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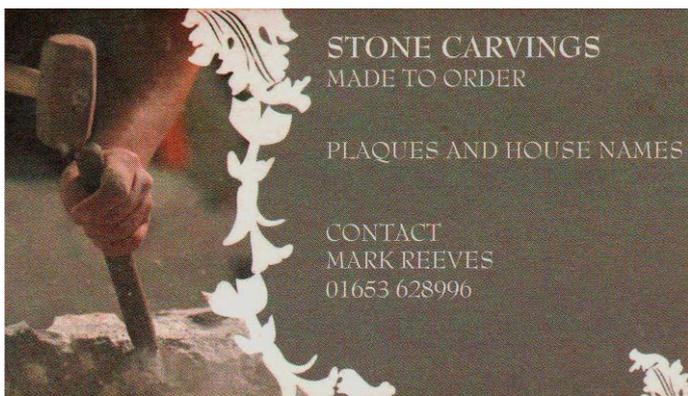


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Slingsby Website & Newsletter (aka *The Triangle*) Group would like to wish all our readers, subscribers, article writers, news providers, event organisers, advertisers, photographers and photogenic villagers (you know who you are!) a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A note about the Christmas Illustrations

The cover image and all the wonderful Christmas illustrations included in this issue of *The Triangle* have been drawn by the pupils of Slingsby CP School. All the drawings which were provided are excellent and it is just such a shame that we don't have room for all of them in this issue. Thank you so much to all the children at Slingsby CP School for all your hard work and creativity. You have made this issue of *The Triangle* so beautiful! **[Cover illustration by Libby Smurthwaite]**

***The Triangle* / Village Website**

Would you like to send some news or details of an event to *The Triangle*? Send copy for the next issue by Tuesday 19th January 2016 to thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk or have a chat with David (627210). If you're keen to promote a forthcoming event online please write to admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk

Christmas Concert

Ampleforth & Ryedale Concert Choir will give a Christmas Concert at All Saints' Church, Hovingham from 5.00pm on 6th December 2015. There will be a seasonal concert of Advent songs and carols with audience participation. Mulled wine and mince pies will be served in the interval. Tickets cost £10.00 (including refreshments and mulled wine). Free admittance to children under 16. All funds will go to the All Saints' Church Roof Appeal. Please contact Jackie and Graham Mason for tickets on 01653 628386.

Christmas Trees

If you haven't collected your Christmas Tree yet the following are selling trees this year: **Duncombe Park** (01439 772626) daily from 5th December from 10.00am until 4.30pm, **Newburgh Priory** (01347 868372) sells trees from 1st December until 24th December [Mon–Fri 10am to 7pm & Sat–Sun 10am to 5pm] & **Scampston** (<http://www.scampston.co.uk/estate/christmas-trees/how-to-find-us.html>) sells trees from 5th December until 20th December from 10.00am to 4.00pm



Christmas Services & Seasonal Events in *The Triangle* area & environs

All Saints' Church, Slingsby Christmas Services

Sunday 20th December: United Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel at 4.00pm – a celebration of the Christmas story for all the family followed by refreshments. Everyone welcome.

Christmas Eve: Candle Service at 4.15pm at All Saints' Church

Christmas Day: The Street Parishes Benefice Eucharist at 10.30am at All Saints' Church

Christmas Carols at The Grapes

Tuesday 15th December: congregate outside Slingsby Methodist Chapel at 6.00pm. We shall walk around the village (Porch Farm Close, The Sycamores & Sycamore Close) singing carols and then wend our way to The Grapes by 7.00pm.

Christmas Concert by Terrington Village

Choir – Saturday 5th December 2015 at 7.00pm at All Saints' Church, Slingsby

Enjoy a pre-Christmas concert for all ages. Listen to and sing along with this talented local choir as they present a programme of popular Christmas songs and traditional carols. Tickets: £5.00 per person (children eleven & under free) to include tea/coffee & homemade cake available at Slingsby Village Shop or by telephoning 628982, 628303 or 627283.

