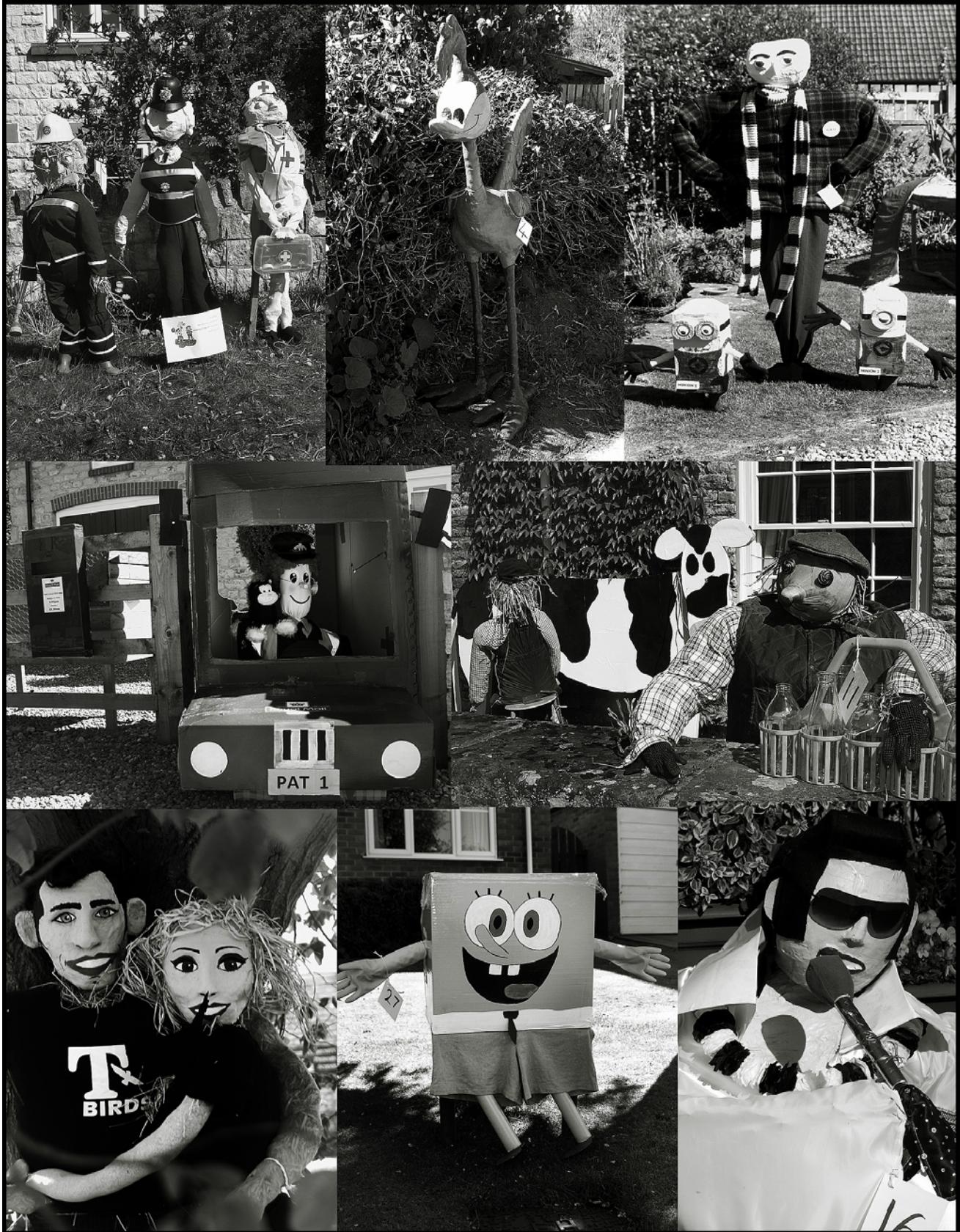


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MICHAEL BOGG -1942 - 2011



Another well-known Slingsby character died at the end of March this year. Michael Bogg, the Slingsby milkman was found unconscious in his delivery van at his dairy at Rye Hills. He died a day later in York hospital. 'Boggy' was born in Slingsby and lived here all his life. He was 69 when he died and had been the local milk delivery man in the village and the surrounding villages for over 50 years. He attended Slingsby School and his first paid job was farm boy at Beck Farm in Railway Street, aged 10. The Holder family took over the farm soon after, giving his coveted job to Noel, their oldest son, who was the same age. He then worked as a farm boy on the Lange family farm at South Holm Farm. Michel and Noel used to fight like cat and dog, until they eventually became firm friends, continuing to meet up weekly until Michael died.

