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Top: Oops, a wobbly moment for Duck Supremo, Andrew. Left: Top Duck Officials. Right: Chief Duck announcing raffle

Oct/Nov copy to Gill Baker, Birch Cottage, The Lawns, tel: 01653 628479 By **Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September** at the **very latest please (earlier is helpful)**, or e-mail: [thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

## Slingsby Open Gardens - June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2019



Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June was the date when the very kind gardeners of Slingsby opened their hidden gardens to the rest of the world.

The Committee was a bit concerned as we had had quite a lot of rain previously, but fortunately the weather was kind. In total 14 gardens opened their gates for everyone to view and enjoy. From the allotments at the north end of the village to some of the new gardens at the south, all gardens showed their differing designs and an array of colour, with their gardeners at hand to answer questions. We were also lucky enough to have some music in the gardens and would like to thank Karen Bishop and Paddy Morrow and team.

The village saw a steady flow of onlookers who could also enjoy a break in the village hall for a sit down, a cup . . .

of tea and a scone and, of course, a natter. Hopefully it inspired gardeners to go home and think about their own gardens.

Now, anyone who lives in this beautiful village in the Vale of Pickering will already know what a wonderful and colourful place it is to live, but when people from afar come and tell you that, it doesn't half make you feel even more proud than before. So thank you to all you villagers for making this a wonderful community and place to live; you should rightly be very proud of yourselves!

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank you all for your support, giving up your Sunday and for helping to raise £1,030 for the Village Hall fund!

*The VH Committee*



### Think you're observant?

Well, where has this fellow appeared in Slingsby? He's about 80cm high, made of fibreglass and appeared early in July.

The *real* chimp's name was Sebastian and he was famous in Nairobi, Kenya, for imitating human qualities. The Sebastian Café at the Nairobi National Park was named after him, as was the 300-seater Sebastian's Lecture Theatre. For 30 years until his death in the 1990's, the 40-year-old



was the main attraction at the Nairobi Animal Orphanage, Kenya's most visited animal sanctuary.

Sebastian entertained Nairobians by imitating human visitors. You gave him a banana; he peeled and happily ate away. A cigarette? Well, Sebastian was unfortunately not averse to puffing at cancer sticks either! He also enjoyed Fanta through a straw. After his death, a post-mortem was carried out on Sebastian's body at the Kenyan Institute for Primate Research.

Fibreglass Sebastian's owner grew up in Nairobi and fondly remembers being taken by his parents to see the real Sebastian, so he thought it appropriate to remember him in Slingsby with this fibreglass replica. But where is he? Answer on page 18.

## Welcome new arrivals

Welcome to Porch Farm Close newly-weds **Danny and Claire Thornton**. They were married on 22<sup>nd</sup> June and spent their honeymoon in Mexico. Danny is a self-employed builder and Claire is a Catering Manager. They were eager to sign up to The Triangle and are keen to get involved in village life. Brilliant! The Triangle Team wishes Danny and Claire the best of health and happiness.

What a coincidence that Alex, below also works in catering at Beadlam Grange!

Welcome to Sycamore Close **Gemma and Alex Sterritt**. Gemma is originally from Newcastle and Alex from Driffield. Alex is chef at Beadlam Grange and Gemma is District Office Manager for Tilhill Forestry, where she manages finances. They also have a black and white cat called Pumpkin, who Gemma says rules the household!

Welcome to The Green to **Rebecca with daughters Molly and Poppy Ballam**. Rebecca is a Child Psychotherapist, Molly attends Malton School while Poppy will start Slingsby School in September. Two golden retrievers complement the family, who have come from Snainton.

### Slight change to Triangle delivery days

Due to increased work commitments of one of the Triangle team there will be a slight change to the distribution timetable in future. Rather than receiving your Triangle from the Wednesday onward it will now be distributed from the following Saturday or Sunday, about 3 days later.

All the Triangle team are volunteers and fit the various roles in around their own lives, holidays, work situations etc. Many thanks for your understanding in this matter.

### Articles and submission of copy

We are always looking for new articles and information to share with our readers. Please feel free to post it/deliver it/e-mail it/telephone it to one of the co-editors at the address on the front cover, or any member of the Triangle team. We will do our best to include it in the next edition, space permitting. Ideas for features also welcome.

## Geoff Myers

The Triangle is particularly sorry to hear of the death of Geoff Myers just before we went to press. Geoff lived near Middlesbrough but was born and raised in Slingsby, where he lived for many years. He was a keen birdwatcher and licensed BTO bird-ringer and wrote several articles in the past for our magazine on the subject of birds. When around Slingsby he would occasionally call in and visit old friends and neighbours. He will be sadly missed.

In consideration of the above it only seems right that we publish the final one of Geoff's three bird articles as a tribute to him. See page 24.

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### Slingsby Ladies' Group

The group had an evening out in June and had a meal in the pretty hamlet of Ellerby near Sandsend. It was arranged to enjoy the beautiful views over the North York moors but sadly the weather let us down and it was a very wet evening. Nevertheless the meal was excellent and it was an enjoyable evening.

In July the speaker was Glennis Whyte, a volunteer for the National Trust at the Treasurer's House in York. Her talk 'Stitches in Time' was illustrated with slides and showed embroidery used on tapestries and clothing used from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries.

Our next meeting in the Methodist schoolroom will be at 7:15 pm on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October, when the talk will be about Ryedale Dog Rescue.

If you are interested please come along and meet the group.

*Shelagh Richards*

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### New bus timetable

Please note that the 194 timetable has changed. See page 14 for new, even more reduced service.

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### Police weapons amnesty

North Yorkshire Police are supporting Operation Aztec, a national firearms surrender which will run until 4<sup>th</sup> August. The purpose of the Firearms Surrender is to remove firearms from criminal availability, thereby reducing the risk of harm to the public, protecting our communities and reducing the likelihood that firearms will be available for terrorists.

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## Chapel News

We held our 182<sup>nd</sup> Chapel Anniversary Service recently which was led for us by Dr. Kate Giles and since it was on the same day as the village Open Gardens, Kate used the theme of gardens in the service. Friends from Hovingham Methodist's and Slingsby Parish Church joined us for a memorable service. It is good to have things to celebrate,

I am writing this on my birthday, which I am celebrating in a quiet sort of way and not telling too many people what milestone I have reached! Granddaughter Isobel had her 5<sup>th</sup> birthday last week and she was really excited and wanted everyone to know about it probably in the hope of getting more presents.