Terrington Village Choir is keen to recruit new members in the New Year. The choir meets every Thursday (6.30pm–8.30pm) at Terrington Hall School. We sing music ranging from church music to songs from the musicals in four part harmony. We are particularly wishing to recruit sopranos but would welcome interest from other sections. The choir's aim is to reach a standard so that we can perform at local concerts. We are a friendly group who sing for pleasure. If you are interested please contact Keith Metcalfe on (01653 694583 or metkeith1@hotmail.co.uk).

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Events December 2015 & January 2016

Sunday 6th December: Music Night 8.00pm
Tuesday 15th December: Carol Singing 7.00pm
[please wear Christmas Jumpers!]
Sunday 20th December: Festive Quiz 8.00pm
Sunday 27th December: Fancy Dress Night
6.00pm [dogs only]
Monday 28th December: Sloe Gin Competition
6.00pm [Home Brew only]
Thursday 31st December: New Year Party
Sunday 3rd January: Music Night 8.00pm
Sunday 17th January: Quiz Night 8.00pm

The Grapes

Food Service Times December 2015 & January 2016

Christmas Eve: food from 12 noon – 2.00pm
Christmas Day: drinks only 11.00am – 1.00pm
Boxing Day: drinks only
Sunday 27th: food from 12 noon – 3.00pm
Monday 28th: food from 12 noon – 3.00pm
Tuesday 29th: food from 12 – 2.00pm & 5.30pm
– 8.30pm
Wednesday 30th: food from 12 – 2.00pm &
5.30pm – 8.30pm
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Slingsby Village Hall
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Bottom left: Amelia Palmer-Bunting
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No more muddy boots or paws!

Those of you who enjoy the inspirational walk round Slingsby via Railway Street, The

Lawns and up to All Saints' Church will appreciate the recent improvements to the narrow footpath which runs up from the railway line. In winter this path is like an assault course as the mud deepens and significant stretching exercises are needed to walk from one end to the other. But the hitherto risky physical challenge has gone because the path is now covered by four tonnes of small stones thanks to the sterling efforts of the Slingsby Chapter of Christmas Elves (it is Christmas after all!) and the North Yorkshire County Council Footpaths Ranger. This modest project is a good example of what can be achieved if there is partnership between Councils and the local Community in these times when public services face significant austerity measures. This venture has cost Slingsby nothing except time and determination.

A grateful walker!



Slingsby Local History Group

Saturday 5th December at 10.30am at The Grapes – An Informal Discussion about the railway in Slingsby

Do you have memories of Slingsby Station in the days of the railway? Do you remember or did you ride on the last passenger train? Please come along and tell us what you recollect over coffee and mince pies (£2.50 for coffee etc.).

Tuesday 12th January at 7.30pm in the Village Hall Committee Room – A working meeting on the Village Trail.

The Big Garden Bird Watch in Slingsby 2016

The RSPB's annual survey – the Big Garden Bird Watch – takes place on 30th/31st January 2016. The Local History Group wishes to update records of the birds and other wildlife which can be found in and around Slingsby and compare the results to past surveys. If you participate in the bird watch and send your figures back to the RSPB could you also please let the Local History Group have a copy by sending your list by email to us at slingsbybirdwatch@gmail.com For non-computer users who wish to help there will be checklist forms to complete available at The Village Shop from 20th January.

Slingsby Local History Group meets regularly each month (except August). Meeting times vary from evening working meetings to Saturday morning discussions and outdoor walks to look at historic features. Please note that evening meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month in the Village Hall Committee Room. Details of these and other meetings are advertised on the Slingsby Village Website and in *The Triangle*. Many members also attend the regular series of talks organised by the Friends of Malton Museum (annual membership £10.00). Transport can be organised if required.

