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Departure of Keith & Carol Buck and the future of The Triangle.

As some Triangle readers will already be aware, Keith and Carol Buck have decided to leave Slingsby after 35 years, to live near their family in Dorset.

This came as a shock to the Website and Triangle Group because Carol is treasurer and Keith has a multitude of jobs, so their departure will leave us somewhat depleted!

I'm sure all our readers would like to thank Keith and Carol for all their good work since the newsletter's inception in 2010 – after all, Keith

started it, bravely without ever having used a computer! The first issue was distributed tentatively at £2 per year and was 6 black & white pages. Now it's usually 24 pages, including at least 4 in colour, so we've come a long way!

One of Keith's Triangle jobs was to collate the Triangles and Pinks and then deliver the collated copies to our distribution team in the three villages. Fortunately four new volunteers have been found to take over this task. Please see the list on page 18 to check your new distributor.

The second of Keith's jobs was to see all the advertisers regularly, to make sure they are happy with their adverts and collect/request their annual subscriptions. We are pleased to announce that Jo Breckon from Hardwick House (still Lowry's to some) will take over this role from Keith.

As mentioned earlier, Carol has been our Treasurer almost since day one, some seven years ago now! We are pleased to announce that Sarah Bowley from Railway St. has offered to take over this role from Carol, subject to approval at the AGM.

We hope that our new team will be able to deliver the service our readers and advertisers have come to expect, but please bear with us during the changeover period.

The Triangle has been the same price now for 3 years even though the number of pages has increased to 20 or 24, depending on the amount of copy submitted. During this time printing costs have risen significantly but we've managed to absorb the increase and keep the cost at £5 *per year*, however the committee is recommending to the AGM that it will have to go up slightly next April to keep our accounts viable. This issue (no. 43) will already have gone to print by the time of the AGM so we don't know if that motion will be carried, or not.

Finally The Website and Triangle Team would like to wish Keith and Carol all the best in their move and hope that they will be happy in Dorset. As well as hard working Triangle colleagues they have turned into good friends too so we all hope they will come back and see us all occasionally!

David Thornley

John and Mary Ann Knowlson of Swiss Cottage, Malton Road, Slingsby.



This fascinating and excellent quality photograph from the early 1930's, shows John and Mary Ann Knowlson. The Knowlsons were a well known Slingsby family who lived at Swiss Cottage on Malton Road until 1939, well before it was substantially rebuilt and renamed Stretton Cottage in 1961 (because it is on 'The Street'). The couple still have several relatives in and around Slingsby.

John was born near Kirkbymoorside in approx 1870. Mary Ann, whose maiden name was Mary Ann Blissitt, was born in 1875 at Hinderwell, near Whitby, to parents George and Mary Blissitt. Her father, George Blissitt, who had been an ironstone miner, probably at Loftus, was already deceased by the time of her wedding in 1894.

John and Mary Ann were married on 9th April 1894 at Hinderwell Wesleyan Methodist Chapel. Mary Ann signed the Marriage Certificate in good, clear handwriting but John just made an X mark, so was obviously illiterate. At the time of his marriage to Mary Ann his address is given as Gladstone St., Middlesborough. The couple moved to Langton, then Knapton, Norton, then Rye Hills and then to farm the smallholding at Swiss Cottage and several other small plots near to the railway line in Slingsby, since combined into one large field. They had five children in all, namely Sarah, George William, Lillian, Emmanuel (known as Manny) and the youngest, Mary Ellen contd:

. . . . The 1901 census shows John Knowlson (head of family) aged 31 and an agricultural labourer, with his wife Mary Ann, aged 26. Their children at the time were Sarah (aged 5) George (4) Lillian (1) and Emmanuel (1 month).

Ten years later, on the 1911 census, John is absent, marked as 'away from home'. Mary Ann gives her occupation as 'shepherd'. She now has an additional child, Mary Ellen (aged 8). Mary Ellen was later to marry and become Peter Simpson's mother.

They also brought up Jammer (real name James, or Jim, Blissitt) and his sister, Ruth Blissitt, who are identified on the 1911 census as Mary Ann's nephew (aged 3) and niece (aged 5). From his birth certificate, James was the illegitimate son of Mary Ann's sister, Elizabeth Ellen Blissitt, who was 8 years younger than Mary Ann. Ruth was also Ellen's illegitimate daughter, born in October 1905. Neither James nor Ruth has a father shown on their birth certificate but presumably they are the same father. It is possible that Ellen did not know who the father was (or maybe even both fathers were) but considering her status at the time it is more likely that she was threatened not to say!

John Knowlson died on 27th February 1939. Curiously, in his Will he named his youngest son, Emmanuel, as his only beneficiary. The tenancy of Swiss Cottage would be lost at John's death i.e. it would not pass to his wife, Mary Ann, who would have to move out. Johnny Johnson then took over the farm tenancy.

For a few years after John's death Mary Ann lived with her youngest daughter, Mary Ellen, Peter's mother, at their house on High Street, now called Partway Cottage. Mary Ann died aged 67 years, approx 1942. Peter recalls that she was virtually bedridden over this period.

