsby village on 17/18/19th May might have noticed all the activity on the playing field and bowling green.

ITV comedy 'Bad Move' featuring comedian Jack Dee, has been making a second series and will be returning with six new episodes beginning, it is believed, in September 2018.



Jack Dee, in character, striding grumpily off to the left while his long suffering wife, played by Kerry Godliman in the fur collar, looks on despairingly!

Written by Jack Dee, Pete Sinclair and produced by Open Mike Productions, 'Bad Move' stars Jack Dee as Steve and Kerry Godliman as his wife Nicky who play a married couple both on their second marriages and have decided that moving to the countryside from the city is the answer to all their dreams. However, as you might imagine, it's not quite working out as planned!

It is understood that the final Slingsby scene features a car being driven across the pristine bowling green by 'Steve'. In reality the bowling green sadly is no longer in use. In the hour I was watching, they repeated the previous scene at least 10 times before it was right and the distant chainsaw, which was picked up loudly by the directional microphones, was silenced!

It will be interesting to see if this second series is a hit with viewers.

Mayday results

By all accounts Mayday was a great success. It came at the end of a sunny warm weekend when the village looked pretty, the scarecrows popped up all around the place and visitors wandered round and enjoyed tea and cakes thanks to FOSS. Thanks again to everyone who helped make Mayday such a success – our aim is to provide an entertaining day centred round the maypole dancing with the children. Financially we need to break even – our costs were £1242.71 and we took £1310.64. The church, chapel, school, ice-cream and other stalls all reported a successful day financially.

Our fund-raising event will be on Saturday October 13th 2018 at 7.30 pm in the village hall when we are pleased to say that John Scoble and the Ukulele Band have agreed to come back to give us an evening of music and fun. Please put the date in your diaries. More details later.

For further details of the finances of the CIC please contact Pat or other members of the CIC on 01653 628620.

Pat Thompson

How many 'houses' are there in Slingsby?

While discussing the sales of The Triangle compared to the maximum number we could possibly sell, I was asked by a newcomer to the village how many 'houses' there are in Slingsby, meaning 'how many families', where a family could be just one person occupying a house of course.

Well, every issue we print 400 copies, of which 4 go to All Saints Church, leaving 396 to distribute to Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme. We aim to keep a few spares to use as samples and also to keep a few as archive copies. Any profit from The Triangle goes to Slingsby Village, not to the team or to individuals.

I didn't know how many houses there are in Slingsby but I thought maybe the Post Office would, or maybe the Council. However enquiries in these two directions proved fruitless so I decided the only way to find out was to count them myself!

"*Does this man have nothing better to do?*" I hear you ask. Well, the actual number surprised me. Perhaps you'd like to hazard a guess? The answer I got is on page 22.

David Thornley



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Slingsby Duck Race Day

With the sun shining brightly and not a cloud in the sky, the Duck Race at Slingsby sports field in support of the Slingsby Community School, in its 27th year had a wonderful turn out.

With the support of the Malton Fire Brigade and all the family fun you'd expect at a country fete of Bouncy Castles, Gladiator Duels, BBQ, Tombola and Face Painting, everyone was kept entertained and well fed in the lead up to the main event at 2pm.

Despite the lack of rain, the Slingsby Beck didn't disappoint with the following people announced in their winning places. Additional prizes were given for Beat the Goalie whose winner Sam Staley won a signed Middlesborough FC football, a Trophy for the most sold ducks and a prize for last place.

A big thank you to all those generous and supportive people who sold a whopping 1,010 ducks in total, resulting in an overall profit of £3,000! A quacking good time for all!

Please see page 13 for Duck Race colour photos.

1st prize (£50) – J.Walters

2nd prize (£25) – A.Hindby

3rd prize (£10) – L.Proud

Last place – T.Ebbs

Sonja Sedran

Please make a note: SLINGSBY OPEN GARDENS

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Sowers and Growers

Sowers and Growers visited Daisy Garden Centre for their July meeting. Brian Hutchinson, formerly of Castle Howard and Sledmere House gave us a fascinating talk on his "gardening life" starting when he was the 'lad' at Chatsworth House. Members finished off with a little discounted shopping before heading home.



August 7th is a visit to Birch Cottage, by invitation of Gill and Terry Baker, to learn about summer pruning fruit trees.

Sept to be confirmed but details will be on Facebook or from members.

Oct is a visit from Alan Richardson to give us a talk on the development of Ness Hall Gardens over the last 15 years.

Nov will be a sharing supper from any produce we have managed to raise this summer!

Dec is another visit from Kym Queen to make decorations for our homes.

Oct to Dec is in Slingsby Village Hall.