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Slingsby Badminton Club

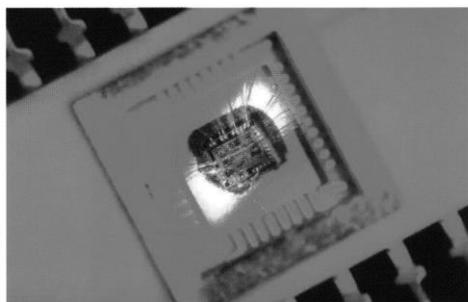
Slingsby Badminton Club meets from October to March each year. New members are welcome.

Christmas & New Year Mobile Post Office Services

The Mobile Post Office will not visit Slingsby on Thursday 24th December, Friday 25th December and Monday 28th December 2015. The service re-opens on Tuesday 29th December but will not visit on Friday 1st January 2016. Normal service is resumed on Monday 4th January 2016. *Keith*

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We begin with the sad news that our Minister, Reverend Mike Smith, died after a short illness. Mike was a real inspiration to us at Slingsby, constantly encouraging us to push the boundaries in our work and worship. He was closely involved in the Iona Community and introduced us to that style of worship also. Mike was a regular visitor at Slingsby CP School and his assemblies were very much appreciated by staff and pupils alike. Mike will be sadly missed

but we will continue to build on the foundations he has helped us to establish.

This year's Shoebox Appeal was very successful and we were able to send about forty shoeboxes – all filled with toys and gifts – which will be really appreciated by some very poor and needy children in Eastern Europe and beyond. We had a very good and well attended service to bless the shoeboxes which was led by Karen Pattison.



Karen Pattison (our preacher) & Katie Jeffels with the shoeboxes.

Fish & Chips: the monthly supply of fish & chips courtesy of Malton & Norton Lions Club is going very well and upwards of twenty-five people take advantage of this. Fish, chips & peas delivered to your door for £2.50 is certainly value for money! The next deliveries will be on Tuesday 8th December 2015 & Tuesday 12th January 2016

Soupa Lunch: this is held on the third Wednesday of the month in the Methodist School Room at 12 noon. Soup, sandwiches and pudding with a cup of tea afterwards. No charge is made but donations are welcome. On Wednesday 16th December there will be a Soupa Lunch Christmas special at 12 noon and after lunch we will sing some carols. Contacts for these events are Rachel & Stephen Prest on 628277 & Trudy Carr on 628302.

Sunday 20th December: United Carol Service at the Methodist Chapel with All Saints' Church at 4pm – a celebration of the Christmas story for all the family followed by refreshments. You are all warmly invited.

Little Adventurers (0 to 4 years)

Thursdays 1.30pm to 3.00pm
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You are invited to join us at **Little Adventurers** – a group for mothers/carers and toddlers offering space to play and seasonal craft activities – which meets in the Slingsby Methodist Chapel School Room. Tea & coffee is available for parents & carers and there is snack time for the children. Please contact Claire Piercy [01653 691466 / 07738 559474] or just turn up on the day. The dates for the next couple of months are as follows:

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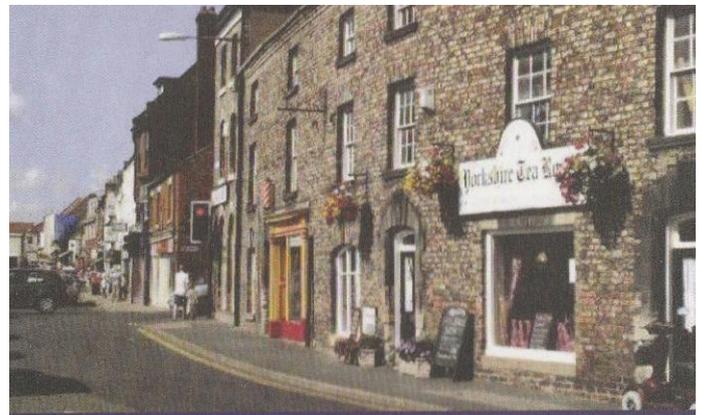
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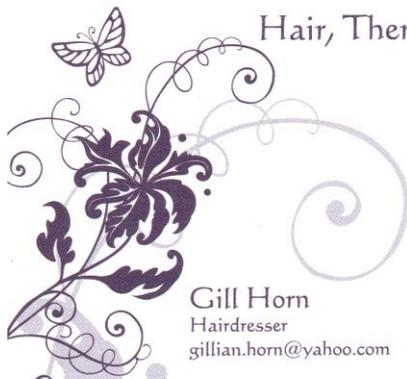
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Stephen's Farming Column