Michael took on the milk business at the age of 18, and later took over other rounds in the surrounding area, until he was selling about 250 gallons of milk per day. Despite his somewhat chaotic delivery habits in recent years, he was an extremely organised and efficient businessman in his younger days. As well as his milk delivery business, he also worked for BATA, and had a sideline in fattening bull calves for beef, which he kept around the area in rented sheds. He also kept up to 1,000 pigs, some of which he kept in the semi derelict buildings at Grange Farm at Fryton.

Michael's passion was for horse racing and he attended meetings across the north of England as often as he could, with the occasional visit to the Cheltenham Festival. Local jockey Mark Birch used to get him a pass and take him along in a car full of fellow jockeys to northern meetings, which he adored. Always keen for a good tip, his van was seen regularly parked outside the turf accountants in Malton. Outings to race meetings were also an excuse to indulge his other passion; that of a good dinner. His favourite was a jumbo sized mixed grill. Described by his friends as 'a good doer', he also enjoyed cooking and liked to roast a large chicken with full range of veg, which he would consume by himself in one sitting.

Michael owned a rare penny farthing bicycle, bought after its previous Slingsby owner, Robert Dosser died. He mastered the near impossible task of riding this precarious iron beast, and was seen around the village on it. He finally sold it about twelve years ago in a local antiques auction, where it created much interest.

He was a kind man, devoted to his friends. He particularly liked children, always carrying a ready supply of biscuits and chocolate cream eggs to give to his younger friends. For his adult friends, produce from his veg. patch would appear mysteriously on back door steps. He was devoted to his parents and his aunt in Norton whom he visited regularly. The erratic hours he kept for milk delivery began after his mother died. Fearing his almost blind father would get into mischief if left alone, he would wait until he was safely in bed before setting out on the milk round. He discovered the peace of being out when no one else was about. He could stop and watch a hare, fox' owl or deer. Little escaped his eye as he travelled around the lanes. Recently his van almost became his home, as he often slept in it, parked in field entrances. His large frame and severe arthritis made movement in and out of the van extremely painful and difficult.

Many customers thoughtfully positioned the empties where he could reach them with the minimum of movement. He was determined to keep going, and those who knew him well agree that his life ended as he would have wanted, still out and about in his van and still very much part of the local scene.

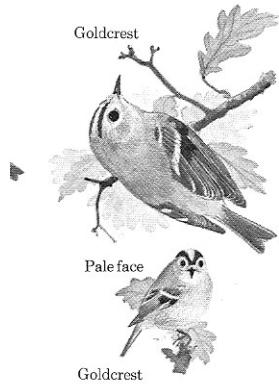
Margaret Mackinder

With thanks to Noel Holder, Joyce Birch, David and Barbara Borrett, Peter Smithson, Geoff Dean and Stephen Prest, Mary Snowball, Julia Snowball, Kathleen Lange and Freda Ware.

NATURE NOTES

Several parishioners were participants in the national 2011 Big Garden Bird watch at the end of January. The early results are now available on line and show some remarkable findings. To begin with, over 600,000 people took part in the survey, thus making the findings highly significant – a record number of recorders. Over 70 different species of bird were recorded from a total count of 10,262,501. It had been anticipated that following the severe winter of 2009/2010 there would have been a further reduction in numbers, but not so. It seems that the small garden birds had marginally bounced back, following a successful spring breeding season. The successful small birds being the long-tailed tits, the goldcrest and the coal tit, which had increased by a quarter. The house sparrow remains the most successful species with an average of 4 per garden, followed by starlings and blackbirds. Other birds in the top ten are the blue tit, chaffinch, wood pigeon, great tit, goldfinch, robin, and collared dove. It seems that weather conditions, availability of food supplies, such as garden seed feeders and predation are factors in total numbers that survive. No mention is made of the effects of predation by sparrowhawks or magpies, but it would seem to be minimal..