Fiona Dean

Oil consortium reminder

If you would like to know more about the consortium, or to place an order, please contact Geoff Bishop by e-mail on geoff4bishop4@outlook.com or phone Geoff on 01653 628055.

Next order date is Sept 1st for delivery during the 2nd week of September. The following dates are Nov 1st and Dec 1st.

Parish Council

Brief summary of July meeting

Railway St. drains have been cleared by Highways. There is a further issue on High St/The Green which will be reported to Yorkshire Water.

Council recommended approval of the application to replace windows on Lindon House, The Green.

Council recommended approval to thin a Yew tree and fell a Silver Birch at Burwood, Railway St.

Council recommended replacement of temporary corrugated metal roof by Terne coated stainless steel on parts of All Saints Church.

Cemetery Work – ivy and spoil heap to be removed.

Various potholes to be reported and full dog-waste bin to be reported.

It was agreed to purchase a bench in memory of Chris Wilson to be situated where the railway line patch meets the footpath from The Lawns, looking northwards.

Next meeting 24th Sept in Slingsby Village Hall.

From Gail Cook
Clerk to the Parish Council

The new resurfaced tennis court play area

At long last, the Slingsby Community has a very attractive resurfaced tennis court area on the sports field, not only marked for tennis, but junior tennis and netball. Trainers or similar flat rubber soled shoes must be used in order to avoid scuffing of the surface and **unfortunately adult 5-aside football or skate-boarding/scooters cannot be allowed as these can also detrimentally affect the playing surface.**

Use of the area is free although there is a simple booking system so that everyone, including the school, can have access. There will also be session time restrictions of one hour if there is someone waiting to play.

This excellent new facility belongs to the Community and will be safeguarded by a small committee and the Sports and Social Club so please look after it and report anything which you feel is

spoiling the playing area to Geoff Bishop at Church Cottage – 01653 628055.

The official opening will be on Monday 13th August at 7pm with Wimbledon style strawberries and cream and drinks including Robinsons Barley Water! The courts will be open for every day use on Tuesday 14th August.



If you once played tennis and would like to play again, this new area is for you and children too.

Slingsby Community Tennis Courts Committee

Supermobile Library



Don't forget to support our Supermobile Library, every other Friday from 2-4pm, starting August 17th after their break. The dates are in The Pink and we apologise for the glitch in the dates from the last issue.

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The Rev. John Michael Warden 1941 – 2018



John was born on Boxing Day 1941 in Bradford to parents Ron and Dorothy Warden. He attended Daisy Hill Primary School then Bell View Secondary School, where he was Head Boy. He attended a University in London, to complete his History Degree in 1961. On leaving there in 1964 he went onto Trinity College, Oxford and did his MA in Theology until 1966.

His first teaching post was at William Hulme, Manchester where he taught history. From there he went to Queen Elizabeth School, Kirby Lonsdale, where he was head of History and the Boarding House Master. It was here that the Head of PE took his eye, who was Mary of course. They were engaged in the October and married the following July, 1971.

Subsequent posts included Heysham and Stroud, however the family missed Yorkshire. So in 1986, John decided to go full time into the Ministry and so the family came to Kirkdale. And so began his life's Ministry and he was never happier. It was during his Ministry that he met royalty on numerous occasions including Prince Charles and Sarah Ferguson (the then Duchess of York), but it tickled everyone as he had their pictures on display in the toilet.

John had many interests in his life. He loved to travel, especially to Holy Land, where he visited 8 times, and guided parties. He went to Oberammergau twice for Passion Plays at which he was a guide. He took day-trips, the longest being to Egypt! He had a 6-hour flight there, 6 hours in Egypt taking in the Pyramids, cruising the Nile and taking in some belly dancing and then took a 6-hour flight back home! In 2002 he decided to take a sabbatical to Australia and New Zealand, which gave him chance to study the Maori Religion.

His other interests included tennis, golf and bridge. He loved wine and enjoyed music. He was a Governor of Nawton Primary School, Ryedale School and Chairman of Governors at Welburn Hall School. He was on the committee for Ryedale Voluntary Action for many years. John was very intelligent and loved a good debate. He retired from the Ministry in 2007 after which he and Mary left the village of Nawton and moved to Appleton-le-Street. John continued to take a lot interest in the church and played a large part in the interregnum in the Street Parishes.

John was a man of the people and could relate to anyone by his warmth and charisma. He always had an affectionate smile in the public eye. He was extremely good with children and his school assemblies and services kept everyone's attention. He was a great support to many people in difficult times. He had the greatest sense of humour, joking with the nurses even at the end of his life.

He loved animals, particularly his adored pets, including the most recent addition, a rescued greyhound. Over this last year John enjoyed his day outs to St Catherine's Hospice and Alba Rose at Pickering. After a long illness John died peacefully in Malton Hospital on 2nd June 2018.