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(Words from a traditional harvest hymn)



Thankfully the harvest is complete apart from a few root crops still to gather. In many ways it was a good harvest with the third highest UK wheat crop on record. Most crops were harvested in dry conditions which helps reduce drying costs. Sadly prices are still very low.



After harvest many farmers and their staff go out to celebrate with a harvest supper. I joined Stuart Prest and his staff for a good meal at The Grapes. It was quite a lively evening and much appreciated after long hours of hard work. Most of the winter cereals have already been drilled in preparing for next year's harvest and with very mild and moist conditions are growing vigorously. Autumn brings the start of the hunting and shooting season. We run a shooting syndicate round Slingsby, mainly on Castle Howard Estate land. A group of us meet once a fortnight on Saturdays and, provided the weather is nice, we have an enjoyable day. We mainly shoot pheasants and the odd vermin. Sadly partridge numbers are very low mainly

due to a succession of bad breeding seasons and an increase in predators which destroy their nests. Some people find it difficult to appreciate that shooting and conservation can work well together. On the Slingsby shoot we have five acres of a wild bird cover crop which is a mixture of spring cereals, millet and linseed. It will produce about ten tonnes of seeds which will feed thousands of birds, large and small, over the winter months as well as many small mammals. We have also grown some maize and deer, badgers and pheasants all enjoy eating the grain on the cob. I have also planted several small woodland plantations which are good for all wild animals. Eating game seems to be coming back into fashion again and is promoted by many celebrity chefs. I must admit I just love a roast pheasant with all the trimmings!

Stephen Prest

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Were the Romans at Slingsby?

This was the question discussed by children at Slingsby CP School during their local history assembly in the summer as part of their wider study of Roman Britain. Slingsby sits on the route of what is thought to be a Roman road leading from Malton westwards to Hovingham and eventually to Boroughbridge. Archaeologists now believe that many of the previously named Roman roads probably follow the routes of earlier trackways. 'The Street', as we know it, does bear many of the classic features which the Romans favoured; that is being sited in an elevated position, but on the brow rather than on the ridge and keeping to a straight route.

The Romans were very active in this area of Yorkshire. In easy reach of the coast. Malton was an important garrison town, one of only two towns in the country to be in continued use during four centuries of Roman occupied Britain.

Nearer to Slingsby there are the buried remains of a large and important villa at Hovingham, and a record of a marching/training camp at Wath. Troops would have marched westwards to Aldborough (nr Boroughbridge) then northwards to *Cataractonium* (modern day Catterick). The nearby Roman road would have been very busy, and at times noisy! This might not be good, the school children thought, particularly as soldiers, however well disciplined, might at times be badly behaved and rowdy!

Living near such a road could have advantages too. A well-made track to Malton (*Derventio* – although this name has now been questioned) would be useful, leading to a ready market for surplus crops and meat to supply the army. In return there would be access to some of the many new fruits, vegetables and other products introduced by the Romans.

Evidence continues to emerge from crop marks and analysis of aerial photographs, that small Anglo-Roman farm settlements, developed from Iron Age settlements alongside Roman roads. Faint lines visible from the air indicate a number of small 'ladder' settlements as these farm groupings were known because of their layout along the route of the The Street, particularly where water supplied were more readily available. There are indications that there was at least one on the east side of Slingsby with a trackway connecting it directly to the road.

