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## Christopher John Wilson

29<sup>th</sup> April 1951 – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2018

Dad was born in the Purey Cust hospital in York, the first child of Kenneth and Daphne Wilson. For the first 3 years of his life, he lived in 'Little house' – a part of the farmhouse at Park House, Easthorpe, then with his father taking the tenancy of Porch Farm from Castle Howard Estate, moved to Slingsby, now with brother David. Dad had a happy childhood, with many pets, though crops and machinery were to be more his forte than livestock in later years.

He went first to school in Slingsby, and made friends soon enough. Robin Carpenter recalled to me before the funeral playing with toy tractors with dad as kids, using sweets brought by Grandma Benson as a load for their trailers, until they'd eaten too many, and the job was done – he was in haulage at an early age! Moving to Malton School he always said he had 'middle of the road brainpower' - what he did have oodles of, was common sense.

During the 70's, dad came home to work full time. Grandpa spent more time on his wagon, leaving dad on the farm. A second truck was acquired for a few years, driven by dad, which no doubt fuelled his desire to one day own his own.

From his teens, dad played a very active part in Amotherby YFC, until his 50's, when he stepped down as club leader –still keeping a keen interest on the advisory committee. He was to become Honorary Life Member at this spring's AGM, a prestigious accolade held only by two others in the club's 73 year history, and was thrilled to be thought of in this way.

It was at Young Farmers that dad met my mum, Ann. After a 3 year courtship, they married on 27<sup>th</sup> July 1975, and after an initial spell as newlyweds living at Wyville Lodge, they moved into Porch farm cottage in time for my arrival in 1976, followed by my sister and brother in 1978 and 1981. It wasn't long after that we moved to 3 Hillcrest, High street.

When the Estate sold Porch Farm yard for building in 1989, we were moved to Brickyard Farm. Dad was in his element – his dream had come true, his own farm.

It was around this time that Bob Smith, on the third time of asking, persuaded dad to join the Parish Council – he remained a councillor for the rest of his

life, holding the chairmanship five times. I shall be proud to follow his legacy, as was his wish. He loved Slingsby.



*Chris Wilson*

It was in 1992 that he bought his first wagon, initially to haul our own produce, driven by dad himself. About a year later, the reduced rate of road tax for this was abolished, and the wagon had to earn its keep. Step forward rookie driver Jonnie Clark – the rest is history. I joined dad full time in 1997. He had the foresight to make me partner in the business in 2004 and encourage the estate to make me joint tenant a few years later, making those last few weeks much easier for all of us.

Dad contracted a rare autoimmune liver disorder in late 2016, and spent time in hospital over the last year or so. During this time, we reiterated some often said words – I always said that I appreciate and respect his opinion 100%, I just don't always agree with it. He always said that there'd be something wrong if I did, because we'd never move forwards. Dad was certainly never afraid of moving forward – he did that all his life, with passion and enthusiasm. He gave many people their first job, and valued his whole team. He appreciated grafters, reliable folk, and honesty. He gave everything his all and expected the same of others. He respected others and was respected by others.

The support that we have been shown recently by everyone is testament to the man that my dad was. He loved working, farming and transport. He loved, and had great pride for his family, his farm and his village, and I'm very proud to be his son.

Rest easy dad

*Andrew Wilson*

## Triangle matters

A huge thank you!

As we have now started our new subscription year for the Triangle, I thought it would be a good time to say a huge thank you to both our advertisers and our distribution team. The newsletter would not be the success it is without the support we have from both groups.

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If you want to submit an article to The Triangle please send it to [thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

Alternatively, if you wish to submit an article to the website please send it to [admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

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### Website Team

As things get busier with updating the website and social media, we are now looking for an extra pair of capable hands to help out with the workload. If you are interested please let us know at:

[admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

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### A bit of fun!

As we're now entering the summer months with warmer weather (or so we hope) and the village comes alive with festivities and fun, I thought "why not throw a bit of fun into this edition of The Triangle" to celebrate.

So, as the annual duck race is imminent, I have hidden 10 ducks (of various sizes) hidden throughout the issue, that look like this



Just make a note of each duck that you find and the page number they appear on and send your answers through to [thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:thetriangle@slingsbyvillage.co.uk). Enjoy!

*Joanna Bradley*

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### Think of Chris when you hear the clock!