His wife, Mary would also like to thank all the many people who have been so supportive while John has been ill and who sat with him so she could pursue her own interests. She would also like to express the family's grateful thanks for the hundreds of cards sent.

*With thanks to Adam Collier
of Adam Collier Funeral Services*

Duck Race History !

By now this year's duck race will have finished and hopefully will have been another success, raising money for Slingsby Community Primary School. But how did it all start?



1992 Duck Race preparations!

In 1991 I heard about a duck race being used as a fundraiser so I put the idea to a meeting of parents and teachers and was given approval to go ahead. A group of parents were involved in organising this first duck race 27 years ago. We sourced some 1000 plastic ducks to hire from Scalby near Scarborough, planned the route along the beck, arranged for workmen from the Rye Drainage Board to clean out the beck along the route and agreed the amount for the winning ducks. All children and parents were given sponsorship forms to sell ducks around the parish and at the caravan sites. Some of the visitors to the village returned year after year just to attend the Duck Race. Duck numbers and names of sponsors were displayed in Hutton Brothers' window. We even had myself and Fiona dressed up as Donald & Daisy Duck, and on one occasion Mr Blobby made an appearance.

The route started from the Lawns Bridge, next to the playing fields. With the help of Dave Calvert, John Baxter and Tony Popek Wath Beck was blocked off and all the ducks put in so that all had an equal chance of winning. After the bridge the route went out of view along the western side of the village and came back in view again near the properties in Brook View down a long finishing straight, ending opposite the caravan site in Railway Street. This distance gave parents and watchers enough time to walk from the start to the finishing stretch. In the early years my poor husband Brian, my brother Paul and James Harrison followed

behind the ducks all the way from the bridge to the finishing line, ensuring no ducks got left behind. Stewart Hill and Jim Gavigan would give a running commentary along the route using two way radios and a megaphone. I can still remember Stewart saying who had sponsored the leading ducks and how they were doing e.g. "Nancy Stroughair is in the lead and . . . no, wait a minute, oh no! She has gone down the drain".

A net was put behind the finishing line and the organising parents and children were frantically pulling ducks out of the water so that none escaped. Parents involved included Janice Arrand, Fiona Dean, Janet Gavigan, Lyn Harrison, Paula Pomfret, Julia Snowball and Liz Smith.

We finished off with a BBQ and social event on the playing field. It proved to be a good fundraiser for the school and thankfully continues to be so today.

Janet Clarke

Slingsby Ladies' Group

The outing in June was to Tennants, Auctioneers in Leyburn. One room was open for viewing for the next day's sale and there were displays of various things including some beautiful and expensive pieces of glass. Lunch was taken in the restaurant before we were taken into Leyburn for shopping and afternoon tea.

The talk in July was given by Peter Richardson (ex partner in Hutton Bros) who now runs the Yorkshire area of Wet Wheels, which is a charity set up by Geoffrey Holt MBE, a paraplegic who sailed around Britain and across the Atlantic single handed. Money was raised to purchase the first 9metre catamaran with twin 600HP Suzuki outboard motors, which can carry 10 people including 3 wheelchairs. There are now three vessels, two in the south and the latest being based in Whitby. A non profit making organisation, it caters for all kinds of disabilities and there is access for all to drive the boat. Wet Wheels is a community asset offering family outings, educational trips and fishing trips.

Our group has a summer recess and the next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th September at 7:15pm in the Methodist schoolroom when Sara Guest will talk about Macmillan nursing.

Shelagh Richards

The Grapes Mini-fest



"This year's mini-fest, organised for the first time by Alex and Caroline Wilford was a huge success, raising much needed resources for Yorkshire Air Ambulance and Ryedale Special Families.

Alex and Caroline had put together a varied programme of talented artists, all of who played for free. They also did the sound, providing most of the equipment, with the remainder being provided by Adam Wright. The audience were spurred on to dance and sing throughout both days. Who can forget the guitarist from the Noise Doctors standing on one of the tables playing a brilliant guitar solo and whipping the crowd into frenzy?

Catherine, Leigh and all the staff from the pub did a brilliant job in feeding and watering everyone, and thanks must go to them for enabling the annual mini-fest to occur. The planning and organisation now begin for next year's fest!"

Geoff Brookes

End of an era for butcher

Friday 20th July was an emotional day for our mobile butcher, Michael Walker, as it was his last day as Slingsby's mobile butcher.

Michael was recently offered the opportunity of turning his long-term hobby of specialist motor engineering into his profession, complete with a salary and days off! So he decided after being a butcher for 40 years he would call it a day.

