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*Merry Christmas
to all our readers!*



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Bonfire Night

Saturday 2nd November saw the return, after a gap of several years, of the ever popular Slingsby Bonfire and fireworks display at the Sports Club. The bonfire and fireworks display had been a key feature in the village calendar for many years and this year circumstances came together to make it possible to put it on once again.

Despite concerns regarding the weather, which had led to many other displays being cancelled, the weather gods smiled down on Slingsby long enough for the display to go ahead. With a spectacular bonfire, a vibrant and colourful fireworks display, a bbq, soup and sweet snacks along with lots of enthusiastic children it was an excellent evening.

As always the event was free for everyone with donations towards the cost of the fireworks gratefully received and thanks to the enthusiastic bucket shaking of Kate Giles and Karen Bishop and the generosity of those attending we were able to cover the costs of the event.

It was a busy event, and although it is impossible to establish how many people attended there was clearly several hundred and there were lots of very happy young people who seemed to thoroughly enjoy the evening (and lots of big kids in their 40's and 50's enjoying the evening as well!)

The night was also a great success in raising money for the play area group as they continue to fundraise to improve the new facilities even further. There was a lot of hard work that went into organising the event, all done by an enthusiastic band of volunteers, and the sports club committee would like to thank everyone that was involved.

We hope that everybody that attended enjoyed the night!

Paul Hogarth



Local Talent in this issue!

This issue we showcase some local talent. Within Slingsby we have both a brilliant artist in Louise Harrison and a professional wedding and wildlife photographer in Neil Jackson. The editor hopes that Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Triangle readers can make use of these two people's exceptional talents and give them the support they deserve.

Ed

No Mobile Post Office

Please note there will be no Post Office service on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, Boxing Day 2019 and New Year's Day 2020.

Slingsby Village Hall Dates for your Diary

Bingo - Saturday 14th December 2019
Eyes down 7.15pm

Slingsby Village Hall will be hosting a **Tea & Coffee Morning** on Saturday 25th January 2020 from 10am to help Celebrate National Village Halls week which is 20th – 26th January 2020. There will be a cake stall and tombola too.

Irish Night – Music by Paddy Morrow & Band - Saturday 21st March 2020 Tickets £10.00 each including supper. More details nearer the time.

Slingsby Village Hall would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported the Village Hall over the year and wish you all

a Very Merry Christmas and a Very Happy, Healthy and Prosperous 2020

Debbie Firby

Slingsby Sports and Social Club

Chairman: Paul Hogarth, tel: 628219

Slingsby Village Hall bookings

Trudy Carr – tel 628302 or email Trudy at mowbray.rise@gmail.com

Articles and submission of copy

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

The Triangle first hit the streets as a newsletter late in 2010, although it didn't get its Triangle name until the following year. So we are entering our tenth year!



What makes The Triangle a success is the participation of many people, from editors, distributors, advertisers, regular contributors, printers and others who provide occasional articles, information and feedback.

So to ensure The Triangle keeps afloat can we please appeal once more for articles so that we can continue to fill every issue. Filling 24 pages and finding a relevant cover every two months isn't easy but we can continue to do it with your help.

Finally the whole Triangle Team wish all our supporters a very Happy Christmas and 'All the Best' for 2020. Ed.

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Fake £20 and £50 notes again

Although not new, please be aware that several fake £20/£50 have again been passed recently. Everyone is being urged to check notes, especially when only items of small value are being purchased.

Parish Council Meetings

Our next meetings are
20th January, 16th March, 18th May.
Chair – Fiona Farnell, tel: 01653 628285
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Why not come along and contribute?

Amazon Prime subscriptions scam

Criminals are targeting members of the public with automated calls stating that the recipient has been charged for an Amazon Prime subscription. The callers use this lure as a way to gain access to the recipient's online banking account.

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3. The victim is asked to download an application called Team Viewer, which grants the fraudster remote access to the victim's computer.
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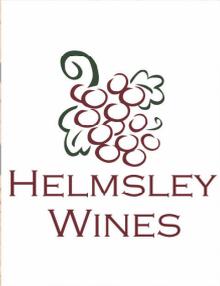


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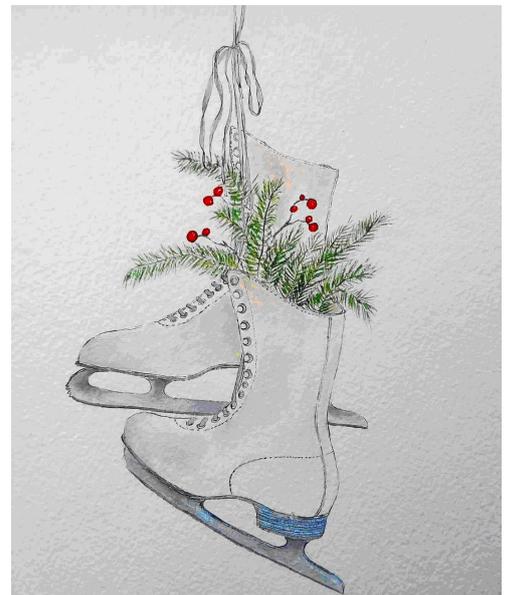
Louise relaxing with her friend, Poppy the terrier.

A passion for drawing horses was the start of Louise Harrison's artistic journey, leading to her studying Art & Design at York College and then Teesside University where she attained a BA (Hons) in Textiles and Surface Design.

Her love of wildlife, domestic pets and nature certainly comes across in her excellent paintings, just three samples of which are shown. She has also exhibited and sold her work in Paris. At the moment she is concentrating on pet portrait commissions, which keep her very busy in between working at Laura Ashley three days a week.

You will hopefully get the opportunity to meet her and see her brilliant work at Hovingham Market as she plans to have a stall there in the near future. You can also see her work on Facebook or she can be contacted on louiseharrison1702@gmail.com or via her mobile 07786 745 526.

