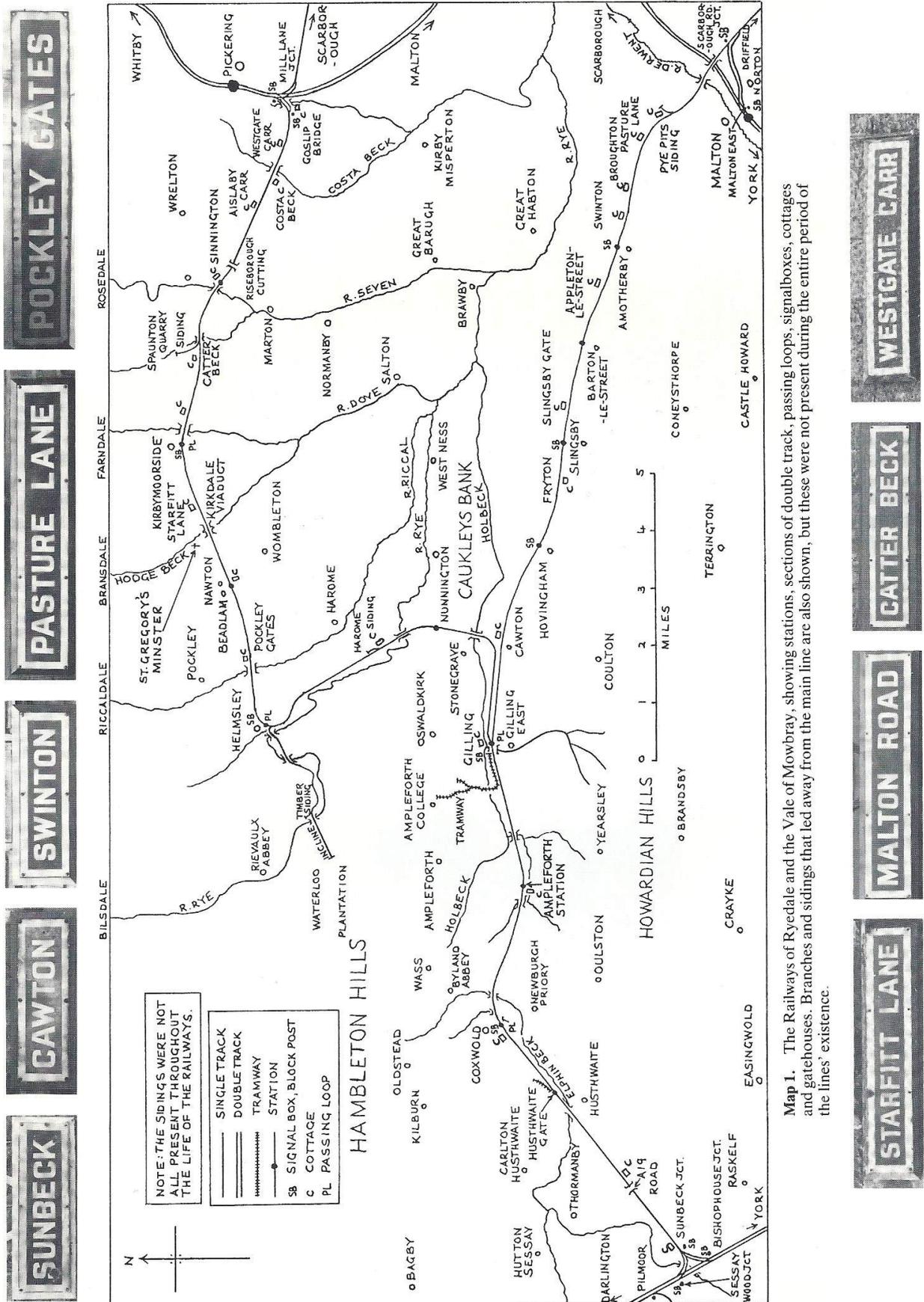


THE TRIANGLE

FRYTON SLINGSBY & SOUTHWOLME

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Opening Gambit.....

Bad timing at its very best! Launching your community newsletter in December to coincide with, I think, what can be described with some justification, as difficult weather conditions. Both newsletter delivery and the collection of your hard won cash all took much longer than planned. Thank you all for your generosity and good wishes for the future. I was very anxious about doing the door to door, asking for money job; it turned out to be fun, what a lot of nice people there are in our little piece of Yorkshire.