So yes, it is very likely that there were Romans living in Slingsby but that was more than five hundred years before the Viking Danish settlement of *Selungesbi* or *Eslingesbi* gave its name to the present village.

Margaret Mackinder

Slingsby Sports & Social Club

Chairman: Dave Calvert 01653 628268

Copy for *The Triangle* in February/March 2016 can be sent to David Thornley by Tuesday 19th January 2016 please.

A new Gardening Club for Slingsby, Fryton & South Holme?

Would anyone be interested in forming a gardening club? If so, please contact either myself on 01653 628610 or Angie Hindby on 01653 628655. If the response is encouraging we will take it from there. Thank you. *Shirley Woollons*

Oh yes it is!

ALADDIN

**is coming to Slingsby Village Hall
on Sunday 10th January 2016 starting at
3.00pm. Tickets are £6.00 each (&
include mince pies etc). Contact Trudy on
01653 628302**

Slingsby Ladies' Group

At the last two meetings we have had very interesting speakers. In October Jeff Andrews gave a talk entitled "The Travelling Man" and told us hilarious stories of incidents that had happened all through his life as a furniture remover and dealer. He also has a beautiful garden which we saw pictures of and since it is open to the public we may visit it next summer.

In November Angela Spencer visited us with daughter Molly. They are the joint owners of "Sugar Mouse" a sweet shop in Easingwold Market Place. Angela began her working life as a junior newspaper reporter and worked her way up at various newspapers, and was, at one stage, the crime reporter for the *Yorkshire Post*. She told us how her life developed and changed and how she ended up in business with her younger daughter who bakes the cakes that they sell. She can also be heard on Radio York once a month when she does a review of the newspapers.

Since our formation in May of this year our membership has been gradually increasing and we always welcome new members.

Our next meeting – our Christmas Beetle Drive, party and exchange of presents – is on Tuesday 8th December.

Our first meeting in 2016 will be our New Year Lunch at The Grapes on 12th January (12 noon for 12.30pm) and we hold our AGM on 9th February 2016.

Shelagh Richards

Garden Waste Collection Service

If you are a subscriber to the Council's garden waste collection service please note that there will be no further collections after Monday 30th November 2015. The service resumes on Tuesday 1st March 2016.

Steve Allen of Steve Allen Photography A Thank You

Steve Allen, formerly of The Green, has kindly produced a photographic archive of the villages which the Website & *The Triangle* may use. Many of you will remember his beautiful picture of All Saints' Church which has been used for the church's Christmas card. This is a most generous gift to the Slingsby Website & Newsletter Group and we would like to thank Steve for this thoughtful gesture.

Slingsby Bowls Club – a little bit of history

I read with interest the article in the most recent edition of *The Triangle* about the Bowls Club. My father was the treasurer and the bowls, purchased from Malton Bowls Club, were kept in a flat wooden box in our spare room. I remember going to collect turf which I can only think was to lay the new green. Several members went with horse and cart, me tagging along, up Cliffords Heights and down through the wood to the area beyond which was always known as 'the moor'. The grass there was very fine, unimproved and well grazed by rabbits and probably sheep, ideal for bowling. Assuming this was in 1951, the date recorded in the article, I would have been nine years old. I thought this may be of interest although I am aware it may have been recorded in the minutes but not in David's article. *Geoff Myers*

New AONB Leaflet

A new leaflet has been produced by the Howardian Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) describing twenty 'Bike Rides & Rambles' in the area. If you are interested in learning more please visit: <http://www.howardianhills.org.uk/out-and-about/cycling/>

New Parish Councillor for Fryton

Gawen Dickinson has joined the Parish Council (following on from Mick Singleton) as Fryton's Parish Councillor. Gawen can be contacted at South Barn, Fryton, York, YO62 4AT (telephone 01653 628774).