We are thankful that we can celebrate 182 years of worship and witness in the Methodist Church in Slingsby and hope we can continue to tell people about the love of God shown to us in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. He really is The Way, The Truth and the Life for all who turn to him.

### Coming Events...

1<sup>st</sup> August (Thurs) It's Yorkshire Day! We are taking up the challenge from Radio York and having a "Cake & a Cuppa" in the Chapel Schoolroom from 2pm to 4:30pm. Do come and see us!

4<sup>th</sup> August (Sun) Rev Ruth Duck and Rev Tanya Short are leaving our circuit this August and there is a farewell service in Kirbymisperton village hall at 10:30am. All are welcome and **there is no service in Slingsby chapel that day.**

11<sup>th</sup> Aug (Sun) We have our United Open Air Service on The Green at 10:30am. All are welcome. (In the Methodist Chapel if wet).

21<sup>st</sup> Aug (Wed) Afternoon Tea at 3:30pm at The Old Fold, Railway St. Slingsby. (The home of Rachel & Stephen Prest) You are welcome to join us.

18<sup>th</sup> Sept. (Wed) Soupa Lunch (harvest special) in The Schoolroom 12 noon. Come and join us for soup, sandwiches, puddings and tea/coffee and lots of chat!

*Stephen Prest*

### Slingsby Car Boot dates

4<sup>th</sup> August, 26<sup>th</sup> August, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept.

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## Sowers and Growers

Our group continues to enjoy a varied programme. June saw us hold our plant swap session and I think all left with exciting 'swaps'. In July we visited the lovely Rewela Cottage Garden at Skewsby – an enchanting garden with lots of hostas and heucheras. This was a special visit, but Rewela opens as part of the National Garden Scheme and is pretty local, so well worth a visit.

On August 6<sup>th</sup> we have an afternoon visit planned to Yorkshire Lavender at Terrington.

Our meetings continue to be the first Tuesday of the month – contact Janet Clarke 628479 if you are interested.

*Gill Baker*



*Sowers and Growers Group at Skewsby recently*

## Fake notes

North Yorkshire Police are warning people that fake £20 and £50 notes have been used in shops in the North Yorkshire area. Please scrutinise these carefully to make sure you haven't been given one and report it to 101 if you have. Passing fake notes, even unwittingly, is a crime!

*North Yorkshire Police*



## How we were – old photograph of Malton Road Garage ~ 1974.

Note that 4 star petrol is advertised at £1.84 and that's per gallon! (approx 4.5 litres) Diesel (DERV) is slightly cheaper at £1.73. Barclaycard and Visa credit cards are becoming widely available; their logos are visible near the door. Prior to becoming a garage

the building was an inn for many years, called the Howard Arms. After the garage closed the house became Lowry's Restaurant and then was sold again to become a private house.

### FOSS

We couldn't have hoped for better weather to encourage families to join us for the Annual Slingsby Duck Race held at Slingsby sports field in support of the Slingsby Community Primary School on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July. With an assortment of family fun including Bouncy Castles, a BBQ, Tombola and Hook A Duck everyone had a wonderful time in the lead up to the main event at 2pm when the ducks were released.

With well over 1,100 ducks sold, the beck was awash with floating yellow plastic ducks and a crowd of well wishers stood on the bank, eagerly awaiting the first three ducks to cross the line. An amazing £3,600 was raised for the school, which we would never have achieved without the generosity and support of local individuals and families to whom we extend the biggest of thankous.

- 1<sup>st</sup> prize (£50) – D. Abbey
- 2<sup>nd</sup> prize (£25) – Mrs Pick
- 3<sup>rd</sup> prize (£10) – X. England

*Sonja Sedran*

### Castle Howard's new playground

At Castle Howard there is an amazing new adventure playground called Skelf Island, hidden amongst the trees. You reach it by the high wobbly bridge or the path from the existing playground. Once there, there are lots of experiences from bridges and slides to climbing walls and tunnels, a zip wire, stepping-stones etc.

This is perfect for school-age children. 4 years and over will be fine with a bit of help. Each time the younger kids go, they will get more confidence and tackle the next bit. Running round, exploring Skelf Island is a great place for children to play and parents can sit and watch the kids running above their heads!

*Courtesy of Ryedale Mumbler*

#### Slingsby Oil Buying Group

Last order dates 1<sup>st</sup> Sept, 1<sup>st</sup> Nov, 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.

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*Geoff (Bishop)*

## VIP Corner - Barry Lumley

Although the name 'Lumley' has been synonymous with the Building Trade over several generations, Barry bucked the trend to become the mechanic he was destined to be. Born in Castle House, High Street, Barry has lived in Slingsby all his life. Mum came from Stonegrave and came to live in Balksyde on her marriage to dad, with grandad presiding over the family business 'F. Lumley & Son - Your Country Builders'. Father went into the Army, as a Para, and was part of 'Operation Market Garden' 17.9.44 - 25.9.44, which was a series of air raids designed to take out several strategic bridges in Holland. It was an heroic feat of arms, immortalised in the film 'A Bridge Too Far'. History has recorded it as the greatest demonstration of paratroop power ever seen. Unlike the thousands who died, and the vast numbers taken prisoner, Barry's dad lived to tell the tale - right through to 92 years of age.

Back to Barry, and his memories of school, which he missed quite a bit of due to the lucrative offer of helping dad in the building trade. The mechanical flair was ignited though, and he taught himself mechanics, then when he met up with an experienced spray painter who allowed him a bit of training his career was set. Barry has lived in his current house for 48 years, having taken it over from his dad.

As a 16 year old he worked with his dad on converting a property that had been an abattoir, and animals were being slaughtered while he was there. The experience convinced him to adopt Vegetarianism, and he remains one to this day. Barry has never been abroad and has no wish to go. He prefers to keep rather a low profile.

When asked what dislikes he had, he replied he was 'very easy going'. The best way to be; I aspire to that!