After Chris Wilson's funeral it was decided that the collection would be well spent repairing the church clock, which had developed a fault in the electric winding mechanism. The clock is now going again, and striking so next time you hear it you will remember Chris and how much he did for the village over many years as both a Parish Councillor and as Chairman.

*David Thorndley*

## The Triangle and GDPR

### Data Protection fatigue?

In case you are suffering, we'll keep this brief.

Many of you will no doubt have been bombarded by emails about this topic, and we hope some of you have grasped the opportunity to take better control of organisations that have your data.

Following our review here in the Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group we are confident that we comply with the new regulations which came into force on 25<sup>th</sup> May.

We are updating our Privacy Policy, which appears on the website.

If you want to have a look, don't forget the website address is:

[www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk)

### Staying in touch with The Triangle and Slingsby Website

In addition to reading the Triangle and visiting the website, you have two other options. To recap on what we said in the last issue, you can:

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*Jon Boots*

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## **Section 106 Funding: Sports Field and Playing Area – news update!**

### **Resurfacing of the tennis courts**

A grant of £20,000 or 84% of the cost whichever is the lesser had been promised for this project. An appeal was made to Ryedale District Council's Grants Committee for the whole cost of the scheme to be considered, but this was declined and we still faced a shortfall. We are, however, delighted to announce that at its meeting on Sunday May 6<sup>th</sup> the Slingsby Sportsfield Management Committee agreed to fund the shortfall which means the project can now go ahead. Due to the delay since the price for the work was first obtained, the final cost needs to be verified with the contractor and then the order for the work to commence can be given.

### **Renewal of playground equipment**

The grant promised for this project was £20,000 or 75% of the cost, whichever is the lesser. This leaves a shortfall of over £6,000 and, as with the other scheme, an initial attempt to get the Council to reconsider was unsuccessful. However, thanks to assistance from our local Councillor Robert Wainwright and Community Officer Faye Snowden we were able to submit a new application for a Community Grant for an additional £5,000 and this was being considered on 14<sup>th</sup> May. We are optimistic that this could be granted and if ratified by the Council's Policy & Resources Committee on 26<sup>th</sup> July we could be much closer to reaching our target to make this scheme possible.

There are a number of new factors coming into play in respect of this scheme.

As a result of the Bowls Club disbanding, the Sportsfield Committee has suggested that all the playground equipment could be sited on the former bowling green. This would make a much better location being fenced, away from traffic, flatter and much brighter due to its not being shaded by trees as it is in its present position. It also offers more space for future playground expansion. The former bowls pavilion is also available and we are looking

to put that to use as well. These proposals will need to be referred to Castle Howard (the landlord of the field) and Historic England to ensure there are no objections but none are anticipated.

Then, if our new grant application is successful, in order to take this project forward we are intending to hold a public meeting in July. This meeting would enable villagers to give their views on the type and layout of playground equipment wanted, and to seek help from people who would be interested in taking this scheme forward over the next few years.

We are excited at the potential this scheme has for the village and its children and we hope when the meeting is arranged there will be a good response.

*Geoff Bishop, Kate Giles, Geoff Brooks*

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### **Parish Council Snippet:**

#### **Planning Applications**

##### **2 East View, Railway Street, Slingsby, YO62 4AJ**

The Parish Council has received an application for the erection of single storey rear extension following demolition of existing outbuildings.

##### **Beech Tree House, South Holme, Slingsby, Malton YO62 4BA**

The Parish Council has received an application for the erection of an agricultural poultry rearing building with feed bins and area of hardstanding following the demolition of existing agricultural buildings.

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### **Anyone for Tennis?**

Would anyone like to join a group of seniors for mixed doubles at Hovingham tennis court on Tuesday mornings from 9am to 10am. Even if you haven't played for a while and feel a bit rusty, you would be very welcome to join us.

If you are interested contact either Shelagh on 638363 or Sue on 638364 or alternatively just turn up and give it a try.

*Shelagh Richards*

**Paul and Rachel Hogarth:**  
**The Great North Run Fundraiser**

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September Paul and Rachel Hogarth of Byways, The Green will be running The Great North Run to raise money for the Alzheimers Society. This is a charity that is very close to their hearts as they have both had family and friends affected by the condition.

They are hoping to raise a combined total of £800 for this wonderful charity which does such fantastic work for people who have been affected by this condition.

Rachel, who has lived in Slingsby all of her life, has been inspired to take up running having watched her son Tom Nesfield run The Great North Run last year as well as being motivated by his efforts raising £2192.16 for the Alzheimers Society when he did a bike ride from London to Paris in 2016.