Michael wishes me to express his appreciation to all his Slingsby customers, who, he says have been an absolute delight to serve for the last two years.

So, thank you Michael and we wish you good luck in the new venture!

Slingsby Chapel News

We held our 181st Chapel Anniversary on Sunday 24th June when Rev John Manchester led a service of celebration for us. We were joined by friends from Hovingham Methodist Church and also from Slingsby Parish Church.

Afterwards everyone was invited to Sunday lunch at the home of Stephen & Rachel Prest in Railway Street. It was a wonderful friendly occasion on a beautiful sunny afternoon.



Events coming up...

29th July. Ryedale Methodist Circuit United Service at Slingsby Chapel at 10:30am led by Rev Tanya Short. Everyone welcome.

12th August. United Open Air service on Slingsby village Green at 10:30 am

Note... No Tea Spot or Soupa lunch in August.

22nd August. Afternoon Tea 3:30pm at Stephen & Rachel's, The Old Fold, Railway St. Slingsby.

6th Sept. Tea Spot in Slingsby Chapel Schoolroom at 10 am to 11:30 am

19th Sept. Soupa lunch – Harvest Special in the Chapel Schoolroom at 12 noon.

23rd Sept. Slingsby Chapel Harvest festival service 10:30 am to be led by Rev Ken Gowland. This will be followed by a Harvest Lunch in The schoolroom. Everyone welcome.

Stephen Prest

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VIP Corner with Trudy Carr

Without a moment's hesitation, living in the countryside came top of the list for Trudy, when asked about her 'Likes'. The treasured cats came next, Leo the sleek black discerning one and Purdy, with her beautiful markings, who refused to move from her comfortable chair! Birdsong came next on the list and gardening.



A major love of Trudy's life is cooking. She is a fully qualified chef and worked at the Crown Hotel in Helmsley as 2nd Chef for 14 years before her marriage and then came to do the baking at the Farm Shop here in the village up until 2012. She still enjoys baking and trying out new recipes, with the staff at The Grapes always happy to indulge in a piece of her Lemon Drizzle cake or a Cheese Scone - who wouldn't?

Dislikes were immediately identified as being thoughtless dog owners and bustling cities.

Social life mainly consists of being a part of the 'Sowers and Growers' group that meets on the first Tuesday of every month, and being on the Village Hall Committee. Trudy is Secretary of the 'Produce Show', which we will all soon be invited to enter. Naturally, Trudy meets a lot of people through working at 'The Grapes', and revels in being a part of its tightly knit team. She is also surrounded by family members living nearby, and many childhood friends still live in the village.

What memories does Trudy have of village life? I had barely asked the question when I was told of the babysitter who had looked after her all those years ago, and who lived in Wyville Hall when it was one single dwelling. In those days, it had an outside loo which necessitated the use of a paraffin 'Tilly Lamp' in the dark. Bathing was in the tin bath and the upper floor was reached by three ladders! Washdays were a hive of industry with copper boilers ensuring the whites really were white, with Trudy having the important job of turning the 'mangle' which squeezed the water out of the clothes, quite a feat for a youngster.

Holidays are a highlight and Turkey is a favourite destination, with its warm seas inviting bathers to 'de-stress'. Knitting is one of the hobbies we talked about, and baby clothes and blankets are in production for one lucky awaited arrival. Janet Clarke taught Trudy to knit socks on four needles! Trudy's aunt was a dressmaker and piano teacher and her grandmother was a milliner, so Trudy is able to turn her hands to many crafts such as cross stitch and tapestry. An example of this is when she worked in Helmsley on a split shift basis so rather than travel home between shifts she started making a patchwork quilt, a dying craft that surely needs to be revived. This took years of work and is truly breathtaking in its beauty.



Trudy's connection to Slingsby came through her father, who came here as a young lad to take up a place at Malton Grammar School. He did well, and worked as a Company Secretary for none other than Yates' in Malton!

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Kay Hill

Duck Race Day – some photos



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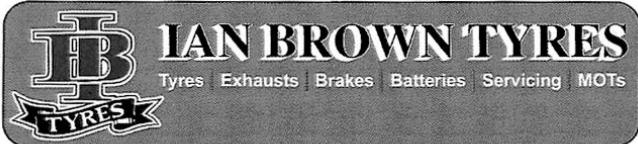
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Aeroplane aerobatics above the three villages

Several people have contacted Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group (SWaNG) to say that they find the aerobatics over the village very annoying, even dangerous. We have decided to publish one of these letters, with the writer's agreement:

'I moved to Slingsby some 19 years ago and have loved the peace and tranquillity of Slingsby. This was part of why we moved here. This has been disrupted over the past few years and it now come to a point that every summer's evening, weekend morning, afternoon and evening is blighted with the continuous drone of light aircraft performing aerobatics directly overhead.'