We are indebted to Peter Simpson of Railway Street for the photograph and most of the above information.

David Thornley and Peter Simpson



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Village historical snippets.

In the early 20th century there was street lighting in the village in winter only. One oil lantern was on an iron arch over the churchyard gate, another on a lamp-post in the grass plot at the top of High Street. Another was where Church Lane joins Railway St. There may well have been others. And people complain that it's dark now!

At a public meeting on 18th September 1972 it was decided to have electric lighting installed in the village at a cost of £640 for 14 lights. The village's electric lighting was first switched on in 1973.

The well and grass triangle at the top of High Street were removed on 20th July 1959, which is why the road is so wide where it joins Malton Road. The photo below, which many readers will have seen earlier, shows the old well, taken around 1923. The man winding the well looks like Charlie Chaplin!



In 1972 Slingsby School was threatened with closure. Two 'indignation meetings' were held and a petition established. The protest was obviously successful as the school is still thriving to this day.



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Unfortunately, yet again this subject has to be included in The Triangle due to the anti-social and irresponsible behaviour of one or two Slingsby dog owners. Note that this is nothing to do with caravanners (who used to be blamed) because we get the complaints even when the sites are closed.

The Triangle has been asked to publish the following message, raising two points, from an annoyed resident:

"I don't like having to do this, but could you put a reminder in the Triangle for dog walkers to pick up the excrement their dogs leave behind, also to remind people that dogs should be on leads.

Today I had to remove dog muck from the front of my drive which had not been there an hour earlier, and hose the pavement down.

Dogs off leads can then set chase after my cat. I will defend my cat if the dog comes onto my property. Thank you"

Name and address supplied.

Our contact for this anti-social behaviour is Ryedale District Council. This is their statement:

RDC's community team officers are your first point of contact to raise issues relating to dog fouling. (this is Faye Snowden for Slingsby/Fryton/South Holme - Ed). Persistent dog fouling can be tackled – with your support. Witness reports can help us identify the culprits. You can report anyone you see failing to clean up after their dog either by telephone or by using RDC's online form. Please give as much information as possible to help us take action. If we can identify the offender, we can give a verbal or written warning or take formal action including prosecution. **Remember, dog owners - it's no excuse to be unaware your dog has fouled.**

Reminder: The Road Traffic Act 1988:

All dog owners should be reminded that it is an offence under the Road Traffic Act of 1988 to have a dog on a designated road without it being on a lead. Note – that's not just 'under close control' but **on a lead.**

A64/Castle Howard Rd junction

The improvement project was scheduled to begin on Nov 27th and last 20 weeks, with work taking place day and night, so hopefully by the time this Triangle comes out it will be under way. The Castle Howard route will be kept open as long as possible.

The new changes will see it changed into a 'staggered priority junction', effectively moving the Castle Howard turn-off further east (i.e. towards Malton) with a widened central reservation and a relocated bus stop.

Thankyou Alan

On behalf of the village I would like to say a big thankyou to Alan Smith, who keeps the grass verges cut at the top of the village. He does this voluntarily, purely to keep the approaches to the village neat and tidy and cared for. I am sure it is much appreciated by the village as a whole. Thankyou Alan, very much.

A grateful villager



2018 Village Calendars are now available

2018 Slingsby Scenes and Seasons Calendars are on sale now. Copies available from the Farm Shop or from Janet (tel 628625) or Trudy (tel 628302). Cost £6. Proceeds for Slingsby Village Hall.

Janet and Brian Clarke

Our new Community Officer at Ryedale House

Faye Snowden has taken over from Mel Holmes as our Community Officer for Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme. Faye's contact details are:
email: faye.snowden@ryedale.gov.uk
Tel: 01653 600666 ext. 222. Faye is based at Ryedale District Council, Ryedale House, Old Malton Road, Malton, North Yorkshire YO17 7HH
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All Saints' Church news

All Saints' Church, Slingsby has received initial support from the Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) for their 'Onwards and Upwards' project. Made possible by National Lottery players, the project aims to carry out urgent repairs, following lead theft from the church roof.

Development funding of £11,100 has also been awarded to help All Saints progress their plans to apply for a full grant at a later date.

The project aims to replace lead stolen from the roof in 2016 with theft-proof materials and a new CCTV security system. The project will also create a new 'Local History Resource Centre' and exhibition area in the church, opening up the church to new uses. An educational programme of lectures and workshops will offer training and opportunities to volunteers of all ages, so they can share their discoveries and help care for the building in future.

The first church at Slingsby is recorded in the Domesday Book, but the present building was rebuilt between 1867-1869 by the architect Robert James Johnson of Newcastle for Admiral Howard, of Castle Howard. It is therefore approaching its 100th birthday!

Commenting on the award, the Rector, the Reverend Martin Allwood said: "We're delighted that we've received this support thanks to the generosity of National Lottery players. All Saints has been at the heart of village life in Slingsby for over 1000 years and it is wonderful to know that we have taken the first steps towards preserving it for future generations."