The Triangle wishes Louise the very best of luck!



Slingsby Chapel News

Our Harvest Festival service, taken by Rev'd John Manchester was on Sunday 29th September. We were joined by friends from Slingsby Parish Church and Hovingham Methodist Chapel. We were reminded of God's wonderful creation and of course thankful to our farmers and those working on the land. Rev'd Manchester confessed how he would have liked to have been a farmer had he not followed his calling into the ministry, as he would still have felt close to God and also would have been able to fulfil his desire to drive a combine harvester!!! Once again we supported the Ryedale food bank with non-perishable items from the harvest display. The offering and donations given for fresh produce was going to be sent to Tearfund. The service was followed by a buffet lunch in the schoolroom.

Our fortnightly fellowship meeting has started again after the summer break. This is a lovely, informal meeting with lots of laughs but of course a time where we can encourage one another as we learn more about God's word and pray for situations that are close to our own hearts and around the world.



Our 'Shoebbox Service' on Sunday 3rd Nov. was led by Mrs Claire Piercy. We were very grateful to Claire's husband, Jonathan for standing in for our organist, Liz. It was also

great to have Kate and James Piercy help Karen and me with some actions as we sang 'Our God is a great big God'. This was again a united service with Slingsby Parish Church and Hovingham Methodist Chapel. We all had a wonderful time singing and praising God and listening to the word of God. Claire spoke about 'The Greatest Journey' and 'The Greatest Gift'.

This Christmas let's think of the journey these boxes will have been on and also the many children who will be receiving the boxes full of gifts, and who would have had nothing without them this Christmastime.

But of course, Christmas begins with Christ - the 'Greatest Journey' ever told and the 'Greatest Gift' - Jesus Christ.

Audrey Foster

Our Soupa lunch continues to be very successful with between 30 and 40 people attending each time in the Chapel Schoolroom at 12 noon and having a really enjoyable time. Come and join us for our Special Christmas Soupa lunch on Wed. 18th December for soup, sandwiches and puddings, all with a Christmas flavour! **Afterwards Slingsby School Choir will entertain us** with carols and Christmas songs. Everyone is very welcome.

There will be Carol Singing round Slingsby on Thursday 19th December. Meet at The Chapel at 6pm for an hour's singing round the village (The Sycamores bungalows, Aspen Way and Green Crescent) then at approx. 7pm we will retire to The Grapes where we will sing for an hour and enjoy well earned refreshments! We will be collecting for Slingsby Children's Play Area.

Stephen Prest

An article from our new minister Rev. Ken Gowland.

I hate to tell you this, but Christmas does not begin in September as the supermarket shelves would have you believe. Neither does it begin in November with the TV commercials. No, the Christmas season begins on 25th December with the incarnation of Christ - we are currently in the season called Advent. During Advent we look backwards with the excitement retelling the nativity of the great incarnation of Jesus and look forwards at the same time to the return of Jesus Christ as King.

The second coming of Jesus is a challenge. Did you know the scriptures refer to the return of Jesus over 300 times? Jesus so often reminded us to be ready, keep watch and never give up hope. Our secular society reminds us of the countdown to Christmas months before, which is helpful for us as Christians as it reminds us to expect the Lord's return!

Are we ready? Questions I like to ask myself during Advent time are simple - "Am I walking closer to Jesus this year than I was last year? Can people see the fruits of the Spirit in my life? Has my prayer life and devotional time improved?" The most challenging question of all is "If Jesus returned this Christmas, would it spoil your Christmas plans, or have the Advent preparations prepared your heart with an eager anticipation to be ready?"

By the time you have read this message do you realise Jesus is 5 minutes closer to returning than when you picked it up to read! Now there's a thought!

God Bless

Rev. Ken,

Ambassador of Christ. 2 Corinthians 5:20

All Saints' Church News.



The rain ceased briefly in the last weekend of October to allow a group of volunteers to meet and work on next year's wildflower meadow. Stephen Bean, a local landscape designer with much experience in management of wildflower meadows and swards has agreed to help us on a voluntary basis and has made some useful suggestions about management. At his suggestion we are dividing the wild areas up into four separate segments and over the next four spring and autumn sowing seasons these will be seeded with different wildflower mixes designed to flower at different times so we can mow each area at varying times to produce different seasonal mixes. This will also divide up the task of mowing into more manageable chunks.

Ryedale District Council organised the final mow of all the meadow this year and removed the grass, after it had been raked up by our volunteers. To

prepare the first piece of land for seeding we raked the now shorter grass thoroughly with wire rakes to remove all the moss, sowed the special seed mix over an area of about 150 square metres and raked it in.

The seed that was sown is listed below. The mix is specially designed to complement the plants and grasses that we already have and it avoids the use of plants which seed too vigorously and might spread to neighbouring gardens. Now it is time to cross our fingers and hope they grow. We have been warned that some of them may take two years to start flowering properly.

Our gravestone recording test session in early October with Professor Harold Mytum and Toby Pillatt has enabled the new national recording system to be modified and simplified. We hope to continue with it in the spring when the weather is warmer. What is recorded will eventually be logged on a National Data base to assist those researching their ancestry and also record the texts on them for posterity as they disappear as the stones age.

Margaret Mackinder

The seed that was sown is listed below.

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Common Knapweed	Common Sainfoin	Field Scabious	Lady's Bedstraw
Meadow buttercup	Oxeye Daisy	Ragged Robin	Red Campion
Salad Burnet	Self Heal	White Campion	Yarrow
Yellow Rattle			

Stephen's farming column.