'I contacted the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and was told to get the registration of the aircraft, which I have now done. I am going to contact the CAA and initially ask them to intervene and contact the owner to fly over the moors instead, where it is less populated.'

'Please contact me if you want to join forces to give us back our tranquillity!'

Graham Smith

**So, if you dislike, or if you like, the aerobatics would you please contact Graham Smith direct via his e-mail address which is
gram.smith@btinternet.com**

- Ed



Make sure your children have a safe summer holiday online.



Summer is a great time for your children to enjoy more time with you and maybe head off for a family holiday. However, the long days home from school also mean that they will probably be spending more time online ... whether it's on social media, playing multi-player games or watching videos.

You want your child to be sociable and inquisitive, but above all, to be safe. **How long are they spending online? What content are they looking at? Who are they talking to?** These days, it's just as vital to make sure children are safe online as in the street or the park.

We've put together some expert tips to help you protect your child from increasingly commonplace issues such as accessing inappropriate content, stranger danger and sharing too much personal information.

For more information, visit www.getsafeonline.org/safekids, where you can find comprehensive, expert, easy-to-follow advice.
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2018 big clean of All Saints' Church.

Saturday 11th August

Please can you spare an hour to help?



Keeping this historic building looking good is a big task for the small, regular congregation, so please could you spare an hour to come and help give the church some extra cleaning, which helps to keep it in good order for another year?

Mid-morning refreshments will be provided

Please assemble from 10 a.m. bringing gloves sweeping brushes, dusters etc. and any other equipment for inside cleaning jobs, or outside garden jobs if you prefer, such as removal of ivy, clearing weeds on paths and around drains, and sweeping porches and pathways.

The PCC values and extends sincere thanks all those who are members of the regular cleaning rota throughout the year. We are always looking for new members to expand the team.

Future All Saints' events:

Saturday 8th September - Churchyard Mini-Market at All Saints Church: 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. with '**Follow the Dragon's Trail**' a childrens' Treasure Hunt and crafts for children. There will be coffee and refreshments, raffle, cake and produce stall, jewellery crafts etc. Also there will be a guided tour of the historic church at 11 a.m. You are also invited to come and hear about the progress to repair the roof and our churchyard project.

This coincides with Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust 'Ride and Stride' when the public is invited to visit churches which are encouraged to be open on

that day. Visits can be made by bicycle, car or on foot, and can be sponsored by those who want to do it. Slingsby church will be open to all visitors, and residents. Ride your bike or come on foot to the church!

Sunday 23rd September - Harvest Festival. All Saints Church will be joining with the Methodist Church for a celebration and thanksgiving for Harvest.

Please see Methodist Church information on p 10.

Margaret Mackinder

Marathon du Malton

Sunday 26th August

Inspired by the Marathon Du Medoc in France's wine region, this new gourmet food and wineathlon goes through an area of Yorkshire famous for its award-winning local produce and beautiful countryside.

Starting and finishing in Malton's pretty market place, there will be ten food and drink stops around the beautiful 10k course. Runners are encouraged to take their time, pace themselves and enjoy the party atmosphere, fancy dress and gourmet food stops.

On offer will be local specialties like award-winning craft beer, artisan gin, miniature Yorkshire puddings with roast beef, macaroons from the UK pastry champion and even pan fried grouse on toast!

The race starts and finishes in the market place of Malton where a party atmosphere will be created with runners and families in fancy dress.

The whole concept is designed to create a fun team atmosphere - one long drinks party. A celebration of the best Yorkshire food and drink, a bit of healthy exercise and a great way to see the countryside!

Jo Bradley

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Don't forget BINGO – Saturday 26th August and Saturday 9th December. Eyes down 7:15pm to include Tea & Biscuits. All Welcome.



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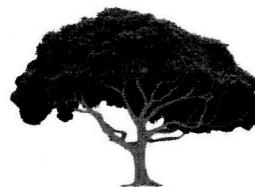
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Alternatively if you would like to advertise on the Slingsby village website please contact admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk

If you have something you want to publish on either the website or the Triangle (or both) then please use the appropriate e-mail address (or both).

Slingsby Local History Group

As usual there is no meeting in August, but we shall be particularly busy in September.

Date to be arranged: We are currently waiting for permission from Castle Howard to undertake a **geophysical survey of the sports field** by members of the University of York Geophysics team, led by Dr Helen Goodchild. We hope this will be a 'hands-on' session and that we will find traces of the old drainage systems. Further survey work on the castle is also planned and we hope to have final results to present at our regular December meeting at The Grapes. The date of this will be confirmed. – please watch the website for more information!