About the Heritage Lottery Fund



Grants for Places of Worship (GPOW) applications are assessed in two rounds. A first-round pass is given when

HLF has endorsed outline proposals and earmarked funding. A first-round pass may also include an immediate award to fund the development of the project. Detailed proposals are then considered by HLF at second-round and as long as plans have progressed satisfactorily and according to the original proposal, an award for the project is

confirmed. The Project Coordinator for Onwards and Upwards is Dr Kate Giles (kate.giles@york.ac.uk) 07973826032

Kate Giles

Please note that the **Terrington Choir Concert** at the Church on Dec 3rd will be a major fundraising event for the new roof. See advert on page 2.

Stephen's Farming Column

On the first weekend of October, at Rachel's suggestion we went up to Bentham in the very north-west of North Yorkshire where there is a very successful livestock market and Rachel's brother Stephen is the chief auctioneer. On Monday 9th October there was a special sale of Dalesbred sheep, which is an old established breed of horned moor sheep with very distinct black & white face markings. It was a good sale with one shearing ram making £10,000 - a breed record - and several others making well into the thousands of pounds. We found it very interesting to see these impressive sheep and meet some of the real characters from up in the Dales.

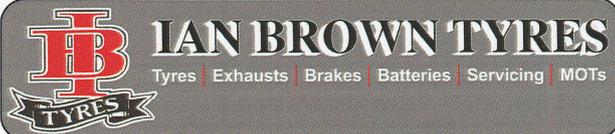
Autumn is a vital time for hill farmers for this is the time when most of their income for the year is made. The sheep farmers sell their lambs as stores to go to lowland farmers for finishing. Hill farms don't usually have enough high quality feed to enable them to sell their lambs to the butchers. They also sell draft ewes to farms lower down the valley, where in kinder climates the ewes can breed for another two or three years.

The cattle breeders sell their single suckler calves as stores also and they are bought by lowland farmers to fatten up on arable by-products over winter.

Stephen Prest



Dalesbred ram in the sale ring at Bentham



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Doorstep crime warning

Sadly, doorstep crime is on the increase. Whilst everyone is a target, this often affects the more vulnerable people, who open their door to strangers. Doorstep thieves thrive on the good manners of homeowners who struggle to say 'no'.

Examples of tricks doorstep thieves employ are:

- Collecting for a bogus charity.
- Insisting a home repair is imperative and then charging extortionate rates (often not carrying out the work)
- Selling dusters, sponges, ironing-board covers etc. without a Peddler Licence
- Pretending to be someone 'official' to gain entry (for example a policeman or meter-reader)
- Distracting you while someone else gains entry via another entry point, perhaps at the rear of you home.

Please don't encourage them by buying something or you'll end up on their 'suckers' list! Doorstep thieves often win on personality and are good actors. They can appear credible and their story is quickly believable, but even when the householder notes that something isn't right, they are often intimidated into continuing the conversation, making it difficult to say 'no' and close the door.

Local shed burglary

Readers should be aware that, approaching Christmas, shed burglary is occurring again locally. Please make sure your shed is securely locked. If you have a ladder in there make sure it is securely locked too, or the thieves can then use it to climb into your house!

Scam Prosecution Letters or e-mails

North Yorkshire Police have been made aware of a scam where people are being emailed with false Notice of Intended Prosecution letters (NIP) regarding alleged speeding offences. These are scam communications and are not sent from their NYP Traffic Bureau department. People are urged not to make any payment in response to these emails and not to click on any links contained. NYP Traffic Bureau can be contacted via email at: TrafficBureau@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk or on 01904 618968 Monday to Friday 9am-4pm.

Bogus bailiffs

There has been an increase in cold calls to the public from bogus bailiffs requesting payments for a 'phantom' debt. The fraud involves being cold-called by someone purporting to be a bailiff working on behalf of a court, attempting to recover funds for a (non-existent) debt. Fraudsters are requesting payment by bank transfer and if refused they threaten to visit the people's homes or place of work in order to recover the debt that is owed. From the reports we have received a range of different businesses and individuals are being targeted.