Donations to this excellent cause can be made through either Rachel or Paul's just giving pages:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rachelhogarth>

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/paulhogarth2018>

Alternatively, if you wish to make cash donations you can do so to Byways, The Green, Slingsby.

In addition to the just giving pages Rachel and Paul will also be running a tombola at each of the car boot sales in the Sports Club Field this year so please feel free to support them there (donations of prizes for the tombolas would also be very much appreciated). If you require any further information please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Rachel or Paul on 01653 628219.

Alternatively you can speak with Rachel's parents Pat and Dave Calvert who will be happy to tell you how proud they are. Every pound donated will make a massive difference to the lives of patients affected by Alzheimer's and will give Rachel and Paul that little extra motivation to complete the run.

*Paul and Rachel Hogarth*



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Please see our events calendar online for what's going on in 2018  
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**Macmillan Cancer Support Event:  
 "Ride of Their Lives Event"**

Jill Boak is riding in a charity horse race on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at York Racecourse to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support in memory of her father, the late Mark Birch. Sadly, Mark, who lived in Slingsby for more than 30 years and was the 7 times top Northern Jockey, lost his battle to lung cancer in 2016.

If you would like to contribute to Jill's fundraising or would like further information about the event, please visit her JustGiving page here:

[www.just-giving.com/fundraising/Jill-boak](http://www.just-giving.com/fundraising/Jill-boak).

Thank you!

*Jill Boak*

## Stephen's Farming Column

### THE POTATO WARS

We are having a very up and down sort of a spring this year. A couple of weeks ago we were basking in glorious sunshine and temperatures in the upper 20's which was a great relief after the very wintry weather of February. Now we are back to more normal April weather with cold winds and plenty of showers. Quite a lot of spring work has been done and farmers are now busy with potato planting.



Potatoes are a very important crop in Ryedale with several local farmers growing large acreages of them. In my early days of farming growing 20 acres of potatoes was a big undertaking and involved a lot of hard work much of it by hand.

To plant the potatoes a shallow channel was cut across the field with a single row ridger, usually pulled by a horse. This was followed by a gang of people, usually women, who each had a basket of seed potatoes and they walked alongside the furrow dropping a seed potato every 12 to 14 inches then the horse drawn plough would plough soil back over the potatoes to cover them up. The first mechanical planter was a very simple machine where two people sat on the back of the ridger /planter dropping potatoes down a chute. Spacing of the seed was controlled by a wheel at the back which operated a bell and every time the bell rang you dropped a potato. When it came to harvest time the potatoes were spun out onto the ground and then a gang of people came along with their potato baskets filling the baskets with potatoes which were then tipped onto a trailer nearby before being led off to a "pie" either in the field or back at the farm.

Nowadays potato growing is a much more specialised operation with many farmers growing upwards of 300 acres and every operation is highly mechanised. Potatoes are grown for 3 main markets, french fries (chips), potato crisps or pre-pack potatoes for the grocer and supermarket. McCain's have a very big factory at Scarborough producing French Fries (chips) and they specify what variety of potatoes they want and they offer contracts to supply a certain tonnage at a fixed price. They supply McDonalds and demand very high quality potatoes. The main potato crisp companies round here are Walkers and Seabrook and again they have specific varieties that are best for crisps and they offer contracts for a set tonnage of potatoes at a contract price. Potato growing can be a very satisfying experience when everything goes well and you finish up with a good crop of high quality potatoes, however great care must be taken to control weeds and disease especially the dreaded potato blight otherwise the crop can be a disaster. Let's hope this year is a good one!

*Stephen Prest*

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### Oil consortium – 2018 order dates

Joining the Oil Consortium is free and as all the existing 75 members will say, they are saving significant amounts of money a year by buying oil in this way.

