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Opening Gambit.....

Hello fellow villagers! Here we all are, reading our first efforts, as a community, at producing our own newsletter. How did you end up with me as Editor? (A rather grand title?) I phoned Pat Smurthwaite to see who was and at the end of the conversation, I found I was! I want to take up as little space as possible but I think I should perhaps explain where we are heading with your project.

It will be published bi-monthly, so you guys and gals planning events will have to think ahead to appear in the Pink Pages. I was hoping to produce the Pink Pages monthly, but cost-wise this will not be achievable at present. The Yellow Pages are an on-going project that requires our local businesses to be on board. Lack of time has been the main reason for my lack of progress on this.

Funding. If every household in our three communities contributes £2:00 this would fund the newsletter for a year. I hope that if the support is there with advertising revenue it will become financially independent. You may also wish as an individual, business or a club to make a donation towards the future stability of your newsletter. The Parish Council have generously agreed to fund this first issue.

There are some thank-yous to give out to those who have ensured that issue No.1 appeared:

Slingsby School, Mrs Vickers and all the pupils who submitted pictures for your front cover; Dave Calvert, Fiona Farnell and David Batley for giving me information and pointing me in the right direction; Pat Thompson for her clear thinking and calm approach (I'm a bit of a flapper - not the 1920s kind); George Dudzinski for IT support. And finally, to all the contributors for their time and effort.

When you have had time to read and digest please let me have your ideas on future issues. As regards further contributions, please write, type or ideally email as a Word attachment. Pictures too, if possible. Please plan ahead!

Contributors. To get a better balance it would be great if we could have some items from the under 12s and the under 19s.

Newsletter name. I need help! Your ideas, please!

Finally, but by no means least, may I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May this season bring you closer to your family and friends.

Keith

New village website launches in the New Year

A new village website was envisaged in the Parish Plan. As a result, a newly formed website team has been taking its first steps to establish the Parish's presence on the Worldwide Web. Of course, a website is not an end in itself, but it is a very effective method of passing the word around, both within our patch and beyond. We are very aware that many residents do not have internet access, so the old methods will continue. But a website, once up and running, has the potential to save people a lot of time and effort in getting messages across, time and effort which can be used instead for – well, you name it! A website has the potential to aid community action in all sorts of ways: publicising events, facilitating fundraising and voluntary action, reinvigorating our clubs and societies, and enabling the Parish Council to keep ever more in touch with local views and concerns, to give just a few examples.

A new village website will also provide links to all the other websites of local interest, and provide small businesses and individuals with a convenient way of advertising their services. We envisage that advertisers would be asked to make a contribution of between £5 and £25 a year, depending on the size and type of advert they wish the website to carry. If you might be interested in advertising on the website, please email us (address below).

While we are building the site, the new web domain name www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk redirects you to an interim site which, over the coming weeks, will provide information on progress.

So, who is on the website team? Well, it's taken a bit of time to establish a permanent team, but currently we are: Richard Flint, George Dudzinski, Jon Boots and Keith Buck, whose main responsibility is this newsletter. There are others helping on the sidelines. Nevertheless, we would still love to hear from anyone with relevant technical experience. You can contact us by email at admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk to give us your ideas or views, lend support, or express interest in advertising. Alternatively, telephone *Jon Boots on 01653 628396*.

Village Hall Re-vamp

The VH committee is putting together plans to re-vamp the kitchen. We would like your fund-raising ideas, if you want your group or society at the VH or want to become a member of the VH please speak to *Janet Clarke 628625, Trudy 628302 or Beki 628391;* or email: friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk

Slingsby Allotment Association

We have recently formed to take over a piece of land from the Parish Council to provide allotments for people in the parish who wish to grow their own vegetables and fruit. If you are interested in renting a plot then please contact:-
Brian Clarke Tel 628625

Slingsby Sports-field Association

Chairman Dave Calvert would like to thank everyone who helped or contributed in any way to the bonfire and fireworks on Guy Fawkes Night. An excellent evening was enjoyed by all those who attended. *(Was it a record number of spectators? There looked to be a lot of folk!)* Thanks to all the volunteers who made it happen.

The Association held a Harvest Festival in October which included a raffle, auction, bingo and a pie-and-pea supper. Over £400 was raised by those who attended; the SSA contributed £50. This was all donated to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance Service.
Dave Calvert

Badminton 1

We run a fun night for all standards of players on Monday nights at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Join us! No subscription required – just pay as you go.
Janet 628625 or Barbara 628107

Badminton 2

The Wednesday players meet in the Village hall in the morning from 9:30 to 11:30 am. It is a mixed group of all ages. So for some mid-week fun and exercise, just come along.

Shelagh Richards 628363

Slingsby Football Club

The Club was established in the very early 1900s. They have played at the sports field since 1924, and until the current Sports Club was built in 1988 they had always got changed in an old tin hut. The Club is sponsored by Hunters Estate Agents in Malton and plays in its traditional green strip. The team currently play in the Newitts.com Beckett League in Division 1. This is a local village league.