The one certainty about farming is ... it is never boring! Every day is a new challenge and never was it more true than at the present time! I attach a photo of a potato harvester at work on Castle Farm land in late August working in ideal conditions lifting a good crop of potatoes. The situation has changed dramatically with several inches of rain in the past few weeks. From the 1st October to 11th November we have had 197 mm of rain (7.75 inches of rain, Information courtesy of Robert Wainwright.) That is an awful lot of water and as a result there are now still thousands of acres of potatoes still in the ground in Ryedale alone. Since it can cost around £1,500 to grow an acre of potatoes the potential losses are enormous unless the weather changes very dramatically in the near future. If potatoes are in saturated fields for very long they soon start to rot. The knock on effect is that far fewer acres of winter wheat and winter barley have been sown so crop yields for next year will be greatly reduced.



We have just started the much anticipated General Election and already the main parties are promising to spend billions of extra pounds if we vote them into government. So far we have not had any new proposals for Agriculture but we continue to hope for sensible proposals that encourage sustainable food production and help us to continue caring for the environment and wildlife with long term conservation schemes.

Every year Castle Howard Estate invite their tenant farmers for a day's shooting, which this year was on 21st October. We arrive early for a breakfast of bacon butties and coffee - nothing like getting the day off to a good start! We then have 4 shoot drives before heading back to the house for an excellent lunch in the Grecian Room. Fortunately it was a beautiful sunny day and we all enjoyed ourselves very much

and were well looked after by Hon. Mr. Nicholas Howard, James Holliday and head keeper, Clive Harrison. Tenant farmers who don't shoot are also invited to join the party for lunch. It is very nice when some of these old traditions are carried on year after year.



Picture shows shooting party with Mr Howard enjoying mid-morning refreshments.

Stephen Prest

Slingsby Ladies' Group

An organiser from Ryedale Dog Rescue visited us in October and gave an insight into how the rescue association is run. Prospective new owners are vetted to make sure that the dogs are going into the best environment to suit the dog's age and temperament. The scheme is a voluntary organisation so funds are continually having to be raised to cover vets' bills as all dogs coming into their care are neutered and micro chipped as well as other medical needs taken care of.

The speaker in November was Dr Tony Nicholson, a retired historian. He told an amazing story of how he bought his house in Brotton near Saltburn and during renovations workmen found some personal effects of an owner of the house from over a hundred years before. After much research he was able to establish from photographs and bills who she was and a lot about her life.

Our next meeting will be the Xmas Beetle Drive on Tuesday 10th December at 7:15pm in the Methodist Schoolroom. If you would like to play please come along and join in the fun.

Shelagh Richards



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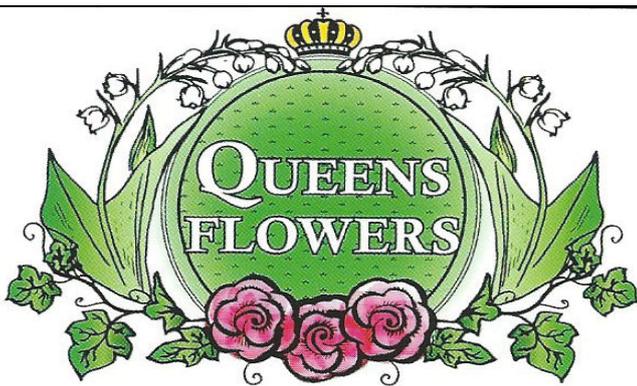


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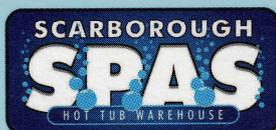
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Lee and Zoë Paterson and their sons Oliver and Oscar together with their Pug, Rodney, have moved into The Green Crescent. Lee is an ex-miner now studying cyber security at university. Zoë is Oscar's carer who does art in her spare time and hopes to set up business in the future.

We welcome them to Slingsby and hope they will be happy here.

Joyce Ward

The Triangle is sorry to announce the death of Joyce Ward, a long time Slingsby resident.

Slingsby Old Photos



The editor was recently given a DVD containing 120 old photographs of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme. The majority of these were already in the photograph archive however there were a few gems which had not been seen before.

Amongst these was the excellent quality photograph below, which is certainly not Slingsby, Fryton or South Holme. This is very strange because the other 119 are!

Does anyone know where this picture is? If you do please tell the editor or one of the Triangle Team.



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New members will be welcome. There is no charge for membership and on average the price negotiated is 4p per litre less than if oil is ordered direct as an individual.

Geoff Bishop

Slingsby Local History Group

Saturday 7th December.

This is to invite you to our end of year meeting which consist of a tour of the church building by Dr. Dav Smith of the Department of Buildings Archaeology, University of York to give us his latest insights into the detail and history of the building, followed by our regular pre-Christmas coffee and mince pie at The Grapes in front of a roaring fire. Meet at the church, in warm clothing from 9.45am for a prompt 10am start and then at the Grapes at 11 am.

Saturday 14th Dec. Coffee morning.

Please come along and join us at Hilly Lockwood's house, Castle Acre, High Street, on Saturday 14th December. 10.30 -11.30am. Proceeds are towards church roof repairs. Also Slingsby Book 3 will be available for sale at this event.

Review of 2019.

It has been an unusual year - more 'out' than 'in' in terms of visits and meetings. Kate and I have been very much taken up with matters relating to the major roof repair work to the church and the management of that, which has been far trickier and more time consuming than might have been anticipated, so it has not been possible to arrange many home meetings or talks. The re-roofing project is progressing well and has to be completed and fully accounted for along with all the associated projects by the end of February 2020.

We have in fact achieved a lot this year, with very enjoyable and successful visits to Bolsover Castle, Hardwick Hall and Newcastle. We should like to include more excursions like these in the future and your suggestions for places would be welcome. There have been other interesting outdoor activities; the most recent being the gravestone recording day in the churchyard with Harold Mytum and Toby Pillat, and the viewing of the lead works on the church roof. This was much enjoyed by the participants and which we hope to resume next year when the weather is better. Those who attended the gravestone recording will be glad to know that our pioneering efforts have led to some simplification of the proposed system which will be rolled out nationally.