Fourth Annual Pudding Party Friday 16th October 2015



Headmistress Cynthia Fell, Trudy Carr, Liz Smith, Janet Clarke, Ann Bayes, Sue Carr, Debbie Firby at the front. Photo © Brian Clarke

Our Village Hall Committee has some very bright ideas and the most recent was to get everyone to dress up as the 'belles' from St Trinian's for this year's School Dinners Themed Pudding Night! Miss Fell, our (very strict) Headmistress for the evening, welcomed all the new pupils to the Slingsby Academy for Girls but was soon handing out detentions and lines to those who were misbehaving. Three puddings were then served by Miss Fell and her star pupils. Luckily Miss Fell's girls had all been to finishing school so the puddings were served on a plate (rather than being thrown from a great height).

We sampled treacle tart, chocolate pudding with pink custard and rice pudding. Additional extras on each table included jam, rosehip syrup, custard and cream. As we ate we were given the opportunity to sit our School Cert (GCSE if you're young like me!). The questions were toughies – all about food (thank you to Head Girl Trudy Carr). The winning team of school swots included the Thornleys, the Smurthwaites and Brian Clarke who won a tuck box of goodies.

After tea, coffee and the raffle (and even the opportunity to sample some gin and vodka jellies!) the next three puddings arrived at our school tables. This time the plates were filled with Spotted Dick, Manchester tart and lemon posset together with custard and cream! As the evening progressed the pupils' behaviour

became more unruly however, with paper aeroplanes and pea shooters in evidence.

Miss Fell and her girls would like to thank all the other pupils for coming to our pudding party and for dressing up to the theme and making it such a great night for everyone! A total of £385 was raised towards the Village Hall Fund. Roll on next year...!

One of Miss Fell's star pupils!

Two of St Trinian's Head Girls



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News, events and articles can all be sent to thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk – Thank you!

Slingsby Sports Field, the Sports Field Association & the Social Club

So many misconceptions appear to have arisen about the use of the sports field and its relationship with both the Social Club and the Sports Field Association that it seems long past time that the record be now set straight. Firstly the Sports Fields is **not** common ground. It is leased by the Sports Field Association from the Castle Howard Estate. It is maintained by a group of dedicated volunteers and is thus made available for Slingsby's Football and Cricket Clubs to play their local league and friendly matches. It is also used by the local primary school to play games and to hold their sports day. The local children play on the swings and slides which are provided at the top entrance to the field. This raises the first problem. With so many activities and children running around, the exercising of dogs on the same field cannot be tolerated. The mess left by owners who just don't care has caused some problems for the grass cutters. As well as being unpleasant for all, it represents a potential hazard to health, particularly for children. Secondly none of the facilities of course come cheaply. In the past few years the children's play area has been entirely refurbished and a tractor – costing about £8,000 – has been purchased

Costs also came into focus with the annual firework display. Bonfire Night has been celebrated for many years with both the help of enthusiastic volunteers and voluntary donations. However, some paid, others did not. Over the past two years of staging the event donations at the gate have fallen by £550. The club therefore had to take the difficult decision of scrapping future celebrations. There was a great deal of bad feeling and innuendo about the closure of the bonfire night celebration culminating with a rumour that the club had gone bankrupt. The Sports Field and the Social Club are enviable facilities for such a small village. It is up to the whole community to take care of it.

Ron Collier, Vice Chair

Slingsby CP School's Harvest Festival

We were delighted to host Slingsby CP School's Harvest Thanksgiving service on Thursday 22nd October at All Saints' Church. A joyful time was had by all and we welcomed the children, their parents and grandparents to celebrate. The children decorated the church with lots of harvest produce which was later donated to the Food Bank. Each class

performed various routines inspired by the theme of Harvest and our need to be thankful to God for all he has given us. A huge thank you to the teachers for all their hard work and especially Mrs Metcalfe, working behind the scenes. It was inspiring to see such a strong Christian ethos being presented by the school community and we look forward to many more of these events in the future.