The Slingsby Club is managed by Stephen Hodgson, who is assisted by Darryl Craggs and Andrew Hawes. They have played six league games, winning two of them. They are still in the knock-out competition for the Ryedale Hospital Cup. They have played thirteen matches, excluding friendlies played at the start of the season. They have won six of those, defeats often coming in matches against teams from higher leagues.

Club Sec. Sarah Bradshaw 628211

Slingsby Cricket Club

We are proud to be included in the 1st edition of the new parish newsletter. 2010 was a good year for us as we won the Feversham league and retained the Countess of Feversham KO Cup. We were beaten finalists in two other cups and we hope for similar or better in 2011.

We try to arrange our home fixtures for Friday nights and will publish our games in the new "What? When? Where?" pages. Our AGM date will be in the Pink Pages when a date is set. We would like to invite any new players from the village if they would like to attend. They will be made most welcome.

Club Sec. John Hatfield 628701

Slingsby Bowls Club

The Club continued their run of success in the 2010 season. Since the 2004 season, the Club has completed the league and cup double on five occasions, but this year the league proved a step too far. Losing vital points in end-of-season games cost them dearly, but the cup was retained with a victory over Wiggington.

Over a weekend in mid-June the successful annual open pairs competition once again attracted over sixty players to Slingsby's green. This well-run competition is one of Ryedale's summer bowls highlights. Here's hoping for a successful 2011 season.

Villagers new to the bowling scene are welcome to come and have a go at this all-ages sport.

Club Sec. Alan Vowles 628851

Short-mat Bowling Club

We meet in the village hall every Thursday at 7.30 pm from the end of September until the week before Easter. Absolute beginners are welcome, there are 2 spare sets of bowls to borrow, it is easy to learn and very enjoyable. The cost is £1 per evening, and new members are welcome.

Club sec. Peter Corniche 698526.

Folk Club

The first Folk Club night held at the Village Hall was a rip-roaring sell-out success! Adam Wright of Fryton kicked off proceedings. Colleen Horne and Phillipa Murphy covered a wide range, John Denver, Janis Joplin amongst them. Geoff and Alex of Haxby gave the audience half an hour of traditional and contemporary folk. Shilleleagh were on next, the highlight being a beautiful rendition of The Wild Mountain Thyme. The evening raised £250 towards the Village hall fund. A big thanks to all the team that helped make the evening a grand occasion.

Future dates to be arranged. If you want to play contact: *Paddy and Gill Morrow 628658;*

Or email: paddyandgill@aol.com

Raymond 'Bunny' Ware

Bunny, of Railway Street, is to be congratulated on celebrating his 90th birthday! Many happy returns!

Bridge

John Bramall is looking to start a group for those that want to learn this fascinating card game and for those who already can play. Bridge provides hours of enjoyment and is not just for the wrinklies - all ages are very welcome.

John Bramall 628697.

The Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

The YCA meets in Slingsby Village hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:15 am.

There has been a branch in Slingsby since the formation of the Association in 1998, and its aim is to further the skills, knowledge and social activities of its members. At each meeting there is a guest speaker, the talks range over a wide area (from Appleby Horse Fair to What I found in my Aunties Drawers!). Outings are arranged throughout the year. Members interested in handicrafts, baking and other skills are able to exhibit at the Ryedale Show and at many other venues around the county. New members are always very welcome, though you may choose to join us first as a guest.

For details of the next meeting, give the secretary a phone. *Shelagh Richards 628363*

Pins and Needles

A new Handicraft group has started. We meet in the Village Hall committee room on the first and third Tuesday of the month at present 1:30-3:30pm. If you would like to join us just come along. Bring with you whatever you are working on or what you would like to work on. It is a learn-from-each-other group, with a chance to learn new skills or for you to share yours. *Pat Smurthwaite 627272*

The Bus Pass Crew

Senior members of the village are invited on Wednesday December 8th between 1:30-3:30pm to a get-together in the Village Hall, for a chat about activities and pastimes that could be of interest with a view to holding a weekly get-together. Tea and biscuits will be served. Transport may be arranged if required. Contact *Sue on 627293*

Slingsby Methodist Church – Serving the Community

There are several groups and activities centred on or run by people at the Chapel as follows. Our main activity is the Sunday Service which now, apart from certain special occasions, is held at 10:30am. We try to make our services lively and interesting with a blend of old and new songs and usually a more informal type of worship. On the second Sunday of the month we unite with the Anglican Church, alternating between the two venues. The fourth Sunday is Family or All Age Worship.

CHAOS (Children's Activities on Sunday) meets on the 1st & 3rd Sundays at 10:30am. The children spend about 10 minutes in the Sunday Service before leaving to do their own activities in the schoolroom.

LITTLE ADVENTURERS. This is for pre-school children with mums/dads or carers and meets on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm for children's activities, games etc and a natter for the grown-ups.

ADVENTURE CLUB is for children aged 4-11 and meets on Thursday evenings from 6pm to 7pm in the schoolroom with games, singing and Bible stories etc.

YAZ is a group for older children, school years 6 to 9, with a programme of activities, discussion and fun. This also meets on Thursday nights, fortnightly, from 7:15pm to 8:30pm.