If you would like to know more about the consortium or to place an order, please contact Geoff Bishop:

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Delivery period 2nd week of	Last order date
June	1 <sup>st</sup> June
September	1 <sup>st</sup> September
November	1 <sup>st</sup> Nov
December	1 <sup>st</sup> Dec

*Geoff Bishop*



## Slingsby Methodist Chapel News

### DIARY DATES:

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> June** - Tea Spot in the Chapel Schoolroom, 10am–11.30am

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June** – Second Sunday Club in the Chapel Schoolroom, 5pm – 6.30pm

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June** - Fellowship Group at the Methodist Chapel Schoolroom, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June** - Soupa lunch in the Methodist Schoolroom, 12noon

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June** – An hour of prayer in the Chapel Schoolroom, 7.30pm

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – Chapel Anniversary service at 10.30am led by Rev John Manchester

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - Tea Spot in the Chapel Schoolroom, 10am – 11.30am

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – Circuit Quiet Day at Stanbrook Abbey, Wass

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> July** – Second Sunday Club in the Chapel Schoolroom, 5pm – 6.30pm

**Please note that there will be no Soupa Lunch in July and no Tea Spot during August.**

We had a really good celebration at Easter with a good crowd enjoying Easter breakfast on the Sunday morning followed on with a wonderful service remembering the glorious resurrection of Jesus afterwards. The service was led by Rev Tania Brosnan.

This year marks the 181<sup>st</sup> Chapel Anniversary and we are celebrating this on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June at 10.30am when the Rev John Manchester is coming to lead the service. This will be followed by a Sunday lunch at Stephen & Rachel's at The Old Fold in Railway Street, Slingsby.

The United Open Air service on the village green is on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> August at 10.30am. For the last couple of years we have been fortunate with the weather and had really fine & warm days.

It is always a lively service with plenty of singing and some drama. Do come and join us.



*The Easter Cross outside the Methodist Chapel*

*Stephen Prest*



### Slingsby Baby & Toddler Group update

Despite some encouraging initial enthusiasm, numbers attending the group regularly have been very small and we have sadly made the decision to stop meeting as from 18<sup>th</sup> May. It has been lovely to meet so many parents and children over the last 5 months.

The toys are still here, as is the lovely room, so if anyone senses a need for a group in the future please do get in touch with someone from Chapel.

*Louise Hayes*

### 90 not out!

I would like to thank all friends and neighbours in Slingsby and district who sent me their good wishes and cards on the occasion of my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday in early April.

*Philip Roberts*

## Betty's Diary

Like everyone else I am heartily sick of the long wet winter we have endured. Mind you, I did enjoy having a good gallop round my field in the snow, I really got quite excited. I haven't been out riding very much, I don't think my boss Rachel likes the cold weather, and she certainly doesn't like the snow and rain. When we have gone out there is usually another lady comes along and they talk and talk and talk. In fact they are so busy talking all I am allowed to do is plod slowly along, usually on the old railway track or if I am very lucky I might be allowed a bit of a trot. It really is so boring!!!



Over Easter things got very much better, the weather improved for one thing but then lots of children appeared on the scene and they really seemed to like me so I was able to give them all rides round the farm yard. Joseph (7) was a bit hesitant at first but I soon put him at ease. The girls all loved having rides, Abigail (6), Isobel (3), Grace & Chloe (5) and even Lois who is only 2 just loved my rides.

I will no doubt see some of you soon as you walk along the footpath. By the way Polo's are my favourite mints!

*Betty*

## Village Hall News

### Village Hall Bookings

If you are interested in booking the hall or have an enquiry about facilities, please contact Trudy Carr (Hall Secretary) on 01653 628302 or e-mail [mowbray.rise@gmail.com](mailto:mowbray.rise@gmail.com)

### VILLAGE HALL HIRE RATES

- Main hall: £10 per hour
- Committee room: £5 per hour
- Kitchen (including cooker): £10 (one-off charge)

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### St Patrick's Day Celebration

St Patrick was celebrated in The Village Hall on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Local and not so local people (Scarborough, Hartlepool) filled the hall. Local band Malarkey and friends from The Fine Companions provided the music and a supper of soda bread, ham and pickles, followed by apple cake and cream was served up at the interval.

£100 was donated from the raffle, in aid of Epilepsy Action which was a brilliant achievement!

A huge thank you to all who helped, especially Gill Morrow, Linda, Dave and Lon Wright and Peter and Ruth Shepherd and Brenda Stott and everyone who helped with the set up and cleaning up.