Local Heroes. Post lady *Sandra Dalgleish*, Milkman *Mr Boggs* and Paper man *Kenny Eddy*, all kept on going come what may, through snow and ice, thick and thin, to keep us supplied with mail, news and milk for that all important cuppa. Brent Cross Shopping Centre shut; *Tony's Village Shop* didn't. Thank you.

Newsletter Name. Thanks to Florence and Charlotte Salter for a whole bucketful of ideas for the title. I think one of their Christmas gifts was a thesaurus. (*I thought this was a small dinosaur*) We are now officially **THE TRIANGLE**.

Delivery. Pat Smurthwaite has delivered Aspen Way. Pat lives in Sycamore Close. Please could an Aspenarian give me a ring/Email and do this area of the village?

Funding. Despite our best efforts we have not been able to find everybody in when we called asking for your dosh. With this issue of The Triangle you may find an envelope. If you have already given, thanks, and please don't be miffed. If not, pop your contribution into the envelope, and drop it through my letterbox. *Thank you.*

Slingsby Web Site see page 8

Your delivery team

Fryton: Mick Singleton.

South Holme: Fiona Farnell.

Slingsby: Aspen Way, ???: Sycamore and Porch Farm Close, Keith Bardon:

Balkside, Sandra Dalgleish: The Green, Carol Buck: The Green Crescent, Nancy Coates:

The Lawns, Church Lane, High Street, & Malton Road, Keith Buck:

Railway Street(east side)Sue Birkett: Railway Street(west side), Pat Thompson.

Man/Womanpower The Triangle needs more hands to the pump. We need, ideally, two extra bodies on the production side to cover for emergencies, holidays etc. Your services would not be required for every issue. Fame and fortune await you. Well, fortune anyway.

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Parish Council News

The Parish Council has agreed a 3.5% increase in the rate for 2011/2012. This will bring in an additional £197 for the whole year.

A new Parish Clerk takes over from David Batley on the 1st April 2011. David has been the clerk for the past 7 years and is retiring at the end of March 2011. The new clerk is

Mrs Dinah Farley, 48 Sycamore Close, Slingsby, York.YO62 4AP

Parish Elections are on the 5th May 2011 when all the present Parish Councillors finish their term of office. Anybody interested in becoming a Parish Councillor will need to contact The Returning Officer at Ryedale Council in March,

As a Parish Councillor you would be representing the people of a Parish. To become a Parish Councillor you have to be elected to one of the seats on the Parish (5 for Slingsby, 1 for Fryton and 1 for South Holme).

The Parish Council holds elections every four years. You could be a Parish Councillor if:

You are 18 years old or over

You are a British, Commonwealth or Irish citizen or citizen of another Member State of the European Union.

AND

You are registered as a voter in the Parish; OR

You are the owner or tenant of any land or premises in the Parish; OR

Your principal or only place of work for the past 12 months or more has been in the Parish; OR

You have lived in the Parish for the past 12 months or within 4.8km of it.

You cannot seek election if:

You work for the Parish Council or hold a politically restricted post

Are an undischarged bankrupt

Have been sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the past 5 years

Have been disqualified under any enactment relating to corrupt or illegal practices

Having qualified for election, you would need to be nominated, after the Notice of Election has been published, by a proposer and a seconder, who all must also live in the Parish.

STANDING FOR ELECTION

Nomination papers will be available from the Ryedale Council Offices in March and will have to be returned in early April.

If you wish to stand for a registered political party you would need to be authorised by that party to do so, otherwise you will have to stand as an Independent Candidate.

Having been successfully nominated, you may proceed to a contested poll, although this is not always the case as nominations equal to or less than the number of vacancies may not be received. There are certain rules which must be observed in conducting your campaign and there is a limit on how much money you may spend.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION & FORMS

If you want to read more, a wealth of information for prospective candidates is available from the Electoral Commission. <http://www.electoralcommission.org.uk/elections>.

The Grapes

Roland Sawyer of Sycamore Close has been corresponding with Punch Taverns to see what their plans are for the village pub. See below their reply.

“Dear Mr. Sawyer,

Further to your recent communications, I write to advise that Punch Taverns are currently investigating all options regarding this particular premises.