The current love of his life is undoubtedly his German Shepherd dog named 'Frankie' after his grandfather. The dog enjoys two boiled eggs every day and must love having his own chef! Barry has previously owned other dogs, all called after the

characters in 'Only Fools and Horses'. There was Dell Boy, his first German Shepherd; then Denzil who was his second and lastly Rodney, a much treasured Chocolate Labrador who lived to the great age of 18 years.



Social life was somewhat restricted to a few good friends and his two brothers and sister (brother 'Tosh' is the Head Builder at the Hovingham Estate) until Barry got a laptop and discovered the joys of ebay! The post deliveries are very regular with the latest being bargain socks.

Memories of living in Slingsby go back in time to Castle House when he and his brother drove old cars and motor bikes round the castle ruins. Shops that existed then included the Cooperative, where you could leave your list and it would be delivered later that day. Then there was The Grapes landlord who was famous for his 'Mixed Grill' to the extent that people travelled from Leeds and Huddersfield it was so good. When asked what he liked most about living in Slingsby, it is the peacefulness he appreciates.

Sadly, Barry lost his mother at the great age of 91, however the family showed their dedication and love for her by rallying together to make sure their talents were put to good use to ensure she had a life of utmost comfort when she came to live with him. I think that says it all about Barry, a deeply caring person who is content with life alongside his beloved Frankie.

*Kay Hill*

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## Allotment news

The allotment site is busy with everyone planting and starting to harvest their crops. On our site we've got brassicas planted and netted to try and stop cabbage white butterflies -



it's never appreciated when you've cooked a homegrown cauliflower and a caterpillar is found as part your Sunday roast dinner protein. We've also sown or planted carrots, lettuces, beetroots, leeks, onions, French beans and chard. For the second year my parsnips have completely failed to germinate. I have read it is possible to pre germinate them on damp kitchen roll before planting the chitted seeds, and plan to try this next year.

We are harvesting soft fruit. As usual it's difficult to use all of it, though we are sharing our strawberries with a large population of slugs and so managing to keep up with the ones left for us.

I eventually managed to dig up the two large apple trees – thanks to Roy for encouragement - and have cut them for the fire at home. The Bramley I grafted for a previous edition of the Triangle has callused over and is growing away now. We have planned a couple of rows of cordon fruit trees and the Bramley will be the first of these - though Bramleys don't really lend themselves to training in this way since they are a tip bearing variety and summer pruning takes off much of next year's crop! I didn't manage to get around to grafting any others onto the new dwarf rootstocks. Now I hope to chip bud instead at the start of August and have planted out most of the rootstocks in position ready.

As a grower of potatoes, blight is a worry since there are no effective controls available to amateurs. We try to grow early/second early varieties because they are supposed to be less affected by blight, but it is still something that needs a watchful eye. There are websites that alert growers when blight is likely to be a problem in your area. If you do see blight, remove foliage (burn or bury deeply), leave the potatoes in the ground for a couple of weeks which will allow the skins to harden, then dig them and if storing keep a close eye for any rotting tubers.

My tomatoes and peppers are growing fast in the greenhouse, but a couple of weeks late this year because I was late planting them. They'll probably soon catch up and we'll have lots in a week or so. The sweet potatoes in the greenhouse are growing fast, but the ones I planted outside are much slower despite the warm weather recently. Hopefully they'll still give a crop.

It's great to see the allotment site being used by the village. We've taken part in the recent open gardens and had the infants from the school down for a visit. The Royal Horticultural Society had an article in a recent edition of their magazine that extolled the virtues of allotment gardening. The people they spoke to commented on the benefits of being outside and active had on their physical and mental health.

Anyone interested in a plot should contact our chairman, Brian Clarke, on 628625.

*Terry Baker*

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### **Brief summary of Parish Council Minutes from meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> July 2019**

Gawen Dickinson co-opted for Fryton.

New bench to be ordered for Fryton.

Installation of replacement door and glass tile with consvn. rooflight at Mayward House - agreed.

Erection of lean-to side extension, raising of part of existing roof and creation of vehicular access at Sawpit Cottage – agreed.

Erection of an attached three bay carport and detached summer house at Old Rectory - agreed.

Removal of Leylandii hedge on eastern boundary of the dwelling at Partway Cottage – agreed.

Please continue to email the clerk with details of pot holes that require repair and blocked drains.

Members are continuing to receive complaints from residents with regard to dogs fouling on the grass verges. Note: There are Fixed Penalty Fines of up to £1,000 for not cleaning up after your dog.

Following heavy rainfall the Slingsby sewerage system has raised concerns. Raw sewage has been visible in the village. Clerk to write to Yorkshire Water stating the concerns with regard to the sewerage system in Slingsby.

## KRAKOW – a short break holiday

*The Triangle doesn't usually print holiday reviews, but this one is different. Almost any visitor to the Auschwitz – Birkenau Concentration Camp gets goose-bumps walking under the famous sign. Hundreds of prisoners walked through this gate every day and saw this inscription – 'Arbeit Macht Frei' (translated as Work Sets You Free). Cruel and sarcastic since most of them never got to be free again and most were gassed. What follows is Barbara's short but emotional account of her recent visit. Co-Ed*

Our short holiday to Poland got off to an early start and getting up at 3:30 in the morning wasn't as difficult as I thought it would be! Light was starting to show in the sky even at that unearthly hour. Needless to say, the airport was heaving with people when we arrived at 04:30, it being July and well into the holiday season.

We landed in Krakow a little early as we had a wind blowing us along, but the Riviera Travel guide was there waiting for us and by noon we were in our hotel room. The hotel was a very pleasant 15 minute stroll into the very heart of Krakow.

Saturday was an early start too. We had to be up at 05:15 to begin our trip to Auschwitz at 7:00. Difficult to put into words as you can't use words like: lovely, enjoyable, great. But definitely an experience not to be missed. So many times I've seen photos of the 'Arbeit Macht Frei' gate but when you turn a corner and suddenly it's there in front of you. It rather takes the breath away.



Seeing the piles of ladies' hair, adults' shoes, children's shoes and clothing, the pile of very basic prosthetic limbs that some prisoners were wearing at the time of their arrival at the camp, the urn containing ashes retrieved from one of the crematoria at the time of the camp's liberation is all very emotional.

I know different people will be affected by different things but for me the strongest emotional reaction was to look at the faces of some of the prisoners as we walked the length of a corridor lined with photos of

prisoners, the date of birth, arrival at the camp, date of death, and then later to actually walk into and around one of the gas chambers and to see the carts used to move the bodies into the ovens for burning.