*Paddy and Gill Morrow*



## Geoff's Walk for Summer

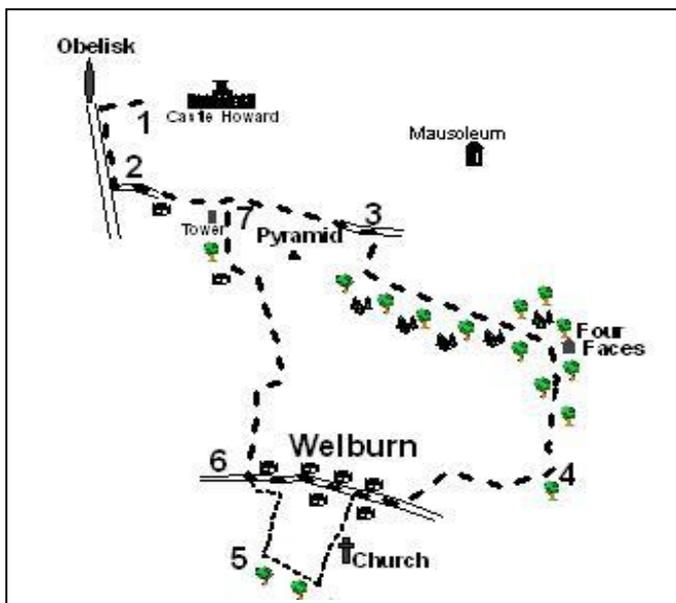
Castle Howard, Four Faces Monument, Welburn

As well as passing through the open estate west of Castle Howard, this walk includes a path through a beautiful section of woodland in which is sited the Four Faces monument. The walk continues to the lovely village of Welburn, with an option for a short detour to some panoramic views, before the climb via the mock fortifications back to the start point.

Castle Howard is just 3 miles from Slingsby. From the crossroads at the top of the village take the road to York and turn left at the obelisk into the car park there.

**Start** — Castle Howard Main Car Park

**Distance** – 4¾ miles    **Duration** – 2 -2½ hours  
 With extension 5¼ miles add    20 –30 mins



1. Turn left out of the car park staying on the wide left-hand verge beside the mature trees heading in the direction of the Gatehouse with the central archway over the road.
2. Just before reaching the gatehouse, turn left down the waymarked tarmacked lane. After passing houses on your right, the lane can be seen winding downhill. Stay on it past the first waymark sign, with good views of the Pyramid, Mausoleum and Castle to arrive at the second waymark which is a four fingered post.
3. Turn right up the track signposted 'Welburn' and enter the wood through a gate. Turn sharp left and

take the left hand of the two paths through the wood. The path runs parallel to the field on the left (the wood is full of wild flowers in the spring) before passing deeper into the wood. As the path bends quite sharply to the right, go some 20 yards to the left to reach the Four Faces. Return to the path and continue steadily downhill to pass through the valley bottom. Keep straight ahead at the waymark then rise, passing out of the wood, now with a hedge on your left to reach the next waymark near a solitary oak tree.

4. Turn right on the path marked 'Welburn' passing through fields and arriving at the roadside. (From here you can have a leisurely walk through Welburn village by turning right on the footpath passing through the village, with the pub on the right arriving at a waymark post on the right at the far end of the village (Point 6 of the walk).

OR To take the slightly longer route and get fine views of the Castle Howard estate from above the village, after turning right a little further on cross the road and go up Church Lane. Pass to the right of the picturesque church and continue climbing to reach a track at the top near some impressive gate posts. Turn right along the track with the wide views to the right.

5. About 250 yards along by the side of a wood with a waymark post on the left, turn right again to cross a field on an unmarked but clear path. Continue the descent towards the village school then turn left at the waymark along a narrow lane that bends right to emerge at the road at the western end of Welburn. Cross the road to the waymark signpost for Castle Howard.
6. Turn right on the track which passes through a contractor's yard, levels out then bends right at the end of the hedge and 150 yards ahead you reach a waymark signpost. Turn left across the field then after bending slightly to the right turn left through a gate into other fields. Your next target of the battlements' tower becomes visible. Follow the waymarks through the fields, pass to the right of the farm outbuildings, through the gate by the trees and make the short steep climb up the hill past the tower and arrive at a road.
7. Turn left and walk back to the Gatehouse, then turn right to the Obelisk and back to the car park.

## May Weekend in Slingsby 2018: 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> May

The sun shone all weekend as people wandered around the village admiring and naming all the scarecrows which appeared in so many gardens, around the green, and outside the school – I counted 34. This trail was organised by the Friends of Slingsby School who also ran a pop-up café and sale of pre-loved children's clothes in the Methodist school-room. These were open all day Saturday and most of Sunday.