Whilst we are actively trying to source a suitable new operator, the decision to market the property for sale as a freehold site, has also been agreed.

We have active interest from a number of parties to purchase the property, however negotiations are on going at present.

You have mentioned in previous Emails that the villagers are concerned at the demise of the pub, could this be an opportunity for them to consider taking the freehold and running the pub in the way they wish it to be run? If this is something they wish to consider then please advise them to contact the agents, whose details are on the board outside the property.

Regards – John Clayton, Operations-Regional Business Manager.”

UPDATE ON THE PARISH CHURCH TOWER RESTORATION PROJECT AND APPEAL

Work continues to raise money to repair the tower of the parish church, with a rapidly approaching deadline to raise the funds needed.

Repair work to the church involves stabilisation of high level parapet stones and carvings to prevent them becoming dangerous, resulting in closure of the church and churchyard. After two bad winters the work is now very urgent. It is an expensive matter to put right, but once completed we are told, it will see the building secure for another 100 years. Some have suggested demolishing the tower, but that would cost far more, even if allowed, as the church is a listed building.

Two years into the Tower appeal, Slingsby church has been extremely fortunate to be allocated a grant by English Heritage, who noted its high quality of construction and praised the fact that it has been kept well; ‘a credit to the community’. The Grant offer, from the Heritage Lottery Fund for Listed Places of Worship is for £55,000 towards a budget cost of £95,000, subject to the rest of the money being raised or promised by mid March 2011. Enormous local effort has so far raised about £22,000. In the last three months more than 120 applications have also been made to other funding bodies, raising a further £12,000. The remaining £6,000 must be raised by March. This opportunity will not occur again.

For any one interested in the detail of the proposed work, which also includes conservation work of the mediaeval statues on the church roof, there are photographs and survey drawings now on display inside the church. The church is well built and usually needs less maintenance than more modern buildings; but as those who have lived longest in the village will know, problems do occasionally occur and in the past the village has lent its support to put things right. Village churches have never been paid for by the Church of England, and all the costs of maintenance, heating and lighting have to be raised locally.

The church membership in Slingsby is small, and regular church worship might be more easily accommodated elsewhere, but it is obliged by law to do its best to look after the building and keep it

open; a huge financial burden for a small group. If the building is abandoned, and the site fenced off to lie derelict, it will be a sad reflection on the local community, blighting the centre of the village and even eventually affecting property prices. Well kept community buildings suggest a lively and flourishing local community, so please support the efforts that are being made to save the building for community use in the future.

DEVELOPMENT OF A LOCAL HISTORY CENTRE:

There has been a church on this site close to Slingsby castle for at least a thousand years. The present church contains medieval remains and monuments from earlier buildings and is itself a monument to the rich history of Slingsby. English Heritage is encouraging churches all over the country to embrace other activities in order to justify their continued existence, now that church membership is so small. Keeping them open just for worship alone is not affordable or justifiable.

Both local people and the many visitors to the village want to know more about the castle and other local features, so it is aimed to create an exhibition area for both permanent and temporary exhibitions. This would involve minimal change inside the building, which can still continue to be used for worship and for other purposes. The exhibitions would involve local history, information about the Castle and all other aspects of village life such as wildlife social history, archaeology, trees, arts and crafts.

LOCAL HISTORY WEEKEND IN MARCH.

As part of the Tower fund raising and as a start to the Local History Project it is proposed to hold a local history weekend on the 12th and 13th March with a series of events in the church and around the village. These will include an exhibition of photos from the Wormald collection, an exhibition of the aerial photographs, general history information including old maps and earlier writing about Slingsby, some old film of the village, plus an opportunity to look in the parish registers for those who are interested. Over that weekend we would also like to make contact with those who would be interested in taking the project further and participate in creating the permanent exhibitions or doing a special exhibition in the future. Further detailed information will be posted on notice boards and circulated with the churches own newsletter in March.

Other tower fund raising events are as follows :

5th February: Coffee morning with cake stall at Orchard Cottage with Chrsya Apps 10 a.m. – 11.30

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Other events provisionally planned for Spring and Summer include a series of coffee mornings / afternoon teas in open gardens, a grand raffle, a summer fete, Any Questions Gardening Evening etc. Flower Festival, produce stalls, etc. *Margaret Mackinder*

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Nature notes.