Reverend Martin Allwood

[People around the village often ask about some of the youngsters who have grown up here in the villages and have since moved away. Here we catch up with]

Where are they now?

style and the information recorded changes over the decades. Not many houses are given by name initially (or indeed number if they had one which is unlikely) but occasionally you come across a house name such as Slingsby Hall or The Rectory so you have a good idea which part of the village you have reached in the records! One house which is mentioned with some regularity is that of Wandale Farm House. The entries are very informative and show how many people lived there and worked there. For a number of decades during the nineteenth century the family who lived there was called Boyes. The head of the household was William Boyes. However when he and his young family first appear in the Census in 1841 it is not clear whether they are living at Wandale. In this Census the head of the family is given as John Hesp and William, an agricultural labourer, is described as his son-in-law (he was married to John & Ann Hesp's daughter Jane). Also included are William and Jane's young children, John, Ellie & Mary. By 1851 John Hesp had died and Ann Hesp is shown as head of the family. Some of William's children must have moved away (or died?) since only two are mentioned: Ellen & Hannah. In 1861 William is still described as an agricultural labourer. He is shown as the head of the household which includes his wife Jane, son Thomas and daughter Ellen. By 1871 much has changed. William is described as a farmer of 330 acres at Wandale House employing three labourers and four boys. He is also described as a widower. William lived at Wandale with his children Thomas, George, Matthew, Jane Elizabeth & Mary. There were also six live-in servants or farm servants including Thomas Blakelock, Mark Holmes, John Walker and Charles Wilson. Further changes can be observed in the 1881 census. William, now seventy-four years old, farms 368 acres and employs four labourers and four boys (including shepherd Jonathan Hardy). Two of his children, George and Matthew also lived with him during this period. The last census in which William can be traced is 1891 and he, together with George, Matthew, Mary & his niece Nellie are still working and living at Wandale. 1901's census shows George Boyes (William's son) living as a boarder in the village with a family called Clark. He is described as a retired farmer. There does not seem to be a record of William who had perhaps died by this date. In 1901 & 1911 the family then living at Wandale were known as Wentworth. The head of the family is given as John Arthur Wentworth. We wonder who will be shown living at Wandale Farm House in the 1921 Census...?

Where were they then?

Have you ever looked at the Census Returns for Fryton, Slingsby & South Holme? They make for fascinating reading (although the documents themselves do not make it easy for the interested researcher or family historian!). The records released so far date from 1841 until 1911 and the

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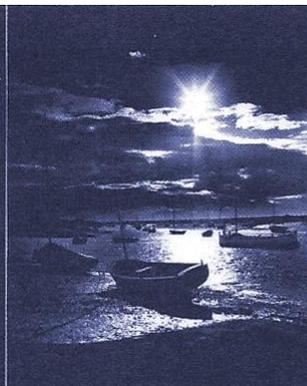
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Murray Smith sent these amazing pictures to us showing All Saints' Church & the night sky above the churchyard & the area above the sports field. Murray took the pictures using a technique called 'star trails'. They took thirty minutes to capture! The picture to the right was taken on 28th August 2015 and the picture below was taken on 6th September 2015.





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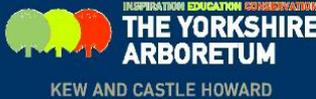
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**Slingsby Website & Newsletter Group
AGM 2015 at The Grapes
Thursday 12th November
Chairman's Report**