On Monday The Green was covered with gazebos, the ribbons were up on the maypole, and the cones were out to stop inconsiderate parking. At 11am the Swinton Brass Band - the training section – started the day's activities while the children of Slingsby school gathered. They danced around the maypole, in the heat, without missing a beat, and made a wonderful sight in their bright costumes and white pinnies. The younger children followed with their dances, learned in their PE lessons and finally all the children danced together. They were followed by the Minster Stray Morris dancers with their bells and sticks – after their display they disappeared to teach some children more dances while the Charity Brass Band struck up and played toe-tapping music. The Minster Strays and some volunteers then returned with their 'hat' dance – they must have been so hot in all their ribbons and gaiters.



The afternoon was rounded off with rousing music from the Charity Brass Band playing 'When the saints'. The raffle prizes for which had been kindly donated by local businesses, was drawn at 3pm.

While all this was going on there was tea served in the Methodist schoolroom, an exhibition of old Slingsby in the chapel, tombola, various stalls around the green and more in the village hall. The ice-cream van had a very profitable day.

Thanks to the many helpers who appeared on the day, the hard work of preparing and putting away the equipment was much easier; more hands made lighter work of the teas in the village hall; and now all is stowed away ready for next year. The weather was kind to us all – a little cooler would have helped the dancers circle the maypole more energetically. The gazebos gave us shade this year instead of sheltering everyone from wind or rain.

This Slingsby tradition must and will continue – the children are already talking of their plans for 2019. We have had to make changes, the numbers of people coming along to watch the dancing vary, health and safety play a role but our main aim remains – to provide colourful entertainment in the traditional way on the first Monday in May to celebrate the end of winter and the new life of spring.

We will publish our financial statement after first presenting it to all our helpers at our feedback session which has yet to be planned.

Our next fund-raising event for the Maypole Fund will be a visit by the Ukulele Band, of Thornton-le-Dale, led by John Scoble, in Slingsby village hall on Saturday October 13<sup>th</sup> 2018 at 7.30pm. Please put this date in your diary.

*Pat Thompson*

## Scarecrow Weekend, May Bank Holiday Weekend

The sun was shining on the May Bank Holiday weekend and there were a great number of entries for the scarecrow trail around the village!

My parents and I took my boys, Henry and Rex, for a wander round the village following the scarecrow trail that was organized by FOSS. The first official stop was at the Methodist Chapel schoolroom to collect our trail form from Mrs Smurthwaite and her team of helpers.



Henry was very excited to show us the scarecrows that were made by Class 1, Harry O'Hay and Betty O'Barley, the main characters from the Julia Donaldson story "The Scarecrow's Wedding", who were still standing proud in the sunshine (photo above). There were some brilliant creations around the village and what was even nicer to see, was how many people, both villagers and those from outside the village, were admiring them and getting involved.

*Joanna Bradley*

## All Saints - May Day

A huge thank you to everyone who so generously donated cakes and savouries for the teas on May Day.

The range of lovely food - scrumptious cakes and tantalizing savouries get more delicious every year. We were lucky enough to get a huge number of edible donations and everything was consumed with great enthusiasm.

Thank you everyone!

*Mawrag Charmichael.*



## Annual Slingsby Duck Race

The annual Slingsby Community Primary School's Duck Race, now in its 27<sup>th</sup> year, will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July from 11am to 3pm in the Sports Field located adjacent to the village church. The usual family fun such as an inflatable slide, face painting, bouncy castle, hook-a-duck, tombola and raffle with refreshments including a BBQ is available throughout the day. Entry is free.

It is a wonderful day out for families of all ages and is organised by the Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS) to raise money to benefit the children of the school. Ducks can be bought on the day, or prior to the event at various locations including Hovingham Market on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July, or direct from the school. Ducks will be released into Slingsby beck at 2pm and prizes will be awarded to the first three ducks to cross the line and there will be a special prize for the duck that comes last!

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*Sonja Sedran*

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We later visited the shop and then in total silence witnessed Complin, which is a sung service where all of the twenty one sisters attended, being the last service of their day. We then quietly left after a very interesting visit spoilt only by having to drive home in unbelievably thick fog.

At the evening meeting in May, Jill Smith of Binnington Blooms visited with her beautiful home grown flowers. She is a member of a group of farmers wives, country wide, producing home grown flowers for sale to shops and personal customers. Because they are grown locally, rather than being imported, they have a much stronger perfume and are ideal for wedding arrangements and parties etc. As she talked about the variety of flowers she had brought she arranged them into two bunches which were then raffled.