Michael Thompson.



ALL SAINTS' CHURCHYARD, SLINGSBY

Major work will be starting on the tower soon, this will necessitate scaffolding being erected. It will also affect the area designated for the burial of ashes as we are concerned that memorial stones are not damaged whilst work is in progress. It may, therefore, be necessary to remove some of them, depending on where scaffolding poles are placed. Grave spaces will be carefully marked, names logged and all memorials will be returned to their original site on completion of work to the tower. If families of those who ashes are interred in this area have any concerns, please contact me (690663) or Churchwardens, Ann Wilson (628567) or Keith Dixon (628832).

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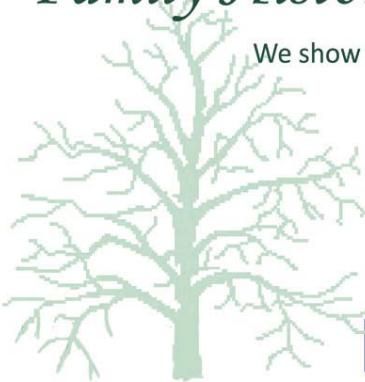
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ANNUAL REPORT AND STATEMENT APRIL 2011 BY VICE CHAIRMAN MRS FIONA FARRELL

- During the previous 12 months the Council has endeavoured to promote its philosophy of working together with and for the benefit of the community. We have tried to represent all the views of all the village residents, as far as possible, in a balanced, non political manner, supporting local employers and businesses and the community as a whole.
- All the work that the Parish Councillors carry out is done on an entirely voluntary basis.
- In response to the Ryedale revised local development framework Summer 2010 consultation the Council stressed that affordable housing and a reliable bus service were essential requirements of any development plan. Further development in Slingsby was dependent on a renewal of the infrastructure; footpaths, street lighting and other utilities. Development in areas that were prone to flooding was undesirable. Intensive use of land for housing not in keeping with a conservation village was not thought to be desirable.
- There have been ongoing problems with the replacement Post Office Van which the Council has tried to resolve, with meetings and correspondence with the Post Office when all concerns of residents have been raised.
- The First World War Grave in the Cemetery was up kept with funds from War Graves Commission.
- Cemetery fees were increased by 5%. The rules and bye laws regarding the operation of the cemetery were updated and approved by the Council.
- The Parish Council made available to the newly formed Slingsby Allotment Association part of the village field, on Railway Street for allotments.
- The Audit Commission has approved the accounts for 2009/2010. The internal audit was carried out by Mr Tony Hodgson and the Council's thanks go to Tony for kindly undertaking this work.
- The accounts for year ending March 2011 are being prepared for audit which will take place this year at the beginning of August. These will be open to inspection by arrangement with the Parish Clerk.
- The Parish Plan was completed. It shows how the community sees itself developing over the next few years. It :
 - Identifies local problems and opportunities
 - Sets out achievable and long-term vision for the future
 - Prepares a plan for action to achieve this vision

Volunteers on the Parish Plan Committee have also developed a web site for Slingsby and a village newspaper, which I am sure you will agree has been a great success. The Parish Council congratulates all the people who have been involved in this valuable community work. A group of volunteers is also looking into a Village Design Statement with the help of staff from Ryedale District Council and Maggie Farey of Rural Action Yorkshire. The Parish Council also hopes to take forward other items from the action plan in the future.

- In the last year 10 planning applications were considered by the Parish Council.
- The high standard and quality of the Village Green and Cemetery have once again been maintained through the dedicated and hard work of Council's grounds contractor, Derek Carr.
- Various questionnaires were completed for Governmental bodies.
- Participatory Budgeting – a meeting was held in March when 5 community groups bids, where put forward to access a fund of £2000. The meeting was well attended and the outcome was that all the groups got their full bid amount thanks to the generosity of Angela Shepherd and Chris Wilson, who met the shortfall.
- The Parish Council would wish to take this opportunity to remind all residents that they are free to attend and listen to any meeting of the Parish Council; however if you have a request for a service please contact the Clerk Mrs Dinah Farley.