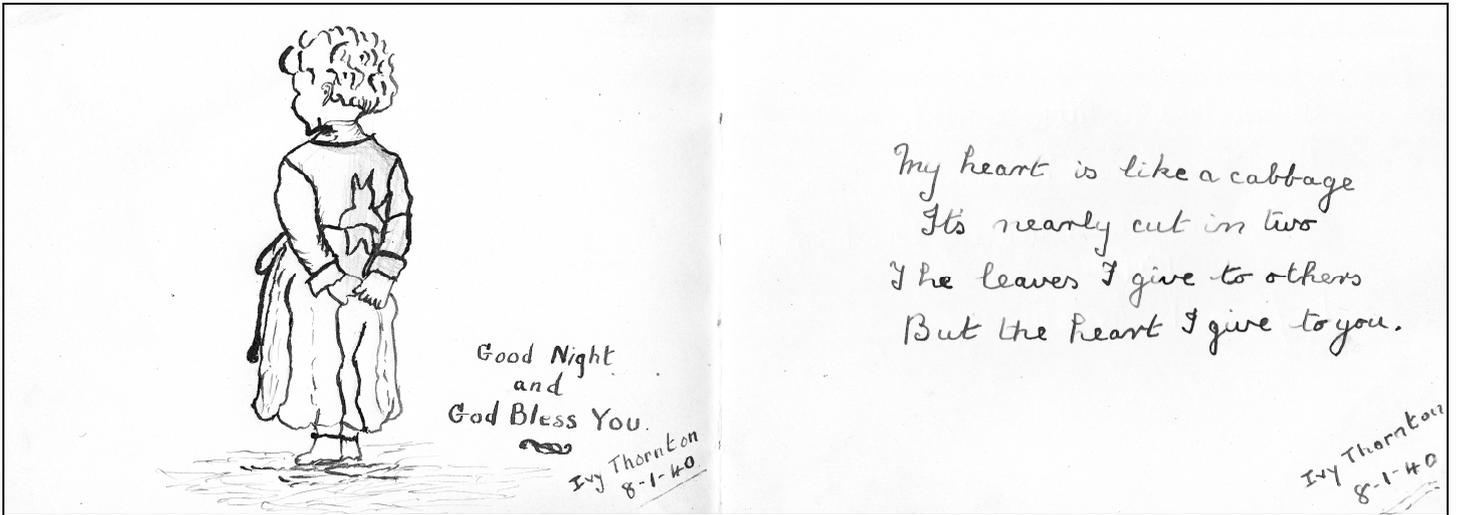
Though this type of fraud can occur throughout the UK, we have found that significant levels of reports are being made from those in the Yorkshire area.

Poaching

Lately NYP have had an increase in hare coursing calls to their control room. First of all they would like to thank all the people that have taken the time to phone and secondly to ask you to keep the calls coming in regarding any poaching incidents, they appreciate it. If you can get any vehicle details this will help in trying to track the offenders.



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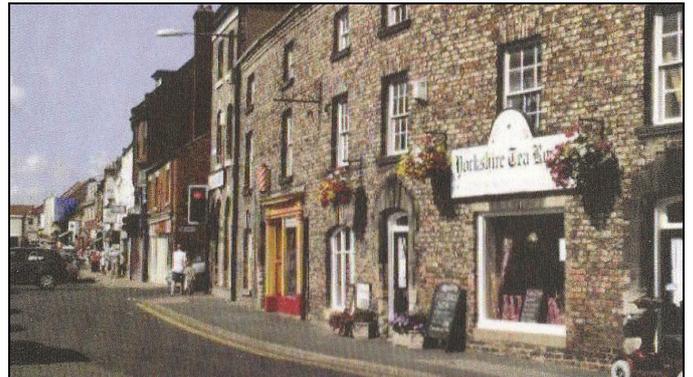
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Port at Helmsley Wines

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The name 'port' derives from Porto, the seaport town at the mouth of the river Douro, where most of the wine was brought to market to export in Europe. Today, the city of Porto is where all the port houses cellar and store the wine that is produced in the Douro Valley.

The Douro Valley is where all port wine is produced and is the third oldest protected wine region after Chianti and Tokaj in the world. The reaches of the Douro river valley in northern Portugal has a microclimate that is optimal for cultivation of olives, almonds, and especially the grapes which are important for making port wine. The region around Pinhão is considered to be the centre of port production, and is known for its picturesque quintas — estates clinging on to almost vertical slopes dropping down to the river.



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Port became very popular in England after the Methuen Treaty of 1703, when merchants were permitted to import it at a low duty, while war with France deprived English wine drinkers of French wine. Contrary to popular belief, Port was not created by British sailors by spiking the wine with brandy to avoid spoilage during the long voyage north. More accurately, British importers could be credited for recognizing that a smooth, already fortified wine that would appeal to English palates would coincidentally survive the trip to London. Port was also used as a healing agent in earlier remedies. The British Prime Minister, William Pitt the Younger was given port for gout as a boy. He began at the age of 14 (1773) with a bottle a day.

Here are a few from our large selection of Ports:

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Fonseca Crusted Port, 2011 has a powerful aromatic bouquet. Dark berry fruits on the nose and palate. Great layers of complexity and flavours of plump raisin, spice and eucalyptus as well as berry fruit flavours. Elegant and finely balanced. Fonseca Crusted benefits from being decanted and should be served in a generously proportioned wine glass so that its rich fruity nose can be enjoyed to the full. Excellent with fully flavoured cheeses. It is also delicious with desserts made with chocolate or berry fruits. RRP £18.95

Sandeman 20 Year Old Tawny Port is rich tawny in colour with hints of brick. The palate expresses a rich and elegant combination of flavours - dried apricots, honey, roasted nuts, spices and vanilla. This is an endlessly complex wine that unfolds smoothly and develops in the mouth. The finish is exceptionally concentrated and long-lasting. Serve this chilled in a proper wine glass to allow the perfumes to express themselves. RRP £37.95

Mal Potter

Actionaid Nepal 2017

Last month I joined a group of volunteers to help with the reconstruction of a school building in Nepal. Bani Bilas school, in the village of Chapaguan in the Kathmandu valley, was destroyed during the earthquake in 2015.

90% of Nepal's schools were affected by the earthquake, leaving children without a safe place to learn. Education is vitally important in Nepal as around 43% of the population cannot read or write.