A short coach ride away is the Birkenau death camp. So many things here looked familiar, as two months previously I had read 'The Tattooist of Auschwitz', a book based on the true story of Lale Sokolov, a Holocaust survivor. The day we visited it was very warm and sunny, and I found it difficult to imagine winter conditions when the temperature could fall to -20°C.

Both Auschwitz and Birkenau have small shops where books and souvenirs may be purchased. I bought a fridge magnet with a picture of the Arbeit Macht Frei gate, the entrance gate through which trains passed to deposit their human cargo on to the platforms. It was for a friend as I didn't feel I needed to see this every time I walked passed my fridge! My choice was a black background with white text:

### AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU : REMEMBER

Yes, I can remember the things I saw in the camps, but more importantly I think it is vital to remember the reasons and events that brought about the death camps. In the words of philosopher, poet and novelist, George Santayana, "Those who do not learn history are doomed to repeat it".

We continued to be blessed with good weather later in the day for our trip into the Jewish quarter of the city and the area where the Ghetto was created. We heard stories of Jews leaving the city, carrying as much of their personal possessions as possible. Apparently it was common to see them carrying a suitcase and a chair. After all, with so much walking, it's good to sit down on your own chair, isn't it? The memorial in the main square of what was the Ghetto is quite simply a selection of wooden chairs (what we would call 'dining chairs') some for adults, some children's size. And all of them empty. No one is sitting on them, because there is no one to sit on them - the people who used to sit on them have long since been taken away, separated from their belongings.

To end on a lighter note, we enjoyed a very interesting and informative guided walk around Krakow, which is a lovely city. It didn't suffer appreciable damage during WW2 and the old buildings are beautiful, especially in and around the main square. The people are very friendly; the food is delicious and very reasonably priced. In spite of this being a very short holiday, we packed in a lot of trips and experiences, and I could certainly recommend Poland in general and Krakow in particular if you are thinking about a short break.

*Barbara Batley*

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## Brahms featured in Slingsby concert

On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July, Slingsby's All Saints' church saw the launch of the Ryedale Festival's 2019 Brahms mini-series. The first of four concerts, each was preceded by an entertaining talk by musicologist Katy Hamilton, who explored Brahms 'behind the beard'. Here, outstanding pianist Jonathan Plowright displayed richly satisfying playing in diverse facets of Brahms piano output. Many concerts followed, to critical acclaim in the York Press and elsewhere.

The Ryedale Festival wishes to thank all those at All Saints' church and the Village Hall who helped make this event a success.

*Jon Boots*

## Robin Hood Caravan Park

Many newcomers to the village will probably have assumed that the Robin Hood Caravan Park was named after the famous outlaw. Despite the site's sign on the B1257 which shows an archer in Lincoln Green, the site was actually named after the villager who started the camping site in the 1970's.



*Robin Hood, the outlaw, at the site entrance, B1257.*

Part of the site was originally a sand-pit and older villagers remember Sand Martins nesting in the vertical sand sides to the quarry. The western end, i.e. nearer to the village, was a piggery.

*Photo below shows Robin taken in the 1970's.*



Robin Hood got planning permission to convert the site to make it suitable for camping and caravans in the 1970's. Unfortunately the site flooded badly

during heavy rain, so Robin raised the level by some 6 feet by the addition of hardcore, gravel and soil to bring it up to its present level. He planned and installed a new toilet block with a pumping system to raise the level of sewage to the main drain and, with the help of his brother, Noel, extended the site, built the house and a reception area. Robin's and Noel's father was also called Robin Hood. Robin senior outlived his son and died in the late 1990's.



*Robin Hood Senior with a four-legged friend.*

*Photo below shows Robin Hood Jnr. near to the primitive reception building, taken in 1978. At this time the site was mostly caravans and tents. The cart behind also features in the later photo.*



Robin Jnr was an enthusiastic young man who worked at Westler's Foods and ran the caravan site at the same time. He was a keen cyclist and organised the weekly site cycling run. Unfortunately Robin died of a heart attack in September 1991 at the age of 41.

The site was subsequently sold to Peter Richardson and then sold once again, but has been successfully run since 1998 by Damian and Rebecca Palmer-Bunting, who have improved it considerably and (continued overleaf)

received numerous awards. Robin Hood Caravan Park now has both static caravans and space for tourers and tents.

*Photo below: Aerial view shows Robin Hood's undeveloped site in the background, taken approx 1978. Part of the site was used for the storage of agricultural machinery by the late Geoff Miller.*



*Photo below shows Robin with his cart, taken outside The Worsley Arms in Hovingham.*



*Photo below: Robin Hood Caravan Park in 2018.*



## The new Slingsby Play Area

As we write, the installation of the equipment is nearly complete and although there is cosmetic work to be done to the surroundings, we are confident that we can advertise an official opening on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August at 11:00 am. Please come with your children, grandchildren, nephews, nieces etc. to the Slingsby Sports Field Play Area next to the Tennis courts. This will hopefully also be a great time to find out more about the Sports Club, and provide ideas or feedback about future facilities.

It has taken two years to reach this stage and we hope the Play Area will prove to be a very successful Community project. Financially we still need another £5K but the Sports and Social Club, which has been very supportive throughout, has agreed to underwrite the money. However we want to pay the loan back quickly so a Steering Group of eight people, under the leadership of Anita Brewer, has been formed to manage and oversee future fundraising. Do watch the village website for further details and come and support us at upcoming Car Boot Sales.



*Photo above shows Play Area almost complete*

If you would like to put your name forward as a volunteer, please contact Geoff Bishop at [geoff4.bishop4@outlook.com](mailto:geoff4.bishop4@outlook.com). We are looking for people who can help out for an hour on fundraising stalls, turn up to maintenance mornings, or have great ideas about planting, fencing and other facilities on the site. Another request is for outdoor seating such as a bench for weary Mums and Dads to sit down and relax. If you have something suitable please contact one of us or the S&S Club.

We hope that the new play area will be safer for children and families to use, away from the road and cars. However, anyone using the play area will do so at their own risk, and children should still be supervised at all times.