The Slingsby Website & Newsletter Group held its AGM on 12th November. Committee members were pleased to welcome three members of the public to our meeting in the convivial atmosphere of the Grapes. We reported on what was an encouraging year for our group, particularly as (*The Triangle* co-editor) and Stephen Mackinder (Website news editor) have joined us. The website is now well established and recognised as a model for other communities to follow while the *Triangle* is read by the vast majority of residents. The website has continued to bring news of Slingsby to a wider audience. More local events have been publicised. The major new feature this year was the Slingsby audio archive where local residents can be heard sharing their memories. Comments to the website spiked in September when we published a piece on the vexed issue of fracking. The website's software and security arrangements are kept fully up-to-date by webmaster Richard Flint. As well as outlining the technical aspects his report detailed the increased number of visitors which the website and particularly its linked social media sites have seen over the year. The average number of daily website page views is currently 136. Records were broken in May with the website receiving 870 page views on 5th May alone. David Thornley reported on another good year for *The Triangle*. Its large circulation enables it to attract the advertising it needs to pay its costs. With Carol Buck, our treasurer, to keep us on track we hope to keep the price unchanged in the coming year. The full reports presented to the AGM can be found on the website. We hope we have kept you informed and entertained over the last year. Thank you to all our contributors and distributors. We depend on you, the reader, to provide articles, news and events and we look forward to cooperating with even more residents in the coming year.

Jon Boots
Secretary & Acting Chairman, 9/11/15

The Triangle – Editor's Report 2015

David Thornley writes:

I am pleased to announce that *The Triangle* continues to be very successful. We now print 350 copies of each issue of the magazine and Pink Pages so circulation is growing slowly but steadily. We have almost reached saturation point in Fryton, Slingsby and South Holme so it is unlikely to increase significantly. Our co-editor, , has (at the time of writing) now compiled

two issues. As you will remember our founding editor Keith still fulfils the vital roles of Advertising and Distribution Manager in addition to producing the Yellow Pages annually. Speaking of distribution, this is an appropriate opportunity to thank to all the distributors who brave all the weathers to deliver *The Triangle*. They are the unsung heroes who we often forget and I would like to say a special thank you to you all. I would also like to take this opportunity to remind subscribers that we can only continue to publish *The Triangle* in its present twenty page format if we receive sufficient material to fill it. If anyone is considering writing an article please do say. Do not be concerned if you are unfamiliar with computers as editorial assistance is on hand. An article on the topic of your choice can be also compiled after discussion with you. Please continue to support *The Triangle*. The magazine is well received in the area and to lose it after all the hard work that has been done during the past five years would be a disaster.

9/11/15

Slingsby Website & Triangle Group Accounts

23rd October 2015					
Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group					
Accounts Year to 31st October 2015					
	Expenditure		Income		
	Current	Last Yr	Current	Last Yr	
Printing	£1,862.60	£1,821.50	Advertising	£1,074.00	£990.00
Misc	£162.84	£1,196.29	Web	£100.00	£160.00
Prizes	£35.00	97.9	Reader's Contributions	£1,427.60	£1,250.40
Web	£109.86	£96.21	Extra Sales	£12.00	£0.00
	£2,170.30	£3,211.90	Misc	£0.00	£1,160.29
In Yr Surplus/deficit	£443.30	£348.79			
	£2,613.60	£3,560.69		£2,613.60	£3,560.69
Current assets to 31st October 2015					
Petty Cash	£52.08	£33.00			
Bank TSB	£0.00	£0.00			
HSCB	£2,469.45	£2,045.23			
Total Assets	£2,521.53	£2,078.23			
Surplus b/fwd from 2014	£2,078.23	£1,729.44			
In Year surplus/deficit	£443.30	£348.79			
Surplus f.wd 31/10/15	£2,521.53	£2,078.23			
Treasurer	<i>C. Buck</i> (23-10-15)		Auditor	<i>D.K. Benton</i> 23-10-15	

Cheque signatories for the account are: Carol Buck, George Dudzinski, Jon Boots & David Thornley. The treasurer is also authorised to make electronics transfers. We receive faster payments this way. Advertisers find this method of payment convenient since it reduces bank charges. The accounts were audited on Friday 23rd October 2015 by Keith Benton from York who is a retired accountant and Tax Inspector.

Carol Buck