This is the last meeting of the present Council. I would like to express my gratitude to all Councillors who have served on the Council over the past 4 years. I would like to thank Angela Shepherd in her absence for all her hard work as Chair over the past year and David Batley for all he has done to keep the Council's business running smoothly and efficiently and within our very limited budget over the past 8 years. David retired as Parish Clerk at the end of March. His replacement is Mrs Dinah Farley

Slingsby Football Club play in the first division of the Newitt's.com Beckett League.

We have had a difficult season this year. Since the start we have lost a few players due to retirement and other commitments. However, on a more positive note, we have some good, promising young lads playing for us from in the village and surrounding area. This will stand us in good stead for next season. Even though we didn't do very well in the league, we managed to reach the semi-final of the Marissa cup which was a great achievement.

We will be holding our AGM at the Sport's Club, Slingsby on Sunday 17th July, and if anyone is interested in playing for the club please come along or give your name to one of the other members. *Sarah Bradshaw. 628334*

Repairs to Slingsby Church Wall?

Ryedale District Council confirms it has currently has no money allocated to repair the wall. As the tree has grown so much the wall cannot be built back in its original position anyway without damaging the tree, which would in any case just push the wall out again.

A proper repair would also mean re-aligning the footpath and the Lawns Road slightly, making it all an expensive operation. The Council has in the past fulfilled its obligations to maintain closed churchyards, but I understand that senior management is now reviewing its obligations. We are not optimistic that anything is likely to happen at the moment other than routine reviewing of the safety of the wall. *Margaret Mackinder*

F.O.S.S. The Friends of Slingsby School would like to thank everyone that supported the recent Scarecrow Trail and Spring Fayre. The winning scarecrows were 1st - Terrington Pre-School with Emergency Services, 2nd - Angie Reeves with Roadrunner and 3rd - Eloise Conyers with Gru and The Minnions. The winner of the prize draw was Alex Mitchell of Pocklington. The Friends of Slingsby School raised over £600 for their funds.

friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk

Thanks to Rita Hayes for stepping into the breach and sorting out deliveries of The Triangle in Aspen way and Green Dyke Lane. Rita takes over this patch from Pat Smurthwaite. Thanks for your help Pat.

Slingsby Youth Club. It is with sadness and regret that the Club held its final meeting after eight years on the 28th April. Thanks to all those who supported the Club with their time and those that helped financially.

The Racinis

Robin Hood Caravan Park. Congratulations to Rebecca Palmer-Bunting and her team who were finalists in the Yorkshire tourism Awards. Though not winning, being a finalist is an excellent achievement as many businesses throughout Yorkshire enter. But they did win "The Pride of Malton and Norton for Outstanding Customer Service".

The local film show (Sat. May 7th) was much enjoyed and the event raised £340 which included several generous donations.

An evening showing of the film for those who could not attend and for those who want to see it again is planned for September (date will be confirmed in the next Triangle) and further local history events, with, if possible, more film shows will be planned for later in the year.

May Day Celebrations For generations, the children of Slingsby have practised hard and danced the traditional dances around the May Pole, weaving the ribbons to form patterns around the pole, and then reversing their steps to undo the weaving. Dressed in pretty skirts and white pinafores, with braided hair and white tops they made a glorious picture on the village green.

The maypole was considered to be a pagan symbol of fertility; even the ancient Britons erected maypoles before the Roman times. The maypole dances, with flowers and ribbons, are of ancient origin dating back to the dancing at the 'Feast of Flora, the goddess of flowers'. In Elizabethan times (1600s) Robin Hood was said to have led the maypole dances with Maid Marion. The maypole dances were very popular in rural England in the 1800s to celebrate, as we do, the first day of May.