I look forward to the day when the red kite is seen regularly in the skies above Slingsby. There is no reason why this should not happen following the successful captive-release, re-introduction of these beautiful birds of prey around Harewood, near Leeds, by the RSPB in the early 2000s. Recently there have been odd sightings of red kites in this area, which, in the wooded habitats of the Howardian Hills, would be highly suitable for nesting and breeding, as has occurred with the Harewood colony. Red kites are now also reported breeding east of Slingsby in the Yorkshire Wolds. In previous decades red kites, like other birds of prey, were severely persecuted as they were considered to be in conflict with human interests, but now, with changing attitudes, many are showing signs of recovery. Buzzards nest locally, as do kestrels and sparrow-hawks; merlin are regular autumn and winter visitors and the occasional hobby has been reported. The fact that an area can support so many predators indicates a healthy food chain is being sustained. *Michael Thompson*

Research into family History

Can anyone help? The following e-mail has been received -

I have been researching my family history and have found that my great-great-great-grand parents came from Slingsby - Charles Hardwick and Sarah Sigsworth. Charles was born in the late 1700s. I am curious to know if any of these families are still in your area or perhaps even in your school. I hope to be in Yorkshire in August this year. Looking forward to a reply, with regards - Alan Strahan, Bendigo, Victoria, Australia. E-mail address _jenniferstrahan@bigpond.com

News from Slingsby School.

The Autumn term, during which the snowy weather caused travel problems but only 2 days of school closure, was busy culminating in a Christmas service in the Chapel and a party with Magic Mick. Also during that term, the improvements in facilities in the 2 classrooms were used to the full. The ramp and gravelled car parking area gave good access to the school for any disabled person.

This spring term will see the reconstruction of the outside toilet block into much needed storage areas. Gone will be the old toilets so well known to generations of Slingsby children. The art project to make a plaque showing life in Slingsby, started in the summer, is nearly ready and will be unveiled soon - details will be put on the school door on a yellow poster. The KS2 children are studying France and would welcome contact with anyone in the community with recent experience or knowledge of France. All the school will be able to enjoy a 'kite flying' day in March and the term will finish with an Easter service, details of which will be displayed, in yellow, on the school door.

The school would like to thank everyone who saves their various coupons and silver foil - these are collected at school in large numbers. *Pat Thompson, chair of governors.*

Slingsby Railway Station



*Slingsby Station in c.1905 looking west
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Slingsby Station opened in the June of 1853. It was built by the Earl of Carlisle and was the only stone built station on the line, then operated by the York, Newcastle & Berwick Railway Co.

It closed for passenger traffic as early as January 1931. Though it was used regularly by excursions groups; shoppers, ramblers, football and Sunday Schools. The last excursion ran on the 27th July 1964.

On the 24th of January 1927 Slingsby had its most “serious” incident when a passenger train derailed. Fortunately no passengers or rail staff were hurt. Anecdotal evidence has it that there was only one passenger, and he was drunk!

During World War Two there was a massive increase in both passenger and freight traffic across the whole of the nation’s rail network. Slingsby had a special reinforced concrete hard standing built for the storage of ammunition.

Fred Wright was the porter/signalman/station master from early 1943 through to its final closure in 1965.

The viaduct that took the rail track over the River Derwent in Malton was demolished in August and September of 1965 followed by it’s bridge over the York – Scarborough railway.

This was the end of the railways in Ryedale.

Anor Rack

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Slingsby Methodist Church

We are very pleased with our children and young people this winter. *Adventure Club*, which meets on a Thursday in term time at 6:00pm, has had thirty different children attend; up to twenty-five on any one night. Rachel Prest, with Hayes and Becky Ward are the leaders, greatly supported by the older children. They have lots of fun and games as well as singing and Bible stories.

The mums and toddlers group "*Little Adventures*" meets on Wednesday afternoons from 1:30pm and has good numbers attending. The "L A's" are led by Louise Hayes and Tasmin Smurthwaite.

CHAOS is held on the first and third Sundays of the month. This is for children to learn about the Christian message whilst the morning service is being held; which they do through games and creative activities.

YAZ is for older children, many of whom having enjoyed *Adventure Club*, want something more suited to their teenage years. Somewhere to meet and talk about relevant issues. This groups leaders are Ruth and Linda Stannard.