*Kate Giles, Geoff Brooks and Geoff Bishop*

## New 194 bus times from 7<sup>th</sup> July 2019

### (1) From Malton towards Hovingham (there is no service on Sunday)

Malton station	1025	1240	1512 * Not Sat	1525 **	1627*** Not Sat	1735
Malton Newgate	1028	1243	1515 Not Sat	1528	1630 Not Sat	1738
Slingsby Green	1044	1259	1534 Not Sat	1544	1649 Not Sat	1754
Fryton	1046	1301	1536 Not Sat	1546	1651 Not Sat	1756
Hovingham Worsl Arms	1050	1305	1540 Not Sat	1550	1655 Not Sat	1800

\* School days only but not Thursdays    \*\*School holidays only    \*\*\* School-day Thursdays only

### (2) From Hovingham towards Malton (there is no service on Sunday)

Hovingham Worsl Arms	0720 Not Sat	0810+	0810++	1055	1310	1550+++
Fryton	0723 Not Sat	0813	0813	1058	1313	1553
Slingsby Green	0725 Not Sat	0815	0815	1100	1315	1555
Malton Newgate	0742 Not Sat	0837	0832 Sat only	1117	1332	1612
Malton Station	0745 Not Sat	0840	0835 Sat only	1120	1335	1615

+ School days only    ++ School holidays only    +++ School terms only but not Thursday

Clue	£	s	d
An old type of bicycle			
A leather worker			
Half a royal head-dress			
An unusual type of fowl			
Robert's shortened name			
A pony in slang			
A florin			
The top of your head			
A quid			
Similar to a stone in weight			
Lady Godiva in rhyming slang			
You got 960 of these to a pound			
Tiny old coin worth 2½ pence			
A grand			
The regal head of our country			
A ton			
You got 24 of these to a shilling			
Early black postage stamp			
Note replaced by 50p coin			
The original 12-sided 'bit' coin			
<b>TOTAL</b>			

### Half a sixpence ?

Here's an unusual quiz for the 'slightly older' members of our community. All the answers relate in some way to pre-decimal currency and it's not easy! See if you can get all the answers and then add up the total to get what I get, just like adding up your Co-op divi cheques! Answers on page 23.

The explanation that follows is for the benefit of the younger ones, who won't remember our quaint and rather awkward old currency. There's no doubt the decimal system is much easier!

Decimalisation occurred in 1971. Before that, one pound note was divided into twenty shillings. A shilling was in turn divided into twelve pennies which was again divided into halfpennies and quarter pennies (called farthings). There were many slang terms for the old currency and many items were named after it, because it had been in use for such a long time. Personally I'm glad it's gone – the new decimal system is much easier!

## Mayday report

Mayday 2019 now seems a long time ago, but it was definitely a success, measured by fun and finance. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves, despite the cold. Financially all the stalls and organisations had a good day, particularly the exhibition and talks in the Methodist Church.

The Maypolers are pleased to say that by reducing costs and increasing the takings, a profit was made for the maypole fund:

Income on the day £1639.78,

Expenditure for the day - £1109.91

Opening balance in the C.I.C account = £2282.27

Closing balance in this account = £3000.14

We can now safely plan for the 2020 Mayday festival, as well as making further enquiries about the purchase of a public address (P.A.) system for use by the village. We are asking for contributions from individuals and organisations in the village who would benefit from such a P.A. system e.g. at open-air services and the duck race day for example, as well as on Mayday. This PA system would become part of the C.I.C. equipment.

The Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme C.I.C. is a community organisation, formed in 2016 when the Maypolers saw the need to make the running of Mayday more secure, with public liability insurance. The status of C.I.C. helped us obtain grants to purchase gazebos and tables, to contribute to the cost of painting the maypole, and to purchase more costumes and ribbons for the maypole dancing. We hope this status will assist when applications are made for grants for other projects in the village.

The remit of the C.I.C. is to help its community, so any profit made by an event organised by the C.I.C. will go back directly into the community. The C.I.C. equipment of gazebos and tables will be available free of charge to village organisations on certain conditions, namely careful use, absolute drying before storing, and for use specifically in the village only. We would appreciate an appropriate donation which will be paid into the C.I.C. account.

*Pat Thompson for the C.I.C.*

## Slingsby Local History Group

The group has been very busy in July with external trips – to Bolsover & Hardwick and a town history tour of Malton, with a Newcastle trip planned for August. See photo and further article on page 19.

We will have our normal 'August break' in September this year, as Kate Giles and I will be busy with the Heritage Lottery funded project, which includes major re-roofing works starting on the church. As part of the project we should also see our new archive cabinet built, we hope, before the end of the year.

We will start regular meetings again on Tuesday October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm in the Village Hall Committee Room – (entrance via the side door please). This will be a working meeting to consider new projects and look at interesting things that regular members and others may have found and would like to show the group. Please do bring anything of interest.

David Thornley has been augmenting the work we have done on interesting characters in Slingsby, as well as about the village at war and evacuees, with a view to creating more village history publications. In the course of his work the name of Rosalind Frances Howard, Countess of Carlisle emerged as an influence on wartime activity in all the Castle Howard Estate villages. Margaret Mackinder will give a short account of Rosalind's life and influence.

Meetings are open to all. We charge a £1 fee per person for attendance at meetings in the Committee Room to cover the cost of room hire.

*Margaret Mackinder*

### Slingsby Short Mat Bowls

Newcomers are always welcome with absolutely no experience necessary. The game is not difficult, just a pleasant relaxing way to spend an evening.

Our sessions start again in the first week of October and are always held on Thursdays at 7:15pm in the village hall. Contact Anne or Peter Cornick on 01653 698526 or email [pcornick.malton@gmail.com](mailto:pcornick.malton@gmail.com)

## All Saints Church - Roof Repairs

Since the last Triangle work is progressing on our 'Onwards and Upwards' roof repair project and our ongoing fundraising. A new CCTV system is being installed on the roof before repairs with terne coated steel - both designed to ensure we don't suffer any future lead thefts. Scaffolding will go up in August and repairs will last into September. We will be notifying as many relatives of those in the ashes plot as we can contact that access to this area may be slightly disrupted during the work.