Our diverse group came from all corners of the UK and consisted of hairdressers, a retired actress, a judge and an officer from Interpol. The welcome we received on our arrival was magical. There was singing and dancing from the children, and we were each presented with a garland of flowers, and the traditional "Namaste" greeting, with palms together and head bowed. It was very emotional.

Each day we drove through the dusty, chaotic streets of Kathmandu to the school and began work. We saw how ordinary Nepalese were coping with the aftermath of the earthquake, and how homes, shops and roads still showed signs of the devastation.

On site our work was mostly digging out the foundations for the new building, and clearing the area for the new footings. Twenty two 6-foot deep trenches were needed to make the building resistant to earthquakes. Over 120 tonnes of earth, rubble and brick were moved during our stay. We worked alongside local builders and engineers, and these would continue the construction after we returned home.

We talked to locals who had lost loved ones and homes, and found out how they were getting their lives back together. As Nepal is one of the poorest countries on earth, any help from largely corrupt government sources is inadequate. So, people form co-operatives and work together to help one another. The sense of community is strong here and walking through the villages, where each home faces another across a dusty lane, you do have a feeling of kinship with your neighbour. In fact, it's more like family.



Our time up, we left Chapaguan in the same manner we arrived, with lots of singing and dancing and with the beginnings of a new, safe school for the children.

Alan Henderson



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Return of The Rumble

The popular Ryedale Rumble is making its long-awaited return to cycling's sportive calendar on July 29th 2018.



Now being run by The Friends of Ryedale School, the Rumble has a few changes of route but essentially is still the same exhilarating and arduous challenge that it always was.

Described by previous participants as "almost a perfect Sportive with great scenery, friendly support, forebodingly steep climbs and fast

descents", the organisers hope that, with a choice of three routes – extreme, challenge and inspire – the event has something for everyone from the most experienced riders to those just starting out.

Event Director, Lizzie Coutts explains "As a school we feel privileged to be reviving one of the UK's most popular cycling sportive. A superb physical challenge to riders of all abilities, on routes across stunning North Yorkshire countryside, whilst raising funds to help Ryedale's future generation - it's a winning combination!"

Sir Gary Verity of Welcome to Yorkshire commented, "It's fantastic that the Ryedale Rumble is making its return and raising money for a great cause. Whatever your ability, the three routes will provide a stern yet highly rewarding challenge and they take place on some of our county's most picturesque roads. Cycling is booming across Yorkshire and I'd very much encourage people to give it a go."

Anyone interested in participating should visit www.ryedalerumble.co.uk for further details.

Webmaster's Brief Report for AGM

2017 has been a busy year for the Slingsby village website and not without its problems. At the start of the year, the website's server started to become increasingly unreliable, forcing the website team to make the tough decision to move to a new website host over the summer. Fortunately the move went very smoothly providing the website with a reliable and secure home for the foreseeable future.

A couple of months ago, regular visitors to the website may have noticed a green padlock appear on the website's address bar. The padlock shows that a website is encrypted and secure – it is most often seen when shopping online or using online banking. This encryption technology is now running on the village website to provide security and privacy to viewers and editors alike. Best of all, it is also approved by Google so we should start to see even better search engine ranking too.

The viewing figures for the website have remained around the 2016 level throughout this year with approximately 41,000 page views estimated for the end of the year.

Richard Flint

Is that a coincidence or what....?

Regular Triangle readers might remember that we featured an article about Art Allanson two issues ago. The last photo of the article (printed again below) showed a lady who had returned to Slingsby after about forty years, having been Art and Janet's evacuee in WWII. She remained friendly with them until Art and Janet died, but, sadly she also died last year.



Taken about 1984 showing an older Art and Janet Allanson with their ex-evacuee, Betty Pearson.

No coincidences so far then. Here's where they start. A man and his wife came to Slingsby to visit their son and family, who were staying for a week at Robin Hood Caravan Park. None of the family had ever been to Slingsby before. That man, who we now know as Peter Wilson from Hartlepool, just happened to pop into Tony's shop for a couple of pies. Then, while waiting his turn to be served, he just happened to see a Triangle magazine, which he bought. That magazine had been out three weeks. Imagine his surprise when he turned to page 7 and saw a picture of his mother some 35 years ago! His mother was Art and Janet's evacuee, Betty Pearson.

Further conversations with Tony and Freda Ware led Peter to Margaret Seller, Art and Janet's daughter and also to David Thornley, who wrote the original Art Allanson article with Margaret.

We now know that Peter's mother and aunt were both evacuated to Slingsby during the war. Betty with the Allansons and Aunt Sylvia with the Forth's, saddlers, on High Street. Sylvia was older than Betty, who was about 9 or 10, but apparently Sylvia

didn't enjoy her time with John Forth and his sister as much as Betty had with the Allanson's.



Betty Wilson, née Pearson in her early twenties.

After a couple of years with Art and Janet, Betty returned home to Hartlepool. She later met Ken Wilson whom she married when she was 19 and together they had five children, including Peter and Gillian.