We are proud of our maypole which stands firmly on the green topped by the gold cockerel. This one was raised with a great effort from the men of the village in the 1980s, and the previous one in the 1950s; and under each one is a time capsule.

The children start practising after the February holiday, the older ones who remember the steps help the younger ones who in year 3 are old enough to dance. The children in year 2 are encouraged to hold the ribbons, so can watch the dances ready to join in when they move up to year 3.

The May Day celebrations are for sheer pleasure, with the band playing, the maypole dancers, followed by the garland dancers and teas on the green. The school now link in to this day with the Scarecrow trail, so there is plenty going on in the village. This is a whole village day, and visitors come from far and wide as they appreciate the Englishness of the sight of families sitting round watching the dancing, going for tea and cakes, wandering round laughing at the scarecrows and generally having a fun day.

Pat Thompson

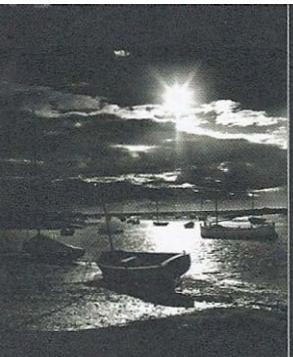
The Good Life on Wednesday April 6th. 2011 we were encouraged to drop in to the village hall to learn more about 'the good life' with helpful tips on making compost from John Brown, on what to plant, where and when from John Foxton ('be patient, wait a while') and on how to cook, among other things, such ugly vegetables as celeriac from Wendy Berriman. They were there, assisted by a bee keeper, a wild-life gardener, and a chuck keeper, thanks to Rural Action Yorkshire and the Howardian Hills organisation.

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LAST TRAIN FROM SLINGSBY



Page 8 of the April/May Triangle had a picture of this train arriving at Slingsby station, posing the question, "who are they"?

From left to right the people are:

Two small boys - David and Stephen Simpson

Peter Simpson and his wife Betty, with baby Mark in her arms.

Bob Snowball with his two grand children : Paul and Tracy Armstrong, and next to the right, his wife Lillian walking towards the train.

Next figure also walking towards the train is thought to be Amy Sleightholme, holding the hand of a child.

Further along the platform is Oswald Snowball, and just beyond him is Mary Snowball holding daughter Ann by the hand . To her right is Arthur Snowball with his back to the camera , filming the scene with his movie camera.

To the left, wearing his familiar hat is Willy Baker.

Further left standing behind the fence, also wearing a hat, is Frank Simpson - beyond that the platform is too crowded to distinguish individuals.

Our thanks to David Simpson, Mary Snowball , Freda Ware and Geoff Dean for this information.

Margaret Mackinder



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Allotments update

In the last edition of the newsletter we reported that there was one half plot vacant. We are pleased to say that all plots are now let. During the last month plot holders have been busy planting out vegetables and fruit bushes for harvesting later in the year. However following a recent frost which set back early potatoes and some tender vegetables, the planting out of further frost sensitive plants is on hold until later in the month (May). This month also saw the granting of planning permission for one shed and one greenhouse to be erected on each plot (should the plot holder so wish) and for parking spaces off the existing track. The recent dry month of April has meant that the water pumps have seen plenty of use drawing water from the adjacent beck. John Foxton, from Castle Howard Garden Centre, visited the site and was amazed at the progress made in such a short time. After putting his spade to good use he confirmed that the soil was good for plants and gave some useful advice to those plot holders in attendance. There is a great community feeling on the site and new friendships are being made. We are all looking forward to a productive growing season and a bumper harvest!

Brian Clarke, Chairman of Slingsby Allot. Assoc.

20TH ANNUAL DUCK RACE

**2PM SATURDAY 9TH JULY
2011 ON THE SPORTSFIELD**

This year celebrates the *twentieth* anniversary of the Duck Race and to mark the occasion the F.O.S.S. are organising a Family Fun Day. It will be a celebratory event for the whole community with attractions for all ages.

Along with the traditional tombola, raffle and tea tent there will be other fun entertainment; bouncy castles, assault course, go-karts, steam engine, fun bus, face painting, dance shows and a Punch and Judy show.