A new publication – Slingsby: A Miscellany In Words And Pictures. (Book 3 in the series)

David Thornley has also been working on a compilation of the information many of us collected over the last few years. It features interesting events and influential characters in the village and is on sale now. Details of book 3 are on page 23. Books 1 and 2 are out of print at the moment.

We hope when we next meet to discuss what we do next, so we can develop an interesting programme for next year. We have a number of suggestions for trips and talks and we know there are some who might be interested in doing some small local research projects. Please do come along and tell us what you are interested in.

We hope very much to see you on 7th and 14th December.

Margaret Mackinder & Kate Giles.



Remember - please support our local Supermobile Library, every other Friday outside Porch Farm, opposite the school. If we don't use it we'll probably lose it!

Arboretum - No Welly Walks this year.

With the construction of the Tree Health Centre beginning in December there will be no Welly Walks this year. We very much regret this and want to assure all our regulars that they will return next year – and sincerely apologise for any disappointment this necessary decision may cause.

The Arboretum will close on 30th November and re-open on Sunday 1st March with a full café service.

FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

We've had a wonderful start to our fundraising year, holding the Halloween Party for the children in the final week of school before half term break and raising approximately £400 for the School. DJ Frankensmith (Mr Smith) did a fantastic job of keeping the children entertained complete with party games and funky tunes. A big thank you to our volunteers for giving their time. It is always greatly appreciated.

Our AGM has also been held with the continuation of Liz Wilson at the helm, Mel Staley as Secretary and Sonja Sedran as Treasurer. We're also very lucky to have all Committee Members continuing on, along with the addition of two new members. Without their continued support, hard work and commitment, FOSS would not exist.

With Christmas now not very far away, plans are afoot for a number of events including the annual children's Christmas Party complete with entertainment from Magic Mike and a special visit from a certain you-know-who. The Christmas Raffle with a long list of wonderful donated prizes from family and friends of the School including the Star Inn, and the FOSS Christmas Hamper which will be drawn at the School Christmas evening performance. And finally, refreshments at the School Christmas performances at 2pm and 6pm on Friday 13th December in the Village Hall. Raffle tickets, Tombola and refreshments including mince pies and mulled wine are all available. We hope to see you there!

Sonja Sedran

Simple fraud advice

The most common type of fraud reported to North Yorkshire Police is where the victim is contacted on the telephone by someone claiming to be from the police, or the tax office or a tech company, who then persuade you either to go to the bank or log on to your online banking. Be aware that this person will always sound very convincing but take care!

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From North Yks Community Messaging

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Silver Line Telephone Friends

If callers would like to be put in touch with a Silver Line Friend, they can enjoy a regular weekly friendship telephone call. Silver Line Friends are volunteers who have contacted The Silver Line because they enjoy talking to older people. Calls are free for both parties, as costs are covered by The Silver Line through donations. It is not a counselling service and Silver Line Friends will not meet, or know the telephone numbers of the people they speak to.



Co-editor's Triangle report Another year of Triangle progress

I am pleased to report that The Triangle continues to be very well received.

Gill Baker has now done her first year as co-editor and I'm sure you will agree that she has done an excellent job.

As mentioned elsewhere, we have of course a large team behind The Triangle, including our many distributors; our advertising and distribution manager, Jo Breckon; our new treasurer Caroline Edwards, and our regular team of contributors, too numerous to name individually. Our thanks go to them all, without whom The Triangle could not function.

As a reminder, the Triangle newsletter began in 2010 as seven B&W pages. It has grown steadily over nine years to 24 pages, with the Christmas edition all in colour. It would be nice to print every edition in full colour but unfortunately colour is far more expensive than black & white. So to avoid increasing the price of the magazine we try to strike a balance between quality, quantity and price. We hope you will agree that £6 *per year* represents excellent value for six Triangles, six Pinks and one Yellow Pages.

I would also like to take this opportunity once again to remind readers that we can only continue to publish the magazine in its present form if we have sufficient copy to fill it. So if anyone is considering writing an article please do! Several people have over the last year. You can type it on computer and e-mail it, write it on paper and deliver it, or we can even write it for you if you phone us. Contact details are shown on the front of every issue, or you can speak to your deliverer.

Please continue to support The Triangle and keep it flourishing for its tenth year. The last thing we want is for The Triangle to go pear-shaped!

Thankyou.

David Thornley, co-editor

Slingsby School



It has been an enthusiastic start to this academic year for Slingsby School and our 16 new Reception children have settled in really well with the help of their Year 6 buddies whose job it is to ensure that the new starters are warmly welcomed into the school family.

Mrs Metcalfe with her fantastic team of teachers and teaching assistants continue to put their heart and soul into making learning fun for the children with highlights such as half termly Awe & Wonder days and Friday afternoon's Genius Hour. We also have a new choir teacher, Alison Fitzpatrick from the village, who is doing an amazing job of coordinating over thirty voices each week and all voluntarily for which we are most grateful. Watch this space for details of performances!

All the children were proud to participate in this year's village Produce Show in September with their art entries and home grown pumpkins and marrows, some winning many prizes and the school sunflower was a record breaker!

We continue to work closely with Castle Howard on projects such as Wildlife Workshops, decorating their Christmas tree and children from Year 6 have been chosen to be Mini Guides in 2020 which we are very excited about.

We also managed to arrange a tour of the Church roof for some pupils where they had to climb up the tower staircase past the inner workings of the clock to the temporary platform where the project manager explained the work taking place, which was fascinating.

The annual Open Day welcomed many prospective families in October and the school continues to go from strength to strength despite the never-ending budget cuts. It is amazing what you can achieve on a shoe-string with a bit of imagination and a lot of hard work!

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Neil Jackson, professional photographer

My family, Charlotte, Dax & Molly, and I moved to the village just over a year ago. We all absolutely love it here and I find that the village is the perfect base for my work as a photographer, which takes me all over the country and the rest of the world!