We are very grateful to all those who give their time to run these groups and who have made them the success they are. *Stephen Prest*

Work on new website gathers pace Launch of www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk scheduled for 1 March

In downtown Slingsby, tension is mounting, expectations are high and speculation is rife. But that's enough about the website team (we can tend to be a bit excitable). The new website www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk is really all about YOU. Will you make it work for you? Will it serve to invigorate our community by announcing everything we do and are seeking to achieve, or will it just sit on the web, looking pretty? NOW is the time to think about what information YOU wish to put on the website. The website team aims to provide you with a modern, attractive website carrying all the customary information about our parish and the activities that go on within it. It will be up to you, the user, to make sure you provide up-to-date information about specific events and news.

So, what progress has been made so far? The team (principally Richard Flint, Jon Boots, Keith Buck and George Dudzinski) has met a total of 6 times since we formed in October. We've settled on the basic technical design and information structure of the site. Richard, drawing on his experience of building his own website for his photography business, has created a website testbed which has been made available to Parish Councillors for comment. After a little further testing (and training) and once we have a new hosting arrangement in place with a local well-proven firm, we shall start building the site for real. Our scheduled launch date is now 1 March 2011 – a little later than we had originally planned, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

In the longer term, we are hoping that income from advertising will cover the costs of operating the new website. Currently, we envisage that advertisers will be asked to make a contribution of between £5 and £25 a year, depending on the size and type of advert they wish to have displayed on the website. If you might be interested in advertising on the website, please email us at admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk While we are building the site, the new web domain name www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk redirects you to an interim site which, over the coming weeks, will provide information on progress.

We are still interested in hearing from anyone who can lend a hand to help ensure that the website is updated regularly. Training can be provided.

You can contact us by email at admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk to give us your ideas, lend support, or express interest in advertising. Alternatively, telephone *Jon Boots* on 01653 628396 or *Richard Flint* on 01653 628437.

Bridge Club Enthusiasts and beginners are welcome to contact John Bramall on his correct (*I hope*) number Tel: 01653 628967

Repair of the Markinfield Family tomb in Slingsby church yard.

This is a rather fine table tomb in the church yard to the east of the main entrance path, dating from 1730. It is listed monument in its own right. It has recently been repaired, funded by a LEADER Grant for Small Scale Heritage projects, administered by the Local Plans and Conservation Department at Ryedale District Council. The work was carried out in November just before the snow fell, so it has been protected under sacking since then.

Margaret Mackinder

Peter at Hutton Bros explained to me that cars can now be serviced locally and that their warranty is not affected when genuine parts are used for the work required.

The Bus Pass Crew met up in the village hall. Numbers were not what were expected. Were they all using their bus passes?

Christmas Fayre in aid of Slingsby School went well with good support from the community.

Sports Club Carol Concert saw a full house in good voice. Michael Coates straight from his gig at The London Palladium had his audience falling about. How can we afford these quality acts? A good night!

Community Carol Singing. Villagers met at The Maypole, on what was possibly the coldest night of a cold winter, and were quickly organised into singers and collectors. Off we all went, who needs a sound system when you have Stephen Prest!

Pocket Panto "Aladdin" Roger Carr became the local star in this production giving us all lessons on waving, clapping and "Oh yes there is" banter. Youngsters on stage, Elliot, Oliver and Oliva, demonstrated their abracadabra magic skills. Thanks to all those involved in organising this fun afternoon.

MAD Cycling Group. Its activities have been severely curtailed by the snow and ice on our local roads. Sunday 16th Jan saw us out and about for the first time in 2011, joining up with Malton Wheelers for their annual Reliability Ride. Thirty plus riders met, in Malton, at the Netto car park, from Hull, Brid, Scarb. and York for a ride which took us up Farndale-Church Houses, Hutton le Hole and then up, severely up, Rosedale Chimney. Quite a few walked this bit!! Rain in the late morning and afternoon didn't dampen the spirits.

Village Hall: 2011 sees the *eightieth* anniversary of its opening.

Yellow Pages. With elections in the not to distant future and, may be, a lot of changes and still more local businesses to see The Production Team is going to wait till this document is in its final form before spending more of your money on reprints.

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