Currently we only have five active members on the FOSS committee and in order for the event to take place we will be reliant on volunteers. If you would like to help with your time - even for an hour - or you would like further information about Friends of Slingsby School, contact the school or Email us, friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk or join us at our next committee meeting on *Thursday, June 9th* at 6pm. All members of the community are welcome; it is not only for pupils' parents.

Funds raised from this event will, as always, contribute to the activities the children currently enjoy. This is even more crucial as the government funded sports partnership is due to end when this academic year finishes. We are determined that our children will be able to continue with

enjoying the activities we have funded; swimming lessons, panto trip, kite making, circus skills, the purchase of a video camera, Christmas and Halloween parties and a summer trip to The Deep.

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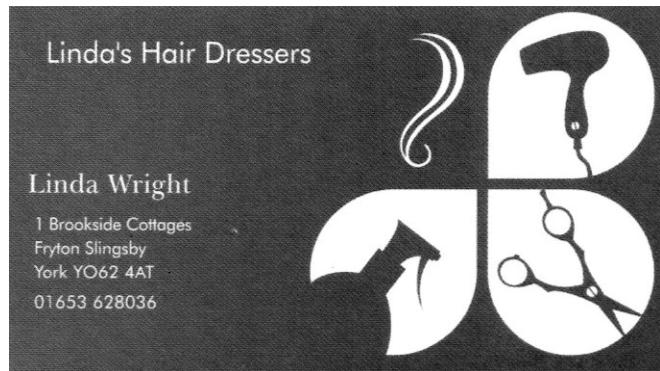
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A Letter from Tilly, the dog, and her doggy friends and enemies.

I want to apologise for the unknown human who did not pick up the poo which one of my dog friends felt obliged to drop just outside the school door, just where the children come and go to the Reading rooms. We can be taught to go in suitable places if our owners take the trouble to teach us, but 'go' we have to. It makes us feel better if we know our poo will be picked up in a plastic bag but only if that bag is then put in one of the many bins around the village. I hate it if I see a full poobag thrown into the hedge bottom - I know that my poo is biodegradable, but the plastic bag will be there for years.

I love living in Slingsby, people are so kind to me and play with me; so here's my message to all dog owners, please clean up after me and put that full bag in the bin.

Tilly

Slingsby ALL Saints Grant Success

As Slingsby's residents, visitors and web-friends will be aware, for the past two years the Church and the PCC (The parochial church council) has been raising funds to restore the Church Tower. This iconic feature of Slingsby's skyline has been under threat of closure since large cracks and rusting ironwork was discovered by the church's fabric advisor, Margaret Mackinder and architect Andrew Boyce (Ferrey and Mennim) two years ago. Fortunately, the church secured the support of English Heritage and the Heritage Lottery Fund, who awarded the church a grant of £55,000 in 2010. This left nearly £45,000 to raise in less than a year...no mean feat for a small village like Slingsby!

However, undaunted the village has really pulled together in supporting fundraising efforts like the car boot sales, concerts, coffee mornings, Gardener's Question Time, Local History and Film weekend. The Local History weekend alone raised over £800 towards the appeal and we were delighted that the parish council recently voted to help fund the digitisation of the Wormald Collection of historic postcards and photographs of Slingsby, which we hope to make available in the future through the web site..watch this space! Groups such as the Sports and Social Club, the Village Hall, the School and the newly-formed Allotment Association have been fantastic supporters of our events. Individuals have also made extremely generous donations, all in very tough times. We are extremely grateful for everyone's support.

Grant success and more information about our donors. One of the factors which has really contributed to us nearly reaching our target has also been the generosity of charitable organisations. In August 2010, we made over 120 applications to a range of charities identified by our English heritage contact, Dav Smith, PCC Treasurer Maurag Carmichael and helpfully assembled into a database by Joy Fisher. To our surprise and delight, several of these, including The Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust, The All Churches Trust, The Earl Fitzwilliam Charitable Trust, The George Martin Trust, the Shepherd Charitable Trust and The Garfield Weston Foundation have given us extremely generous grants and donations towards the Appeal.