I have been lucky enough, over the last few years, to combine a lifelong passion for wildlife with my job as a professional photographer. After recent trips to Africa, India and Svalbard, I am very much looking forward to visiting Finland in February, on my next trip. We're going in the hope of capturing the behaviour of some iconic bird of prey species, such as goshawks, golden eagles, great grey & hawk owls, all against the backdrop of the snowy, Finnish wilderness. Fingers crossed!



Of all of the places I've been lucky enough to visit so far, India and Svalbard are particularly special to me. I have visited Ranthambhore National Park in India twice now and the place is truly magical, almost straight off the page of Rudyard Kipling's 'Jungle Book'. Since being a very young boy,

tigers have always been my favourite animal and to be able to spend time in their majestic presence and begin to dig a little deeper into their family lives and behaviour has been a lifelong dream come true, for me. It's a place I plan to visit for the rest of my life, as following individual cats throughout their lives and then seeing their offspring take over their own territories, is a genuine honour and privilege and something I hope to be able to share with my family in the future. The people in India are as equally wonderful as the wildlife and it's a real family environment over there. I can't wait to go back.

I spent 10 days in Svalbard in July and the experience was almost indescribable. Whilst being in national parks in India & Africa is really, really amazing, I'd never experienced a true wilderness before Svalbard. Our expedition was spent aboard the MS Stockholm, a

beautiful ice breaking ship built in 1953 for the Swedish National Maritime Administration. The whole trip was full of superlatives - the daily life onboard the ship, spent in 24 hour Arctic daylight, whilst smashing through the sea ice in search of your next destination, was a quite unbelievable way to live for 10 days. Whilst the Svalbard archipelago is brimming with spectacular and unique wildlife, the focus for the trip was finding and photographing Polar bears. Finding an off-white coloured bear, in an incredibly vast landscape of ice and snow is a huge challenge but thankfully our peerless guides delivered the goods and we got to spend several days with a female bear and her very young cub. It was an experience I will never forget. That, amongst close up encounters with blue and humpback whales, walrus, arctic fox, and a myriad of spectacular birdlife, makes it the trip of a lifetime and one I would highly recommend to anyone, with that adventurous urge to explore the planet's wilder places.



Of course, spending time, first hand, in these places really brings home the very real struggle that these animals face, from many factors beyond their control. Even at the top of the Earth in Svalbard, you could see the very real impact of climate change. In India, the tigers are thriving in the parks but the human populations outside the park boundaries are growing exponentially and the tigers have nowhere to go, meaning conflicts are, very sadly, inevitable. Spending time with the real experts who dedicate their lives to the conservation of these environments and species, is a real eye-opener to something that we can struggle to be fully aware of here in the UK. Hopefully wildlife photographers can continue to do their job of raising the awareness of these spectacular places and the incredible wildlife that have lived in them for millennia. That may, in some small part, go some way to helping to save them for future generations.

Please note that Neil is available for wedding photography. He can be contacted on 07809 423741 or njphotographic.co.uk or via instagram at www.instagram.com/neiljacksonphotographic

Ed

V.I.P. Corner - Phil Roberts

Phil came to live in Slingsby with his wife, Margaret, quite by chance. Having retired from a forty two year career with BT as a Telecommunications Engineer, they were searching for a home in East Yorkshire when the estate agency suggested they take a look at a development being built in Slingsby. Sure enough, they were in time to buy the very last plot for sale in Sycamore Close - it was goodbye to Sheffield and their relationship with Slingsby was born. That was way back in 1987, 32 years ago. A few months after moving in Phil was headhunted by the then organist at All Saints' Church, who was keen to retire. Phil was put through his paces and excelled at playing the organ, the job was his! Over time, Phil took over at Coneysthorpe and Scackelton as well. Many a bride walked down the aisle to the strains of Phil's music. A little known fact was that wife Margaret was skilled at predicting which marriages would fail and which would stand the test of time, she was generally right!



Born in Barnsley, Phil first tinkered with piano keys as an infant, an early indication of the musical talent he was gifted with. His parents moved to Bridlington when he was eight years old, and became Guesthouse owners. Phil's first public recital was at the age of 12, when he played at Sunday School. Unfortunately, the war got in the way of their dreams when the Guesthouse was bombed and suffered damage to the roof as well as other parts of the building. Other nearby properties were razed to the ground. The family took temporary shelter with an uncle who lived in Leeds, eventually buying their own property when their own was sold. The romance with Margaret overcame the distance between them, a courtship of seven years between Sheffield and Leeds culminated in what Phil described as his fondest memory: falling head over heels in love and being accepted! They married in 1952 at St. Cyprian's Church in Frecheville, Sheffield, and later had three children, Stephen, Catherine and Helen.

Phil and Margaret enjoyed many holidays to Europe and northern Italy in particular. Florence, Gaeta and Chianciano Terme in Tuscany were particular favourites. Social life nowadays is limited to going somewhere when someone is available to take him. Late nights are out, no clubbing for Phil! Most friends have now passed away, however he still manages to keep in touch with an ex colleague from 1986, Mr. Alan Parkin from Huddersfield.

Norman Barnes, a well known church organist of the time was the person who gave him 10 lessons and considering Phil had no formal musical training until his fifties, it is extraordinary that he achieved so much using his natural talent. As an example, he was a local representative for the Royal School of Church Music for many years, in the Sheffield area. Phil encouraged children to sing and set them on the road to become true choristers. He let the experts do the teaching after that! Phil still enjoys playing on a limited basis and credits the music for keeping him mentally alert. He may well be right.

Phil is on the brink of moving to Scarborough to be near family. It was regarded as 'Queen of Watering Places' when he lived in Bridlington. When asked what he would miss most about Slingsby, he answered simply, "The people".

As I was leaving, I was shown a beautiful photograph of a bench at the arboretum, dedicated to his late wife, Margaret and a beloved dog. Phil has more than made his mark on the Slingsby community over his many years in residence.