Sadly Betty died in May 2016 after suffering several strokes and developing dementia but her husband Ken is still alive at the age of 90. Photo below shows Betty as an older woman, with her older sister Sylvia, who was the Forth's evacuee.

We are indebted to two of Betty's children, namely Peter and Gillian for the information and photographs.



Slingsby Community Primary School Open Day

For many older people, memories of school were not happy and learning was difficult if you were of only average intelligence! At Slingsby Community Primary School's Open Day on 2nd Nov. there was certainly a 'wow' factor. Visitors were taken round by well briefed and courteous guides from Class 3.

On every classroom wall is exciting pupil work, posters and pictures which relate to current studies. The Reception class (4&5 year olds) was learning to count with playdough balls and they all seemed to know their numbers well. The children in each class gladly offered their exercise books for perusal. The neatness of drawing and handwriting would be the envy of many adults. The atmosphere in all classrooms was happy and diligent and it was encouraging to observe how willingly the teachers made themselves accessible if a child was unsure.

The Class 3 guides were keen to point out that the empty Old School House next door will become part of the existing school and it is hoped that this much needed space for a classroom for Class 2 will be a reality very soon.

One person (age 65) left the school quite emotional as she realised how much she had missed in her own Primary education. She had a strong desire to go back to attend some lessons, especially Maths, as the children seemed to be way ahead of where she is now! The present success of the children in all subjects is surely due to the innovative and interesting methods of modern education by totally dedicated teachers.

It was a privilege to look round the school and to know that in the village of Slingsby, the Primary education of the children is outstanding.



A Slingsby Villager

FOSS

Hopefully your Christmas Triangle will arrive in time for the Bag2school collection of unwanted clothes on Friday 1st December. (*Triangle distribution should be Friday 1st or Saturday 2nd at the latest – Ed*) Bags will have been distributed in the village prior to this date and can be dropped off outside school before 9am on the day. Raffle tickets for our annual draw are now available either from a pupil at school or the school office (£1 each). Prizes include £100 voucher for The Star, family ticket for Castle Howard and a Christmas hamper. The draw takes place after the School Christmas Production in the Village Hall on Wednesday 13th December from 6pm.

Liz Wilson

School Christmas Celebrations

There are two school Christmas events that residents are welcome to attend. The first of these is on Wednesday 13th December in the Village Hall. (KS1 pupils at 2pm, KS2 pupils at 6pm) Please note that priority seating is for pupils' families.

The second is the end of term Christmas Assembly/celebration/ performance which will be held in All Saints' Church at 1pm.

Georgie Metcalfe

**The school also has a brand new website.
Why not go on the internet and have a look at
<http://www.slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk>
It's brilliant!**

Ryedale MUMbler

Christmas is fast approaching and Ryedale Mumbler has a great website to assist you with making it fun for all the family. There are specific pages dedicated to Places to See Santa, Christmas Activities, Christmas Pantomimes & Festive Shows and Christmas Fairs, Markets & Light Switch On's. Hope you have a lovely festive season. Please see our website <https://ryedale.mumbler.co.uk/school-holidays/christmas/>

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The cover must commence on or before 18th October 2018.

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Maurag Carmichael

There will be a number of special fund-raising events in 2018 to raise money for the Church roof. If you have any ideas for new or unusual fund-raising events please let us know.



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Quiz Night at 8pm

Tuesday 19th Dec - Carol Singing at 7pm

Christmas Eve - Fancy Dress for dogs only from 6pm

Sunday 31st Dec - New Year's Eve party

Sunday 7th Jan - Music Night from 8pm

Sunday 21st Jan - Quiz Night at 8pm

Slingsby Website & Newsletter Group Accounts

31st October 2017					
Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group					
Accounts Year to 31st October 2017					
	Expenditure		Income		
	Current	Last Yr	Current	Last Yr	
Printing	£2,279.00	£2,086.50	Advertising	£1,151.50	£1,177.50
Web	£82.55	£109.81	Web	£125.00	£130.00
Prizes	£0.00	15	Reader's Contribution	£1,576.10	£1,404.00
Misc	£209.84	£222.41	Extra Sales	£107.00	£66.00
	£2,871.39	£2,433.72	Misc	£0.00	£34.00
In Yr Surplus/deficit	£388.21	£377.78			
	£2,959.60	£2,811.50		£2,959.60	£2,811.50
Current assets to 31st October 2016					
Petty Cash	£41.49	£50.41			
HSBC	£3,246.03	£2,848.90			
Total Assets	£3,287.52	£2,899.31			
Surplus b/fwd from 2016	£2,899.31	£2,521.53			
In Year surplus/deficit	£388.21	£377.78			
Surplus f.wd 31/10/17	£3,287.52	£2,899.31			

Chairman's annual review

The Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group, now in its seventh year, approached its AGM on 23rd November in a state of flux, but we are confident we can continue to provide a reliable service.

This year's changes started in the Spring when Jo Bradley joined David as Triangle co-editor. Then webmaster Richard Flint left Slingsby, but any fears for the future of the website were unfounded, as he continues to provide the vital technical support to keep the website running smoothly.