The largest grant however, came from the **The National Churches Trust**, one of the leading national independent body concerned with the welfare and protection of Christian places of worship throughout the UK. The Trust helps faith communities maintain and enhance the buildings in their care in practical and innovative ways. It tries to ensure that churches, chapels and meeting houses survive and flourish at the heart of their communities. Rising costs and the practicalities of fundraising are only some of the challenges faced by the volunteers managing these unique and special places. The Trust strives to raise public awareness about the challenges that local communities like our own are facing.

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entirely from voluntary donations and legacies. Now is therefore a particularly good time for anyone who is passionate about churches, chapels and meeting houses to join the NCT or to think about making a donation to it. The Trust receives no financial aid from government or church authorities. You can help by joining as a Friend from as little as £20 per year. The Friends' Scheme is currently being developed. The more people who join, the stronger their voice will be. The NCT is also developing a volunteers programme. If you are interested in giving some time to help them, please contact them directly.

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Slingsby has also been delighted to receive a grant of £3,000 from the Yorkshire Historic Churches Trust (<http://www.yhct.org.uk/>). The YHCT is one of the most active supporters of local church restoration in the area and will be familiar to many through its annual September fundraising church bike ride. As churchwarden Ann Wilson noted, 'For many years cyclists have been welcomed with refreshments at All Saints, and the parish is now extremely grateful to receive the support of the YHCT towards the church tower restoration'.

The generosity of Slingsby supporters means that we have now almost reached our target. As the Rector, Beryl Bowes commented, 'We can hardly believe that we are nearly there. The support of charities like the National Churches Trust and YHCT has not only helped us to achieve this but has given us fresh confidence and inspiration in our fundraising efforts. Moreover, it has helped us put the church building back at the heart of village life and events. This is perhaps the most important legacy in securing the future of All Saints' Slingsby.'

More details about Slingsby's fundraising can be obtained from the PCC Secretary, Dr Kate Giles on 01653 628 739 (kate.giles@york.ac.uk).

Articles about the restoration work will be published regularly in the Village Newsletter 'The Triangle' and on the new village website: www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk

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On the Slingsby Sportsfield.

7.0 am - 2.0 pm.

On May 2nd our first car boot sale was a huge success, with the field full of cars with bulging 'boots' and luckily plenty of eager bargain hunters. People came away with various treasures e.g. a rotavator, plants, pot and pans etc. Over £500 was raised for the football club.

Each car boot sale is run by a different organisation as a means of fund raising – that organisation gets £5 per boot and is allowed to run a tombola (a good money spinner if plenty of prizes are donated). Thanks must go to the stalwart folk who get up at 5.30 am to put the notices and rope off the various areas.

The next car boot sales are as follows

May 30th. for the Allotment Association.

June 12th. for the village hall.

July 24th. for the All Saint's Church, Slingsby.

August 14th. for FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School).

August 29th. for the Bowling Club.

September 11th. weather permitting for the Social Club.

Slingsby Village Hall.

On behalf of the Village Hall committee I would like to thank everyone who baked and supported our coffee morning on the 30th April for the opening of the new kitchen.

I hope everyone enjoyed the demonstration of the scones; even after 30 years in the trade it was still a new and daunting experience for me, actually showing other people how to bake! But with the help of Janet 'my assistant' in the kitchen, we managed not to ruin anything in the new oven and all came out edible!

We made £324.75 for the hall funds.

Trudy Carr (bookings secretary) 628302

Would you like to learn Upholstery or Caning?

A choice of two classes are held at

Wrelton Village Hall every Tuesday

And

Leavening Methodist Schoolroom every Thursday

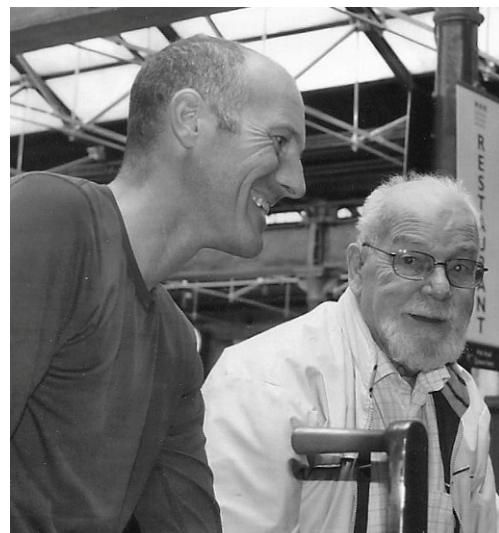
9.30 am to 3.00 pm

This course, which is held in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere, is suitable for complete beginners, and also those wishing to improve their skills.