In conclusion, Phil was insistent on recognising the positive impact that Dr. Philip Moore, a past President of the Royal College of Organists, has had on music in the Street Parishes.

Kay Hill

A Christmas Masquerade 16th Nov 2019 - 5th Jan 2020

On 16th November The Triangle was invited to attend Castle Howard press preview to see the opening of their 2019 Christmas Display.

Every public room was dressed in ornate and elaborate feathers, sequins, baubles and twinkling lights as the place prepared for a Venetian-themed Christmas carnival, complete with masquerade ball and entertainment.

As last year Charlotte Lloyd Webber and theatrical designer Bretta Gerecke have led the team of set dressers, florists, artists, baublographers and seamstresses to create the masquerade experience. It is impossible to do it justice in such a small space so we recommend you go and look for yourselves.

Each weekend until Christmas visitors will be joined by members of the Commedia dell'arte troupe for live entertainment around the house, whilst soundscapes and music arranged by Hon. Nicholas Howard give additional sensory appeal.

Alongside the stunning Christmas decorations, family traditions continue with a host of opportunities to meet Father Christmas. The Courtyard Santa's Grotto, for which time slots can be booked on the day, is bound to be popular.

When you take your tour don't forget to visit the chapel, which has been dressed by children from Slingsby School working with Castle Howard's charity of the year, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust. Alongside the traditional nativity scene the children have created animal-themed decorations with hand-written ecowishes. Visitors are invited to swap real coins for chocolate ones in a donations box, with proceeds going to the charity.

Working with Sloemotion Gin, Yorkshire Wildlife Trust aims to create a Yorkshire rich in wildlife for the benefit of everyone, looking after over 100 nature reserves across Yorkshire. It encourages people to visit and stands up for Yorkshire's wildlife whenever it is under threat, and works with others to find solutions that benefit both wildlife and people.



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Mrs Jean Raine – obituary



Many people in Slingsby will be saddened to hear of the death of my mother, Jean Raine, who passed away peacefully in Whitby Road Care Home on Thursday 24th October, aged 87.

Jean first came to live at The Lawns in 1955 with Stan and daughter Sue. In 1966, shortly after the birth of son, Graham, they moved to The Cresswell Arms, Appleton-le-Street, where Jean soon made her name as a popular and successful landlady.

Jean returned to Slingsby in 1981 and was equally popular baking to help Joyce and Tony Hodgson in the farm shop. She carried on her love of baking by making pies and cakes which were eagerly gathered up by the locals at every car boot sale.

Due to mobility problems Jean moved to Thornton-le-Dale in 2008, the village where she was born, to be near to her brothers and sister. Sadly Graham died suddenly a month before Jean, but they will both be remembered with great affection, mainly in Slingsby, where she made many friends.

Sue Gell

2019 Chairman's review

At the time of writing, the Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group is approaching its 9th Annual General Meeting and has completed over 9 years of operation, bringing you news, events and stories in print and online.

How has our year gone? Well, David has covered The Triangle's progress elsewhere in this document, so I will constrain myself to the website and the Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group (SWaNG) as a whole.

Unfortunately, Rachael Thacker (website and design support) had to step down for personal reasons after joining us in the summer of 2018. Another change came towards the end of the year when Sarah Bowley, our treasurer, needed more time with her family. And so we welcome Caroline Edwards, who will henceforth bring her experienced eye to our accounts.

Dave Wilmore (website news editor) expects to be leaving Slingsby in the early part of 2020. So, once again we are on the lookout for someone to help us with the website, and/or social media (if that's your thing).

Behind the scenes, Richard Flint has continued loyally to provide the invaluable technical support, including software and security updates that websites depend upon.

Huge thanks go to all the team, past and present, and, of course, to all you out there who support us in various ways.

By the time you read this, our full annual reports will have been submitted to the AGM and will have been placed on the website.

Jon Boots

Shirley Woollons

As we go to press we have just been informed of the death of Mrs Shirley Woollons of Railway St. Slingsby. We are extremely sorry to hear this news and extend our sincere condolences to Maurice, her husband, and to the whole family.

Fireworks . . . again.

Last year the Triangle printed a letter about fireworks from some residents complaining of their disturbing effect on animals. This year, to be fair and balance opinions, we have a letter from someone with a different perspective.

A party with fireworks on 5th November is traditional and perfectly legal, however one annoyed Slingsby resident has been in touch with The Triangle and is upset that his plans for a 5th November bonfire and fireworks party at his home have caused others to write unpleasant, anonymous letters. He says he contacted neighbours and those who use nearby fields to let them know of his plans, well ahead of the party, so they had ample opportunity to take steps to minimise animals' distress.

Last year's Triangle suggestion is just as relevant now – let us work together as a community to let each other know when we are celebrating with fireworks. By following guidelines set out in legislation on animal welfare and their safe use, fireworks can still be enjoyed. There is certainly no place for nasty, anonymous letters.

Fireworks will always be a controversial issue and The Triangle is not prepared to get caught in the middle of disputes between neighbours. Now that both sides of the argument have been aired this will be the last correspondence printed in The Triangle on the subject of fireworks.