Stephen Mackinder, the website's news editor, left the village in the summer, yet continued posting the news to allow time for a new person to be trained. Dave Wilmore is set to take over. We still seek a website helper to complete the team.

Finally, Carol and Keith Buck are expecting to move soon. Huge thanks to them for all they have done, and for going the extra mile to recruit replacements: Jo Breckon takes over distribution and advertising, while Sarah Bowley becomes our new treasurer. We also have four new distributors to take over Keith's patch. So we are very fortunate to have all these committed individuals.

You'll find more from David and Richard in this issue. Full reports appear on the website.

Jon Boots

Slingsby Local History Group

Sat 2nd Dec. 10:30am at The Grapes. 'Live memories of life in Slingsby'. Join our regular pre-Christmas discussion over coffee & mince pie, £3.00pp.

Tues 16th Jan. 7:30pm in Village Hall Committee Room. 'What we know about the 17th Century Castle at Slingsby' - the second half of our review of information about the castle by Kate Giles and Margaret Mackinder, £1pp.

Sat 17th Feb. 11am 'Interpreting the landscape around Slingsby Castle'. How the land might have looked and been used from early medieval times, £1pp. As the first of several speakers on this topic, we welcome back Steve Moorhouse to explore the area around the castle, finishing at The Grapes for optional sandwich lunch. Please let me know in advance, email:family@mackinders.demon.co.uk or phone 01633 697010 so we can book tables.

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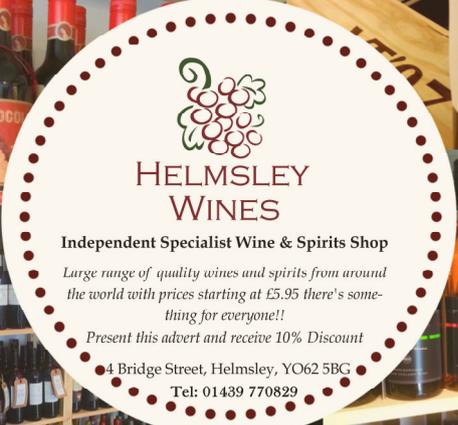
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Slingsby Local Housing Plan approved

At a meeting on 12th October Ryedale District Council approved the Local Plan housing development site map, including Slingsby, where the site recommended is the field adjoining The Balk, between Aspen Way and Malton Road, currently grazed by sheep. The map shows that a part of the site is within the Conservation Area. It has been known locally for some time that this area was earmarked for development. The latest Council decision does not constitute final approval. The Local Plan Sites Document and Policies Map will be published for public consultation in November before being submitted to the Government for independent examination early next year.

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When all of a sudden
they ended like this

Slingsby Methodist Chapel News

Soupa lunch and Tea Spot are continuing to thrive and are an excellent way to meet new people and have delicious refreshments as well. All welcome.

Shoebboxes. The collection went very well this year and, with support from Hovingham and Slingsby Schools, 125 shoebboxes were filled and sent on their way. A special shoebox service was held at the Methodist Church, led by Dr Kate Giles. It was very well attended and a most enjoyable service.

2nd Sunday Club is a new venture for children in school years 1-6. It is held in Slingsby Chapel Schoolroom on the second Sunday of the month from 5pm – 6-30pm. At the time of article submission for The Triangle the first one has just been held and went down very well. All children welcome.

Slingsby Village United Carol Service is on Sunday 17th Dec at 6pm at The Methodist Church.

Carol singing round Slingsby village and at The Grapes on Tues 19th Dec. Meet at Chapel at 6pm.

Slingsby Tea Towels are available and will make excellent Christmas presents. They have scenes of Slingsby on them, originally painted by the late Ken Bland and are used by permission of his wife Pam. The cost is £4.50 each or 2 for £8. They are available at Tony's Farm Shop, from Rachel Prest and from the Methodist Chapel.

Stephen Prest

Slingsby Oil Buying Group

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Geoff Bishop

Slingsby Ladies' Group

The meeting on Tuesday 10th October was the first one after the summer break and outing, and yet another new lady joined us.

The speaker for the evening was Sue Woodcock, who told us her life story from childhood to being a policewoman and eventually a shepherd. She is also a contributor to the Yorkshire Post every Saturday and was very entertaining to listen to.

At the November meeting the Rev. Max Moore told us about his 'Life in Crime' as a probation officer, working with prisoners when in jail and also when they were released. Besides the usual books on sale there was also a jewellery table with items from M&S and others which proved very popular with members.

In December it will be a festive evening when mince pies will be served, whilst listening to Karen Bishop who will be playing her guitar and singing to put us in a Christmas mood. The New Year lunch will be on Tuesday 9th January, this year at the Worsley Arms due to our increase of members.

Whether you are new to the village, or have been here a while, you are most welcome to join us and make new friends.

Shelagh Richards



Malton Lions

Father Christmas on his sleigh will be visiting Fryton and Slingsby villages during the evening of Tuesday 5th December.

Bernard Ward

The Triangle team is sorry to hear of the death of Bernard Ward from Sycamore Close, Slingsby. Our condolences go to Joyce and the family.