The cost is £15.00 session.

For more details contact Christine Addley on
01653 658560.

LES BAGLEY



Les with his grandson on his last visit to the National Railway Museum in York.

Les Bagley, who died on the 18th March this year, lived at LesMar, in Railway Street, with Peggy and son Trevor. Les was born in Sheffield on December the 18th in 1927. He worked there firstly as a fireman for LNER and then in the police force until polio affected his health; he then did various jobs until taking the job of warden at the campsite in Railway Street. He and Peggy spent 11 seasons there, moving up from London in an emergency. At first they lived on site in the summer, returning to Sheffield for the winter. However in 1985, Lesmar, formerly Elsie Horner's cottage, became their home but they continued working at the site until Les retired in 1991.

He and Peggy were married in 1947 and had 2 sons, Trevor and the late David. They were married for 63 years and 3 months. Les was an avid railway enthusiast, having fired the Flying Scotsman; both he and Peggy also took an active part in amateur dramatics in Sheffield as they both had lovely voices – Les as a tenor good enough to sing in the choir at Sheffield cathedral.

Always keen campers and caravaners, Les said that the 11 years on site were the best years of his life, surrounded by the friendly people who holidayed there and his friends in the village of Slingsby. *Pat Thompson*

Slingsby Village Website: 3 months old and taking big strides. As most readers will know, our parish website www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk was launched on 1st March. This has been one of the major achievements arising from the Parish Action Plan of 2010.

Since March our website has been telling people far and wide about what Slingsby has to offer (we have several followers in Australia), as well as publicizing the many activities and events going on here (primarily of interest to people in the parish and neighbouring villages).

We have recently added a tourism information section which will include a different local walk each month (courtesy of Geoff Brooks). As well as assisting visitors, this new addition will benefit our accommodation providers and other local businesses.

Our website is being updated at least twice a week with the latest news and events. Some groups are taking full advantage of this, for example the Friends of Slingsby School, the All Saints Tower appeal and the Village Hall. Others have yet to get into the habit of using the website to their advantage. We hope to hear a little more from many other groups and businesses and, not least, the new Parish Council.

The website's viewing figures are building nicely. Here are a few stats:

3440 views in the last 10 weeks

1958 views in April

176 views on 1st May

169 views on 2nd May

Alongside, on Twitter, we have 71 followers. All these numbers will, we hope, encourage local businesses to advertise on the website. In these times of austerity, we on the website team want to do what we can to assist local businesses (especially the smaller ones). However, our information is incomplete – we can't know everything about everyone. To ensure your business appears on the website, visit our Business Directory

(<http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/business-directory/>)

Businesses who contact us will get a free entry in the Directory, and additionally may opt for an advert and more prominent directory entry, this at a charge which represents exceptional value for money. Income from advertising is required to fund the website beyond this first year. We hope everyone will want that.

Finally, if you're not already a "regular", please visit us now and, while you're there, why not let us have your news?

The Website Team

www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk



A big thank you to The Arboretum Trust for their generous donation to The Triangle and also to Maurag Carmicheal for her help.



The Shire Horse Show Peterborough Show Ground. This event is held every year in March. The showground has been extensively updated so that even if the weather is less than perfect it can be enjoyed indoors. Details of a coach trip to this event will be advertised in a later edition of The Triangle.

Frankenstein. The Angus & Ross Theatre Company staged a very clever and imaginative performance at the Village Hall. This was organised by Sandra Dalgleish and David Bland. A great evening!

The Triangle
The closing date for your August edition is
Monday 18th July
Please plan ahead

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