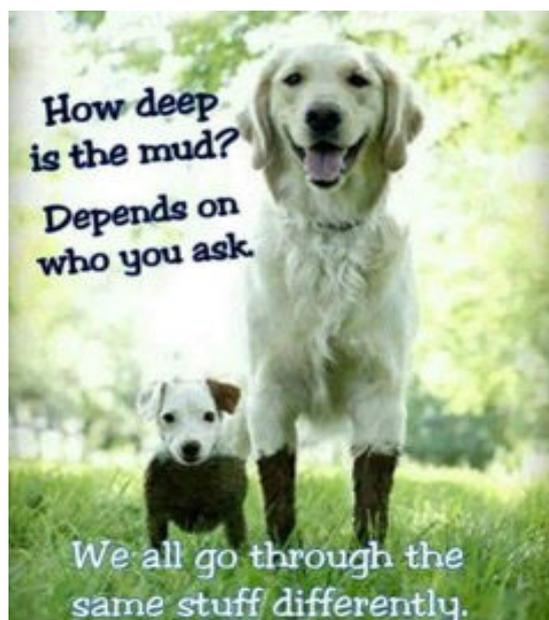
Ed

Allotments Society

We are now at the backend of the season on the allotments. Most of us are now putting our plots to bed for the winter after a reasonably good year for produce. I still have a few crops which I will leave in the ground to provide a few vegetables over winter. These include swede, parsnips, carrots, leeks and of course sprouts for our Christmas lunch. They will not come to any harm if I leave them in the soil. I will be looking in the vegetable catalogues soon to decide and buy seeds for the spring.

Next year will be our 10th year since leasing the land from the Parish Council and will need to renew the lease during the year. If anyone is interested in renting a plot then please contact me so that I can put your name on the waiting list by phoning me on 628625.

Brian Clarke



Sowers and Growers

Slingsby Sowers and Growers had an informative talk in November, from Mike l'Anson who is the former Head Gardener at the Walled Garden in Helmsley.

Mike was a Policeman in Ryedale when I first knew him and I worked with his wife, Michelle. After 25 years in the Police he retrained in Horticulture at Askham Bryan College, going on to work in a large private garden near Thirsk. After that property was sold he came to Helmsley Walled Garden. He is now officially retired but continues to develop his own plot near Thirsk.

Sadly technology in Slingsby got the better of us but we managed to view Mike and Michelle's garden in all seasons, on his laptop. On the strength of that we may visit them in the summer.

He also sent a month by month plan of what tasks are relevant to be getting on with. Anyone wanting a copy please ask. Sowers and Growers continues to meet every 1st Tuesday (except January and February) in the Village Hall Committee Room, unless otherwise arranged.

Final Reminder

Tickets are still available for the Sowers & Growers Christmas Plant decorations with Kymm Queen of Queens Flowers on Wednesday 11th December at 7pm in Slingsby Village Hall. Tickets cost £10 which includes light refreshments and 'greenery'. Please contact Janet (tel 628625) to book a place.

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Brickyard Bulletin.

What a season! After a dry July and reasonable harvest, we had a dry start to September. Oh how nature can take charge! Since the 22nd Sept. we've had just shy of 12 inches of rain, with not more than three consecutive dry days since. That has made things just a bit more challenging than we'd like!

We drilled about 280 acres of winter cover crops in early September – these fulfil some Ecological Focus Area requirement, but mostly we do it to maintain our soils health. The species in the mixes vary according to the following crop, but include usually 4-5 of: Oats, barley, Beans, Mustard, Tillage radish, stubble turnips, Phacelia, Vetch. Most look pretty poor at the moment.

The wet weather has restricted drilling of next years crops for pretty much everybody. 'Topside' (ie south of the B1257) is less affected, due to its free draining nature. Less than half the winter cereals normally sown nationally either haven't been sown, or have rotted off due to waterlogging – a worrying and difficult time.

I've had to rehash my cropping plan quite a bit. Wheat will now follow sugar beet where spring barley would normally. Spring barley will go where winter barley should currently be growing, and where we don't manage to sow winter wheat. Spring oats will occupy a slightly bigger area than normal, with a couple of fields seeing the crop a year earlier than planned on some of our heaviest and wettest land. We can drill wheat up until about mid February, and winter beans until about January, so let's hope it dries up soon. We're also in the process of adapting one of our drills to enable it to handle more challenging conditions, where usual methods are not possible.



Potato harvesting has dragged out this time, as one would expect I suppose. Now we have about a quarter of ours to harvest. It's a very stop-start affair, and hard on man, machine and

patience! The national situation isn't dissimilar to ours – the floods around South Yorkshire, Nottinghamshire and Lincolnshire being key carrot, beet and potato growing areas, currently suffering significant floods. There is always someone worse off.

On a more positive note, we've managed to harvest about half of our sugar beet, and it's yielded reasonably well – I'll know better when it has all been delivered to Newark factory next week. It's been different loading our crops onto the trucks of other hauliers this season, after having our own transport operation for so many years. We managed to plough the beet field and drill wheat straight behind as we harvested, working up to the cleared ground each night because of the weather.

We've had a pig batch change a few weeks back too – it's nice to have an enterprise not really affected by the weather! The new batch is happily snuffling through fresh straw beds, oblivious to the challenges outside.

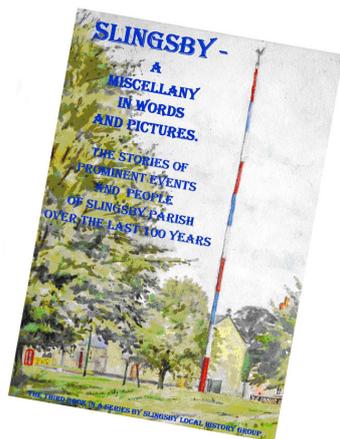
I mentioned something called AHDB Monitor farms in a past column. The AHDB are our levy body – we pay an obligatory levy on every ton of crop we sell. They have several 'Monitor Farmers' around the country, who each serve a three year term. I applied to be a Monitor farm, given our past experience hosting trials, but was unsuccessful. Never matter, we are well situated to be able to attend two others in the locality. The meetings are usually in winter, with a farm walk in summer. The idea is to focus on specific areas, to compare notes, experiment and develop the farming business, and make it fit for the future. It's a great networking opportunity, and chance to learn lots of things from others, that I can bring back home and use on the farm here. It's also a way of getting better value for my levy payment!