The Women's Fellowship is a fortnightly meeting for ladies on Tuesday afternoons, meeting at the homes of Mrs Esther Dennis and Mrs Freda Ware.

There is also a Bible Fellowship Group meeting fortnightly on Wednesday nights at the homes of Mrs Dennis or Rachel and Stephen Prest. We have an interesting programme of Bible studies and discussions with a bit of singing; and of course a cup of tea.

Our main purpose, however, is to be a Christian presence in Slingsby and to help and encourage people to learn more about our purpose and place in God's world. We are approaching Christmas once again and shall be celebrating the coming of Jesus, God's precious gift to all mankind. Our hope and prayer is that all of us will find a place in our

lives for Jesus not only at Christmas but throughout the year. He certainly adds a new dimension and real purpose to life today.

Contacts: *Audrey Foster 628643*

Louise Hayes 628064

Rachel & Stephen Prest 628277

Slingsby Community Primary School

There are currently 37 children in school, with Mrs K. Vickers as Headteacher and 3 other part-time classroom teachers and 2 teaching assistants. Together with Mrs Hindby, Mrs Leeson and 2 peripatetic music teachers they form an excellent team. Leading up to Christmas there will be a Christmas service, the children will visit the pantomime, and finish with a party on the last day of term – 17th December. The new spring term starts on January 5th 2011.

Friend of Slingsby School (FSS)

The “*Family Favourites*” recipe book will be launched in the Village hall on Sat 11th Dec at 2pm. FSS would like to thank those that have written recipes for us and to Thackarays, Thundercliffes, SA Organics, and The Wall at Coulton. Also thanks go to Home Farm Holiday Cottages and Robin Hood Caravan park for donating funds that have helped with the publication costs.

Rebecca Palmer-Bunting 628391

Nature Notes

At this time of year, many winter visiting birds are found on our fields and in our hedgerows. The most common are the mixed parties of fieldfares and redwings; over 100 settled on Chris Wilson’s fields north of the railway track in November, brought in from North Europe by cold northern winds. Other winter migrants are continental robins and blackbirds, along with a few bramblings and, as yet to be reported, waxwings. Besides these birds, skeins of greylag and Canada geese have been flying low overhead. At a higher level, pink-footed geese from the Arctic tundra were seen flying overhead to their winter quarters on the Humber on October 18th. Generations of these birds have been coming to or passing over Slingsby. Rev. St. Claire Brooke, vicar of Slingsby in the early 1900s published a bird list in 1903 containing the above

mentioned birds, with the exception of the Canada geese.

Michael Thompson 628620.

Boundary Walls to Slingsby Church

Many people have pointed out the poor state of the western boundary wall of the churchyard next to the sports field where the huge tree is pushing it outwards. We have been chasing **Ryedale District Council** about this now for several years. The Estates Department has now accepted that it has reached the stage where a collapse could occur, and be a danger to the public. They are proposing to remove the affected section of the wall and stone copings for safe keeping for a month or so until they can organise repair. Work may involve some adjustment to its position and as a result permission from North Yorkshire County Highways is also needed. They have assured the Church PCC that they will repair it as soon as they can.

Margaret Mackinder

Local Development Framework

Ryedale District Council has been developing a new planning strategy for the District and many people will have attended the exhibition in the village hall about future proposed sites for development. The plan, or Local Development Framework, is still under discussion and it is now estimated that it will be autumn of 2012 before decisions are finally made. Meanwhile, the Council continues to take views about sites and accept new sites for consideration.

In the last few weeks the Core Strategy, the main document that forms its planning policy, has been put up on its website for more public consultation. Within it the Council invites your comments on a new suggestion that special permissions outside the currently agreed development limits should be given to owners of heritage assets (i.e. historic houses and monuments) to raise money for their repair and maintenance. The report indicates that this suggestion has come from Castle Howard Estate, which claims it has a serious problem in raising money to repair the house.

What do you think about this? Do you think it is right that the owners of such buildings should be given special privileges to raise these sums when

they already have access to historic buildings grants and other commercial opportunities that private house owners do not? Or do you feel that the presence of Castle Howard is so important to the local economy that it needs supporting in this way?

More houses are needed in the area, but once land is built on it may be lost as a public asset: access, views and the appearance of the countryside is changed forever, so decisions about this need to be made carefully. This suggestion has implications for the whole of Ryedale, where there are many historic houses and Grade 1 listed buildings and Scheduled Ancient Monuments where this change would benefit the owners. In the case of Castle Howard, all the other villages where they own land are in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and therefore subject to more strict planning restrictions. Slingsby village is not in the AONB so would be subject to much greater pressure for development.

The time to give your view on the current Core Development Strategy will have ended by the time this newsletter goes to press; however it is still not too late for you to give your views on this matter, if you do it quickly. What is decided over the next year could seriously affect the village so please continue to look at the website and keep an eye on what is going on through the local press. The Parish council will also have copies of the latest strategy proposals. You can give your views any time by writing to the Council or going to their Website www.Ryedale.gov.uk and search for the Local_Development_Framework section where you can see the whole Core Strategy document and also give your views on-line if you wish.

Margaret Mackinder.

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