Tuesday 18th September - A talk on the History and symbolism of graveyard headstones by Professor Harold Mytum (University of Liverpool). Harold has written and lectured extensively on this subject. His lectures are both entertaining and very interesting and shed light on long forgotten facts about what was put on gravestones and the hidden social history that can be gleaned from them. 7:30 p.m. in Slingsby village Hall. Entrance £3.

This ties in with a recording session programmed to take place on **Saturday 22nd September**, when a team led by Dr Nicole Smith from the Centre for Digital Heritage (University of York) will carry out a survey of the gravestones in the churchyard and put them on a plan for identification. This is part of a current project promoted by Historic England to develop reliable methods of recording churchyards.

The team will be using the Reflectance Transformation Imaging method of photography, which enables small and hidden detail to be identified on surfaces, using any type of camera. Slingsby churchyard will be the first to be studied, and the work will be very useful to our developing project on the churchyard. Members of the team visited several years ago and demonstrated the technique. This is an opportunity to get an update for those who came to the workshop, or for those who would like to understand the technique. So look in and see how it is done! From 10a.m. Refreshments will be available.

Tuesday 16th October. Influential Slingsby Vicars. An update from Chris Churches and David Thornley on research they have done on the Ward Family and Arthur St. Clair Brooke respectively. The Ward

family owned Slingsby Hall in the 18th century. Chris has fascinating stories to tell about them, which also dispel some myths. Brooke was a very popular rector, who also wrote 'Slingsby and Slingsby Castle', accurately researched in the late Victorian period, but still very informative and relevant today. 7:30 p.m. Village Hall Committee Room.

Meetings are open to all. Unless otherwise stated, a minimum charge of £1 is made for each meeting to cover the cost, where necessary for room hire. If you wish to receive regular news of meetings by email, please sign-up to do so at any meeting.

Slingsby Village Trail

Following requests, the Local History Group has reprinted the illustrated Village Trail which proved to be very popular last year. All 500 copies disappeared rapidly!

It is now available again, however as this year there is no grant to fund the printing, £1 per copy will be charged. This will enable the group to make a small profit towards the goal of buying a secure archive cabinet to store local history information in the church for current and future generations of local residents to use.

The trail is available from the Village Shop and The Old Station Caravan Site.

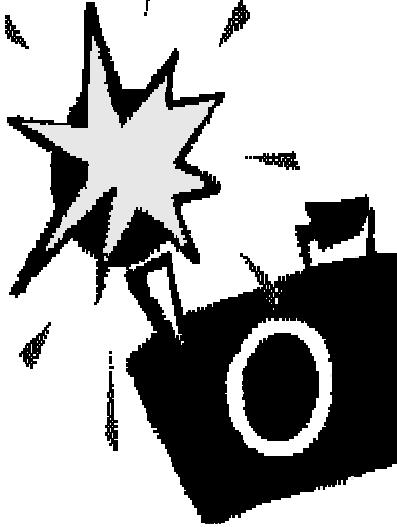
Margaret Mackinder

Door to door sellers

Door to door sales persons are currently operating in the Ryedale Area. Often the sellers claim that they are allowed to sell door to door because they are on probation, ***this is not the case***. A legitimate door to door seller will have a peddler's certificate issued by the Police force and anybody can request to see this. Please do not buy any goods from illegitimate door-to-door sellers but contact North Yorkshire Police on 101 if you encounter them.

Stuck for something to do with the kids?

Why not look at Ryedale Mumbler website? They have an excellent calendar of suggestions for children's outings/activities during the summer holidays. Their website is ryedale.mumbler.co.uk



Calling all *young* photographers

Are you a star with a camera, smart phone or tablet?

Why not enter our photography competition open to **anyone aged 18 or under**.

Was your summer holiday filled with colour, fun, stunning scenery or moments to treasure? Or perhaps your subject matter is closer to home. Modern devices make photography accessible to everyone so have fun and experiment! We aim to have all of your entries posted on the website so that everyone can see them. The best and winning entries will also be printed in the next issue of the Triangle.

There are no restrictions on the subject matter or theme. If you do include people in your photo, you must obtain their permission for it to be used. All entries must be your original work.

All entries **must** be in digital format. Please submit via email to thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk titled '*photography competition*' to arrive no later than **Saturday 1st September**. You must include: your name, age and brief description or title of your picture.

So happy snapping!

Jo Breckon

Quiz for kids

Test your knowledge of the local area (the answers are on page 22)

1. A road with transport connections.
2. Needed to frighten the birds
3. Our county emblem.
4. When you dance here you may get tangled!
5. The shape of the news.
6. Not quite a chocolate bar
7. Wears Lincoln Green when camping.
8. Combine a grain and a valley.
9. Maybe they ate spaghetti in their fort?
10. A bit draughty for a princess!
11. Read, Steady, Quack
12. An Earl or a town?