Another organisation I have been involved in for nearly ten years now, is the Future Farmers of Yorkshire. This is an expanding group of about 1000 rural people, of all ages and spheres of the agricultural community, run by a committee of volunteers, and administered and supported by the Yorkshire Agricultural Society at Harrogate. We have usually 5 meetings a year – one will be a summer visit somewhere, a Yorkshire Show breakfast debate (hosted by the NFU), and three debate or discussion meetings during winter. We focus on key areas affecting different sectors, and are fortunate to be supported by a wide range of people from the industry, by means of sponsorship, speakers, or use of facilities. This last month, we've run a mostly online event called #fit2farm – commencing with a talk by a New Zealand farmer called Doug Avery, then a weekly topic such as physical fitness, mental fitness and farm safety. It's interesting, inspiring, and great networking too.

A wise man many years ago told me not to be shy, and get out and learn things. "You'll stop at home til you know nowt" was the possible consequence he told me was likely if I didn't. Wise advice.

Andrew Wilson

Slingsby Book 3



This is the third in a series by Slingsby Local History Group. It is available at the cost of £9, which for a book of 64 glossy pages containing 136 pictures, many of which have not been seen before, is very good value so it makes a perfect Christmas gift.

The chapters are Memories of the Railway; Lionel Lascelles; The Old Co-op; Ursula Lascelles; Rev'd Arthur Brooke; The Indian Cricket Connection, Miss Fitzwilliam; Evacuees and Slingsby At War.

It is obtainable from any member of Slingsby Local History Group or from Tony's shop or direct from David Thornley on 01653 627210. For postal sales we charge extra at the cost of a stamp and envelope. All profits go to the history group and are ploughed back into the village.

All Saints': Onwards and Upwards progress

Work continues to progress on the church roof repairs, with timber repairs and terne coated steel now being used to replace the stolen lead. This has no resale value and will continue to be supported by our new CCTV and alarm system. We are very pleased with our contractors, Geoff Neal Roofing. Oliver, Carl and the team have become familiar faces in the village and say that they feel very welcome here. Thanks again to the Sports Club for allowing us to use their tarmac for the team's storage facility.

Inside the church, John Apps has been hard at work shortening the pews and the results are very impressive. We think the original fitters of the pews (who evidently had to cut them down to fit around the asymmetrical columns) would be hard-pressed to tell the difference! We are in the process of finding new uses for the salvaged wood which will hopefully include new notice boards and

display racks. We are also working with our designer on the new display and interpretation boards for the south aisle and a churchyard notice board. We hope the interior boards will be in place with an exhibition about the castle before Christmas and are very grateful to Chris Churches for her wonderful text contributions to these. The exterior board and an accompanying leaflet and the Local History resource cabinet will also follow in the New Year.

Timetable and Christmas Services

We hope that the exterior works will be completed and the scaffolding removed in early December, allowing relatives and friends to leave wreaths and flowers on the ashes plot as usual. We very much hope people will join us to celebrate this phase of project completion at our upcoming Christmas services.

These include the ever-popular Candle service on Christmas Eve from 4:15pm (please come early to get a seat)

Street Benefice Christmas Eucharist at 10:30am on Christmas Day.

Fundraising

We continue to balance funds carefully as we pay some very large bills. Support for upcoming activities and fundraising therefore continues to be warmly welcomed.

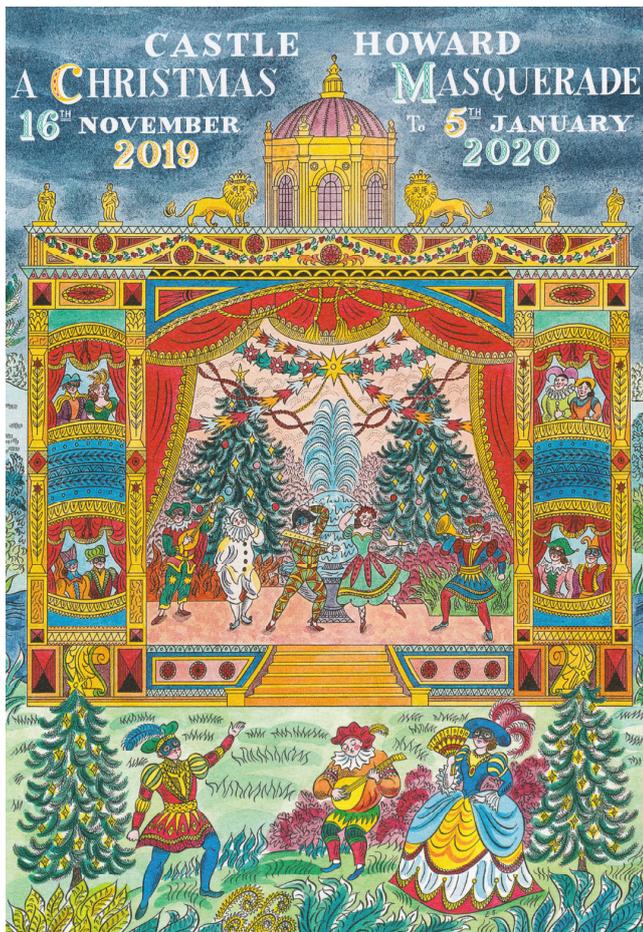
Sunday 8th December: Big Church Clean

Following works to the roof and sanding of the floors, we will need to dust and clean the church ready for Christmas. Please join us from 10am on Sunday 8th December if you can for an hour or two. It makes a huge difference having a few willing and able volunteers to share the work. Please feel free to bring your own polish, dusters but we will provide these as well.

Saturday 14th December: Coffee Morning from 10:30 – 11:30 at Castle Acre on High St.

We are very grateful to Hilly Lockwood, who has kindly offered to host us at her house for a coffee morning. Please join us for a morning get-together, coffee, cakes, raffle etc. in aid of church funds.

Kate Giles



Above and below show two events at Sledmere, our regular supporter for the last nine years.

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and

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