A major part of our project is to create an exhibition area and resource centre inside the church for the Local History Group. Work has also started on designing the content for these exhibition boards (see our report on Bolsover and Hardwick). These new areas will be created by shortening the pews and we are grateful that this work will be carried out by one of Slingsby's own carpenters, John Apps. There will also be a new information board in the churchyard and a leaflet telling people about the flora and fauna which were recorded during our very successful Caring for God's Acre day in June. Nearly 20 adults booked for the morning session, including residents There was also a group from Huggate and employees and volunteers from Churches Conservation Trust at Holy Trinity Goodramgate in York, inspired by our conservation area and developing wildflower meadow and keen to create something similar in their own churchyards.

Thank you once again to John and Warwick for keeping the churchyard looking so lovely. We hope residents and relatives of those in the churchyard will join us for our annual church and churchyard Big Clean and Churchyard Tidy, August 10<sup>th</sup> 10am.

Our Moth Trap has been a huge success and we had a wonderful session with Mrs Jordan at Slingsby School and Simon Conyers, examining moths caught on a warm evening in July. We will continue this activity through the summer. Please watch the Slingsby village website for notifications, which are very weather dependent!

Upcoming activities and events to cover remaining project costs include:

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> August** from 10am - Big Church and Churchyard Clean.

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> August** - visit to Newcastle to see the work of Slingsby church's architect, R J Johnson. For further details please contact Kate Giles (kate.giles@york.ac.uk)

**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September** from 10.30am - National Churches Trust Ride and Stride Churchyard market, with raffle, cake and plant stall and tour of the church at 12pm

### Advance notice:

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** at 3:30pm - All Saints Day 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary special service with Bishop John of Selby. Please join us as we commemorate 150 years since the re-dedication of the church following its rebuilding in 1879 - and hopefully the completion of our National Lottery project!

*Kate Giles*

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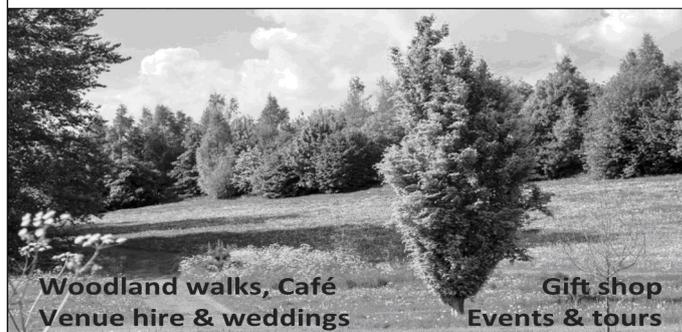
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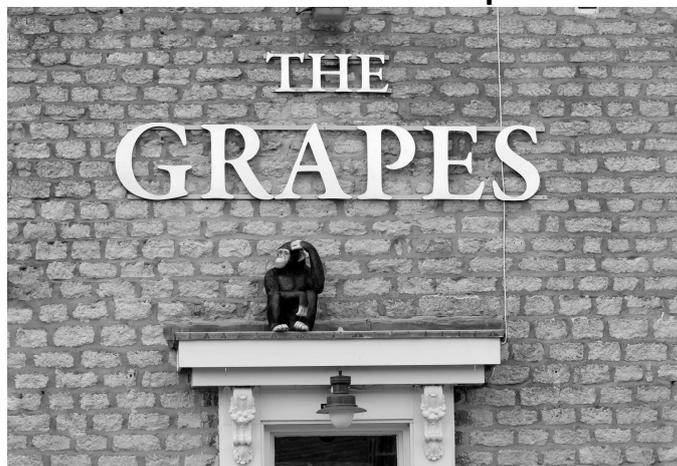
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Answer to our chimpanzee question:

Outside the Grr . . . apes



## Slingsby Local History Group outing



*Some members of Slingsby Local History Group on an outing to Hardwick Hall in Derbyshire, followed by nearby Bolsover Castle, both of which are associated with Slingsby Castle.*

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July three intrepid cars set off for a day in Derbyshire, as part of All Saints' Onwards and Upwards National Lottery (Heritage Fund) project. The aim of the day was to go and see two houses built by members of the Cavendish family, who built Slingsby castle. Most of those on the trip were members of Slingsby Local History Group, who are creating a permanent exhibition area in the north aisle of the church, but also included guests from Malton Museum. We hoped that the visit would enable us to explore connections between the ruins of Slingsby and these more complete buildings, to imagine how Slingsby might have been decorated and furnished had it been permanently inhabited . . . and to have fun together!

**Hardwick Hall** - 'more glass than wall'. Hardwick Hall is actually two halls, built by the redoubtable Bess of Hardwick (1527-1608). Bess was an amazing woman who married four times, increasing her estates and rising from near-poverty to be one of the wealthiest women in Elizabethan England. After a lovely coffee at the new Stables Cafe, we admired the ruins of the Old Hall, including astonishing traces of plaster work in a room known as the 'Forest Great Chamber' and 'Hill Great chambers'. Hardwick provided Bess and her son William with an important refuge when she fell out with her last husband, the Earl of Shrewsbury.

This building was used by Bess' household when she moved into the New Hall, which she built following the Earl's death between 1590-7. By now Bess was a powerful woman and her grand-daughter, Arbella was a possible heir to the throne. Hardwick was designed and built by Robert Smythson, the architect responsible for the early designs for Charles Cavendish at Slingsby.

Hardwick is full of symbols and imagery reflecting the family heraldry and Bess' status. We followed the 'processional route' from the Hall up to the High Great Chamber, highly decorated with plasterwork depicting Classical scenes. We marvelled at the sheer quantity of glass in the windows, and thought about how the windows of Slingsby would also have glittered from the Malton to Helmsley road, as Hardwick does from the M1! After making our way back down through rooms set up to reflect the last occupants of the house in the 1930s, we had a much better understanding of the kind of building and lifestyle Charles Cavendish would have grown up with. By then we were ready for lunch and we had a lovely break sitting outside in the sun, chatting about what we had seen. Members of the group who volunteered at Nunnington reflected helpfully on how volunteers are trained and support the visitor experience in the National Trust, which gave us some good ideas for future training of volunteers at All Saints.