Local History Spot – Slingsby Village Hall Heraldic Shields

We suspect that many people who have visited Slingsby Village Hall will not have noticed the six heraldic shields hanging on the walls. When you start to look at them closely, and turn them over, there is a lot of information painted there. Internet research reveals interesting information.

The six shields are made from chestnut wood, in the workshop of Mr. King (?) of Kirbymoorside, shape by J. Forth of Slingsby. All six heraldic shields, based on famous local names, were painted and presented to the new Village Hall (1931) by Miss Ursula Lascelles of Slingsby Heights between 1932 and 1935 and have been hanging there for most of the time since. Both Ursula and her brother, Lionel were extremely good at drawing and painting and several of Lionel's watercolours are still known to exist in private hands in the village. The summaries are as written on the reverse of the shields and are sometimes difficult to read, hence the question marks. The spellings have been written as painted. The key at the end gives some help with the antiquated heraldic language.

Shield No 1 – Cavendish. 1138 – 1462. Arms: gules, a lion rampant argent. **Shield No 2 – Howard.** 1751. Arms, quarterly of six as follows:

1st: gules, a bend between six cross crosslets ? ? argent on the ? escutcheon or, charged with a demi-lion, pierced through the mouth with an arrow with a double tressure with flory, counterflory, all gules and above the escutcheon ? a mullet sable for ? Howard. **2nd:** gules, three lions passant guardant or, and a label of three points argent Thomas of Brotherton, son of Edward 1. **3rd:** chequy or and azure Warren, Earl Warren and Surrey **4th:** gules, lion rampant argt. Mowbray Duke of Norfolk. **5th:** gules three escallops argent, Dacre. **6th:** barry of eight argt. & azure, three chaplets of roses proper Greystock

Shield No 3 - Mowbray. 1138 – 1462. Arms: gules, a lion rampant argent. **Shield No 4 – Slingsby.** Arms: Gules, chevron between two leopards' faces in chief, single horn base argent.

In addition to these four shown there are two more, namely Hastings and Wyvill. For reasons of space I have only considered four of them here. When you start looking into heraldry it becomes fascinating. All crests and coats-of-arms are closely monitored by The College Of Arms but you might be able to have your own if you wish, strictly under their guidance! Alternatively, you might find someone in your family already had one which can be passed on to you – they aren't just something for the privileged few!

The College of Arms was founded in 1484 and has since then created and maintained official registers of coats of arms and pedigrees. The heralds who make up the College are members of the Royal Household and act under Crown Authority. Central activities include: the granting of new coats of arms; the registration of family trees; genealogical and heraldic research; advising central and local government, corporate bodies, and private individuals on all aspects of heraldry. The College is also the authority for matters relating to the flying of flags, and holds the only official registers of flags for the UK and much of the Commonwealth.

Coats Of Arms have always been (and still are) granted by Letters Patent from the senior heralds, the Kings of Arms. A right to arms can only be established by registration in the official records of the College Of Arms of a pedigree, showing direct male line descent from an ancestor already appearing therein as entitled to arms, or by making application through the College Of Arms for a grant of arms. Grants are made to corporations as well as to individuals.

KEY: *gules* = red; *or* = gold; *argent* = white or silver; *sable* = black; *azure* = blue; *vair* = black and silver. **Shapes etc:** *Bend* = diagonal stripe. *Chevron* = like a house gable, pointing upwards. *Cabossed* = full-faced and with no part of the neck being visible *Chevronel* = smaller chevron. *Cross* = a plain cross. *Chief* = horizontal bar across top edge of shield. *Mullet* = star. *Maunche* = ancient sleeve. *Barry* = divided into equal horizontal parts. *Chaplet* = a garland of leaves ith four flowers amongst them. *Label:* represents the collar and cape of a garment.

Four of the six heraldic shields painted and presented to the Village Hall by Miss Lascelles in the 1930's



Cavendish 1594 - 1720



Howard 157



Howland 1138 - 1462



Slingsby

Pudding Party 2017



'We're all going on a Summer Holiday' – But we had to go without Cliff Richard! This year's theme for the Pudding Party was Summer Holiday destinations and Friday 20th October was summer all over again in the Village Hall, with puddings from around the world.

The holiday destinations of the puddings were: Italy – Tiramisu, New Zealand – Pavlova, America – Chocolate Brownie, Portugal - Pastéis de nata, Caribbean – Pina colada sundae, Scotland – Cloutie.

The evening's events commenced with a sing-a-long of 'We're all going on a Summer Holiday' before the first three puddings were released from the kitchen.

All spoons dug in while listening to music and trying to find the answers to the quiz set by our very own quizmaster Trudy Carr! How she thinks we are supposed to know some of the answers are beyond me!! Please note . . . why is there is no phone signal in the Village Hall?? Once the first three puddings were eaten, it was cuppa tea time and raffle, followed by the next three puddings and the answers to the quiz. The winning team was Brian Clarke, Andrew and Liz Wilson and Brendan & Tamsin Smurthwaite - Well done team!

The Village Hall Ladies would like to thank everyone for joining us for the evening as you are always a joyful crowd and polish off all that is placed in front of you and are a pleasure to feed!

Thank you for your support as we managed to raise £306 for the village hall funds.

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