Facts you might not know!

In their lifetime the average person walks the equivalent of three times round the world!

20% of all road accidents in Sweden involve an elk!

On average, every square mile of sea on the planet contains 46,000 pieces of rubbish!

A greetings card that can play 'Happy Birthday' has more computing power than the first manned space-shot to the moon in 1969!

Dalek is Croatian for 'far away thing'!

A red blood cell makes one complete circuit of the human body every 20 seconds!



This picture of Castle House from over 100 years ago is amazing quality for its age. It was almost certainly taken by local photographer, Dosser's. Thomas Wilson is shown as Hovingham Registrar and post-box displays 'VR'.

Can you find **10** differences between the two pictures?





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Welcome new arrivals

A rather belated welcome to **Marcus and Rachel Atkinson** and their young son, Edward. Completing the family are two West Highland White Terriers, Beau and Trouble (yes, really).

Marcus works in York as a barrister's clerk, while Rachel is a nanny at Birdsall. Rachel is also a trained first aider. They moved from Norton to Slingsby as they liked the village and wanted to be more in the country, particularly for Edward growing up. Their first few months have been getting the house how they want it, assisted by Rachel's father, who apparently is a DIY wizard!

Strange they moved here from Norton, because George and Shirley, who lived in the house before them, moved to Norton from here!

Lee Marsh and Rachael Thacker moved to Slingsby in June. Lee runs an architectural and planning consultancy in Easthorpe. Rachael assists Lee and splits her time working at the office and from home.

They moved to North Yorkshire from Norwich in 2014 and, whilst Norton was a good base to explore and get to know the area, they wanted to live in a village, hence the move from Norton to Slingsby.

Rachael has a passion for cooking and graphic design, whilst Lee is keen to start running outside in the area, rather than be confined to the treadmill in the gym.

They are keen to add a cat and dog to their family, once they get their home and garden the way they want it. Welcome Lee and Rachael!

Answers to quiz: 1. Railway Street. 2. Scarecrow. 3. White Rose. 4. Maypole. 5. Triangle. 6. York. 7. Robin Hood. 8. Ryedale. 9. Romans. 10. Slingsby Castle. 11. Duck Race. 12. Carlisle.

and the number of houses in Slingsby (not including Fryton and South Holme) is 338.

New Triangle co-editor required

For over a year Joanna Bradley has been editing alternate editions of The Triangle, and an excellent job she has done too! Unfortunately Jo has been juggling the demands of a full-time job with bringing up a young family as well as the editing and has decided that she cannot give the necessary attention to everything! She has therefore decided

to leave the co-editor's job after the next Triangle issue, so no. 48 will be her last. We will be sad to lose her as co-editor but are pleased that she will still be able to contribute to the group in a different, less time-demanding role.

This means that we are again looking for a new co-editor and welcome contact from anyone who is computer-literate and interested in helping. For anyone new to the three villages this provides an excellent introduction to new people, as I'm sure Jo would agree. The bi-monthly magazine is assembled using Microsoft Word, as this is a readily available programme, albeit with some quirks! It is also a computer programme which most potential co-editors can use. Advertisers and contributors submit graphics mostly as JPEG's via e-mail. You would need to work to a tight printer's deadline once every four months, editing alternate issues with our co-editor, David Thornley, and occasionally writing articles yourself.

If you are interested please contact David at thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk or phone 01653 627210 initially.

Stephen's Farming Column

We have just returned from Malton Show which was bathed in glorious sunshine and must have been a great success. There was a large crowd of people to see all the animals, the vintage tractors, classic cars and motor bikes as well as big new machines on the trade stands. There is always a good show in the poultry and small animal section and some wonderful exhibits in the flowers, vegetables and craft tent. There was a sheepdog competition and a heavy horse display in the main ring. It was a good day out.

The weather is amazing and ideal for those on holiday but with June a record dry month and no sign of rain into July many crops are suffering from the drought conditions. This is fairly obvious from the way our lawns are turning very brown. The field irrigators are working flat out at present but when the river levels fall to a certain level irrigation has to stop. Harvest is almost upon us and no doubt the combines will be rolling before the Yorkshire Show which is always a good yardstick to know if it will be an early harvest and this year it certainly will.

Stephen Prest

Tree Sparrows in Slingsby

Back in the early 1950s I was a bird nester living in Slingsby. I was nesting one day and went down our garden (now Toby's Cottage) and through the hedge at the bottom into what at that time, before the removal of hedgerows, was a small narrow field. Searching along the hedge of this field I found a nest most unlike any I had seen before. It was round, made mainly of grass and twigs and almost the size of a football. There was a hole in the side through which I managed to get my fingers and I took out one of the 6 or so eggs in there. It was mottled brown, paler at the pointed end. I had no idea of the species of bird and I wanted to know.