In the afternoon we visited nearby **Bolsover Castle**, built like Slingsby on the site of a medieval castle, but with a towering view over the surrounding landscape. This provided an important opportunity to reflect on why Charles Cavendish chose to build on the site at Slingsby, because of the presence of the medieval castle and its ready-made moat. Bolsover's Little Castle was built by Charles Cavendish (I) between 1612-17 and enhanced by his son, the cavalier William Cavendish [brother of Charles Cavendish (II) who built the surviving Slingsby Castle]. The Little Castle was a retreat from the family's nearby house of Welbeck and was designed to look like a medieval keep. Inside the rooms were decorated with exquisite fireplaces and interesting paintings, full of classical allusions. In one corner there was a portrait of two men said to be William and Charles.

In the early 17<sup>th</sup> century a very impressive Riding House range was added by the cavalier and horseman William Cavendish, for practising the art of manège, a kind of dressage, about which William wrote a book in 1658. The designer for these ranges was Robert, John Smythson's son, the architect of Slingsby, and it seems likely that the Terrace Range was designed to accommodate a Royal visit from Charles I in 1633.

We ended our day with a cup of tea in the cafe at Bolsover, before heading back to Slingsby. The day provided a great opportunity to make connections between Cavendish castle, to better understand the original appearance of our castle and how it might have looked had it been permanently inhabited. However, we all agreed that Slingsby might have struggled with the number of tourists and parking at Hardwick Hall!

*Kate Giles*

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**If you have actually lost money you must report it as a crime to the police.**

*North Yks Police*

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## Slingsby Community Primary School

This has been a busy term as ever, with the usual Summer events of Sports Day organised by Mr Pope and Beach Days, where we had great weather and lots of fun, a fantastic entertainment evening featuring the newly-formed School Band and our Year 6 Leavers' Assembly, where the Hon. Nick Howard gave a great speech praising both staff and students. We are so proud of Year 6, have navigated SATS with great success and team spirit and are well-prepared for the next stage of their education. Thank you to Mr Smith and Mrs Metcalfe for creating such a calm and positive atmosphere around these inevitably-stressful exams. We were so proud of everyone. The Edinburgh Residential was a great success. Thankyou to all who assisted and to the students, whose behaviour was exemplary.

Other activities have included a fantastic After School Club afternoon, discovering the plants (and some beasties) in the churchyard, organised by Caring for God's Acre, as part of All Saints Heritage Lottery project, and Moth identification session with Mrs Jordan's class, where many children saw a 'May Bug' for the first time in their lives! We hope to include some of their fantastic drawings in the exhibition in the church this Autumn.

It is with a heavy heart that we say goodbye to the wonderful Mrs Rough, who is leaving to move closer to, and spend more time with, her family. She has been with us for nearly 20 years and generations of students have benefited from her kindness and enthusiasm. We will miss her greatly.

In the next edition of the Triangle we will have a feature on the school values, an update on staffing and our new link with Gillamoor School.

Happy Holidays!

*Kate Giles and the Slingsby Governors*



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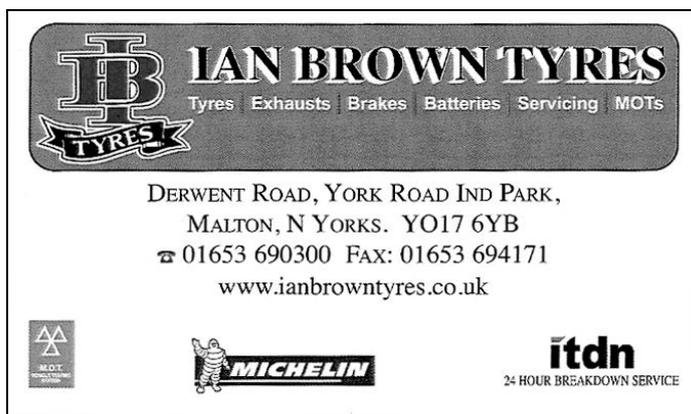
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## Michael Coates - 90 not out !



Mike Coates was born in Coneysthorpe on 26<sup>th</sup> August 1929, which makes him 90 very soon!

After schooling he worked from 1943 he worked at Terrington Co-op, initially as a general assistant. At this time, after the war conscription was still in force so Mike was called up in 1947 when he reached 18. He was enlisted to Bomber Command, stationed at various UK locations, but mainly at RAF Mildenhall where he eventually had the opportunity to fly in a Lancaster bomber during a practice run.

Very few men stayed on at Mildenhall after the war and Mike left the RAF in 1949. After a couple of weeks' R&R he went back to working for the Co-op at Coneysthorpe, then Hovingham, then Slingsby. Mike recalls cycling between several Co-op shops if there was a staff shortage. He took orders cycling round Bulmer, Welburn, Crambe Beck, Whitwell, Barton-le-Willows, Harton, Howsham, Sheriff Hutton, Scackleton, Skewsby, Whenby and a few outlying farms. Occasionally Mike even had to walk over the fields from Coneysthorpe if the road was blocked with snow, so as not to let his customers down. Remember the winters were 'proper winters' then! Altogether Mike spent 51 years working for the Co-op and says he enjoyed it all except the first two years.

Mike married Nancy, who was from Northallerton, in 1964, the same year he became Manager at Coneysthorpe and they lived over the Co-op shop. He then moved to Slingsby Co-op as manager, taking over from Bill Calvert, Dave Calvert's father, and finally to Norton and Malton until his retirement from the Co-op in 1995.

Nancy and Mike have three sons and one grandson (George) and they are celebrating their 55<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this year.

After leaving the Co-op Mike worked for 15 years on the gate at Eden Camp, where he met the visitors and took the entrance money. He particularly liked meeting people enjoying a day out.

A keen sportsman in his younger days, Mike enjoyed cricket, playing for Hovingham and Castle Howard teams and an avid supporter of Yorkshire, often visiting Headingley and Lords. He also played football for Welburn. He and Nancy started the Coneysthorpe badminton club. Mike now spends his sporting time watching the bowling at Norton and Nancy is also a keen bowler. They also enjoyed travel, often with good friends Barbara and John, touring Europe and

Ireland, visiting Denmark and Canada including the spectacular Niagara Falls and Muskoka Lake.

Sometimes Mike is referred to as 'the vicar' in some circles. Apparently this is because he borrowed robes and dressed as a vicar and gave several 'sermons' – perhaps not quite the kind you imagine! These were at Slingsby Sports and Social Club, where auctions for charity were regular occurrences, raising



significant amounts for local charities. Mike recalls the many friends he made at the club and also in the village in general. So it's true to say he and Nancy love life in Slingsby.