I took the egg and went down Railway Street to what is now Rose Cottage and knocked on the door of Albert Ware, father of Raymond (Bunny) Ware who most people in Slingsby would know. Albert knew most things about wildlife and he had no hesitation in telling me it was a Tree Sparrow egg. I knew there was such a bird, I had seen pictures in my bird book, but I thought of it as one of those species I would never see. I have learned since that Tree Sparrows often go unnoticed even by people with a reasonably good knowledge of birds.

Tree Sparrows are now absent from many parts of the country but locally they are common and seem to be thriving. Despite the nest I found in the hedgerow, they are cavity nesters and go readily into nest boxes. I have several sites where I nest

record and ring the chicks. I once helped the RSPB with a research programme by taking droppings from chicks as I ringed them. These were then examined to identify from the wing cases of insects found, what their parents had been feeding them. It meant storing the droppings in the freezer to be posted off once a week. I ought to say here, I had a very understanding wife.

I see Tree Sparrows often now when I am at Slingsby and I would think most people who feed birds in their garden will be familiar with them. They have an unusual nest site in the cemetery. In an old Silver Birch near the gate is a very large 'witch's broom', a large round ball of twigs. The sparrows go into these twigs from underneath and nest in the smallest of gaps. I have watched them feeding chicks which have been hanging out and miraculously not falling. (Potential for some nest boxes to be erected here.)

Incidentally, Tree Sparrow nests in hedgerows are very rare and I have only seen one other since the one some 65 years ago at Slingsby.

Geoff Myers

Slingsby Produce Show September 15th 2018 from 2pm, free admission



Quirkiest tomato ? Photo courtesy of John Apps

Entry is 10p per entry.

The show is open to all parishioners of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme. Any child attending Slingsby School may enter.

All entries and fees to Mrs Trudy Carr before 8pm on Thursday 13th September. Exhibits to be staged between 8:30 -10 am on Sept 15th. Entry forms will be through your door soon or are available from the village shop or from Trudy at Mowbray Rise, Green Dyke Lane.

All exhibits must be grown/made/photographed by the exhibitor!

Kenya visit

Earlier this year I was fortunate enough to take part in a volunteer trip to Kenya as part of the government's International Citizen Service programme alongside the international development organisation Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO).

As part of a group of 20 British and Kenyan volunteers aged between 18 and 25 I was contributing to a project aimed at empowering girls and young women



in the community of Loitokitok. Located on Kenya's southern border with Tanzania, the town sits in the foothills of Mount Kilimanjaro in the heart of Kenya's Maasai community.

During our time in Loitokitok we were immersed in the Maasai culture through living with host families, working in local schools and socialising in the town centre. It was an amazing experience to be able to learn so much about a culture so rich and different from my own. This also gave me an insight into the challenges young people, and especially young girls, in the area face. Uneven access to education, with women often unable to afford to educate all of their children and boys being prioritised, was a particular issue that we set out to challenge. This was an issue made even greater by the fact that women, often themselves subsistence farmers, were left solely responsible for covering the costs of their children's education. As rains have become sporadic in recent years due to climate change, women are drawing a smaller income from farming and the direct effect is girls losing out on the opportunity for an education.

Today, agriculture is the world's largest employer, providing livelihoods for 40% of the population. Of this, 60% of farmers are female and often lack the access to the same resources as male farmers, thus

preventing them from maximising their output and therefore income. As such, in order to fulfil our aim of empowering girls in the area through education, we set out to create a partnership between a local community organisation and the women in Loitokitok to provide the resources they needed to earn a sustainable income from farming, creating an income stream to send their girls to school.

The result was a project providing 'vertical farming' bags that the women's group could use to grow spinach. Vertical bag farming is a practice that allows farmers to maximise their space through planting upwards, reduce reliance on sporadic rainfall and diversify into higher value crops. This not only makes farmers more resilient to climate change but also contributes to more varied diets, increases profits and maximises the quantity of food produced.



We hope that through providing a platform for knowledge to be shared within the community, and the spinach farm that grew out of it, a generation of children in the area will have access to an education that could otherwise have been unattainable due largely to the effects of climate change.

Anyone in the UK aged 18-25 can take part in ICS – if you would like to hear more about the programme or my experience please contact me at nuala.doyle@hotmail.co.uk.

Nuala Doyle

Our thanks to Nuala from Cavendish Court for writing this article and sharing it with The Triangle. We are always eager to receive similar articles from locals and we will publish them as soon as we have space available.

Ed