The 90<sup>th</sup> birthday bash will be a family affair. I'm sure all who know Mike will want to wish him a very happy and healthy 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and many more of them.

*David Thornley*

## Stephen's Farming Column

Harvest is almost upon us once again and what a difference a year makes. Last year we were sweltering under a summer heatwave and crops were suffering from the heat and drought. This year we have had much more rain in spring and early summer and the crops look fantastic. There should be bumper yields of barley and wheat and there have been some big crops of grass for silage, and hay. The potatoes also look very well but farmers who can do so are irrigating because at this time of year potatoes can use up over 30mm of water a week to grow to their maximum yield.

There is still much uncertainty in the farming industry as our politicians continue to argue over Brexit. Are we in or are we out of Europe? No one can tell us and what kind of support will farmers receive if any. It is causing much anxiety for everyone connected with farming and the future is looking rather bleak.



*Display of cattle in the main ring*

The Agricultural Show season is in full swing and I have just returned from The Great Yorkshire Show which goes from strength to strength with record entries of cattle, sheep and horses and lots of other sections. Sadly the pig entries were cancelled due to a suspected disease outbreak which turned out to be a false alarm.

### Slingsby Produce Show

Don't forget The Produce Show on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> Sept. I hope your garden is looking well and you are growing produce, flowers and planning lots of other entries for the show. A full list of classes was printed in the previous Triangle and we shall deliver schedules and entry forms round the village shortly or they will be available at The Farm Shop.

*Stephen Prest*

## 47<sup>th</sup> Slingsby Produce & Pumpkin Show

September 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 1pm, free admission



### Quirkiest tomato ?

Photo courtesy of John Apps

Entry is 10p per entry (children's classes free).

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 12<sup>th</sup> September. Exhibits to be staged between 8:30 -10 am on Sept 14<sup>th</sup>.

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!**

### Answer to money quiz – no cheating!

Clue	£	s	d
An old type of bicycle	1	1/4	6
A leather worker	6		
Half a royal head-dress	2	6	
An unusual type of fowl	1	1	
Robert's shortened name	1	1	
A pony in slang	25		
A florin	2		
The top of your head	5		
A quid	1		
Similar to a stone in weight	14		
Lady Godiva in rhyming slang	5		
You got 960 of these to a pound	1/4		
Tiny old coin worth 2½ new pence	6		
A grand	1000		
The regal head of our country	1		
A ton	100		
You got 24 of these to a shilling	1/2		
Early black postage stamp	1		
Note replaced by 50p coin	10		
Thick 12-sided coin, the original 'bit'	3		
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## Bird Nesting in Slingsby

Collecting bird's eggs was not illegal until 1954. Before then almost all country lads collected eggs, following in the footsteps of their dads and granddads. Brought up in Slingsby in the 1940s and 50s (born 1942) I spent hours searching for nests although I had only a modest collection of eggs compared to some. We had one important rule, usually, although not always kept to, 'only take one egg from a clutch', so our impact on the bird population was negligible.

The very first nest I saw I think was a Yellowhammer. One Sunday on a family walk on Malton road (very little traffic on Malton road in those days) just opposite the entrance to Wandale Farm where the village tip used to be, dad found a nest in the hedgerow. He lifted me up to look in and I saw the eggs. I remember it well although I can only have been about 4 or 5.



*Redstart nest - photo by Geoff Myers*

My main nesting partner was Sam Wentworth. We knew every hedgeback in and around Slingsby. Our main tactic was to systematically search hedgerows, usually bending down low and looking up for a silhouette against the light. There were enough nests in those days for this tactic to be productive. The bushes in the cemetery and the churchyard were always good for thrushes and finches. We raked around farmyards particularly Wandale where Sam's family farmed. Swallow nests were everywhere but frustratingly difficult to get to. The sandpit, now the Robin Hood caravan site, had a large colony of Sandmartins with nests in burrows in the sand faces which we were forbidden to dig into for safety reasons, a rule we sometimes ignored. I remember finding a Linnet nest in ivy growing over one of the sand faces, a real gem. Lapwing nests were everywhere and easily found but we spent hours searching for Curlews in Blue Pasture at the carrs without success. The beck and various farm ponds

gave us Moorhen nests. Our house had a big garden, Toby's Cottage, Railway Street, with lots of nests; I recall Spotted Flycatcher and Whitethroat.

Apart from nesting with Sam and others I spent quite a lot of time searching alone. I kept lists of the nests I knew showing how many eggs they had and when they hatched etc. I remember drawing plans of the village with the location of nests marked on. How I wish I had kept those records.

Hours spent searching for nests gave me a lifelong interest in birds and when I retired in 1993 I took up Nest Recording and bird ringing as a hobby, a hobby which took over my life. I spend as long doing it, and all that is associated with it, as if it is a full time job.

The British Trust for Ornithology (BTO) undertakes independent research into bird populations using data they receive from their members. Nest recording and ringing provide the bulk of this data. Nest Recording gives clutch sizes, brood sizes, success rates and the timing of nesting. I find as many nests of as many species as I can, usually by watching the birds return to the nest. I have many box sites with nesting tits, Tree Sparrows, Pied Flycatcher, Redstart, Owls, etc.

Ringing tells us movement of birds, longevity, population size, and survival rates. Some species are not generally caught in sufficient numbers in the breeding season to enable annual survival rates to be calculated. Swallow is one such species. As part of the BTO scheme to overcome this, since 1998 I have been catching Swallows in thirteen premises in Snilesworth in the Rye valley between Hawnbury and Osmotherley. I catch the birds in mist nets as they enter and exit buildings. Between 30 and 50% of adults have been found to survive migration and return the following year. Variation between years has been shown to be mainly dependent upon rainfall levels in the wintering grounds in Africa. I learn much more than this of course: how long the birds live, which partners they choose, who is playing away from home (very common), how they move between farms/buildings, breeding success, how many chicks return to their natal site. All fascinating to me.

I would recommend anyone with time on their hands to take up this activity but with words of caution - "Beware; birds can take over your life".

**Submitted recently by the late Geoff Myers**

*(Please note that bird nesting has been illegal since 1954. Geoff was a **BTO authorised** bird catcher/ ringer - Ed)*