The next meeting in Slingsby Methodist schoolroom will be on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July at 7.15pm when the talk entitled Wet Wheels will be about a charity which enables wheelchair bound people to go sailing.

*Shelagh Richards*

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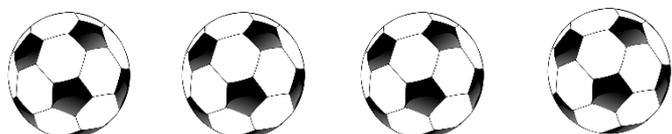
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## Slingsby Football Club!

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For football club enquiries, please contact Glynn on 07774 241062.



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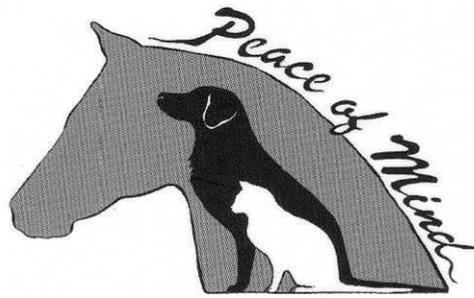
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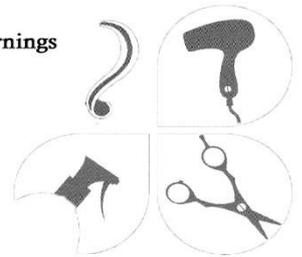
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## Slingsby Reading Room



*The Reading Room (on the right) taken in 1864. This early photograph is easy to date because of the erection of the new Maypole, dates for which are well documented..*

Many newcomers to the village will naturally assume that the building to the right of the school is actually part of the school. Indeed it is being used by the school now, being the kitchen and a classroom, but it wasn't always like that. It is actually called The Reading Room and it was built initially for that very purpose..

A report in the Yorkshire Gazette from 1852 states that the Earl of Carlisle had 'called attention to the valuable advantages which had resulted from *Itinerating* Village Libraries established more than 20 years ago in Scotland and more recently in northern counties'.

Lord Carlisle offered a liberal donation towards forming such an *Itinerating* Library, together with an annual subscription. His lordship's offer was kindly accepted and it was to be called Castle Howard United Villages *Itinerating* Library, or CHUVIL from here onwards.

CHUVIL commenced on 1<sup>st</sup> January 1853 and Slingsby joined that very day, closely followed by Terrington, Welburn, Coneysthorpe, Bulmer, Coxwold, Nunnington and Bagby. The 7<sup>th</sup> Earl offered suitable places in his villages for reading and newsrooms. Village Reading Rooms offered newspapers, a few books, a warm fireplace and a place to go other than the pub or chapel, all usually managed by the villagers themselves.

In 1853 there were 325 subscribers to CHUVIL, 'including many females'! The library consisted of 500 volumes which included 'biographical, historical, scientific imaginative and works of a useful and instructive kind. No immoral books are admitted and, in the choice of books, all party spirit, whether religious or political is avoided'.

Closely associated with CHUVIL were lectures, delivered occasionally to members in the villages where they lived. Slingsby hosted some of these and the following Gazette account appeared in June 1854,

being written in what we would say now was a patronising style!

‘One of the most important features of the institution was the lectures delivered from time to time. Labouring men employed in outdoor work, in reading a book for any length of time, generally become dull and sleepy and to relieve this drawback to their advancement in the social scale, lectures on several subjects are delivered to them in a plain and popular style by which they learn as much in an hour as they almost would in a week by reading. Hear Hear!’. Subjects sound a little dull by present standards but included ‘The Sultan and The Czar’, ‘Agricultural Chemistry’, ‘Five Years in a French Prison’ and ‘History of The English Bible’.

CHUVIL Annual Soirees began on Whit Monday 1853, when matters concerning the libraries were discussed. Mr John Harper’s large barn was suitably decorated with evergreens, flags and mottos. Afternoon Tea for about 420 people was provided by the ladies of Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme, and Bulmer Band provided the entertainment, ending with God Save The Queen.

Unfortunately no documentation or plans about Slingsby’s Reading Room have been found to date. It is thought that it was built in 1855/6 because a Gazette article of 13<sup>th</sup> July 1856 states that ‘Welburn, Rillington and Slingsby have opened newsrooms in connection with the library’. It goes on to list the 15 newspapers and periodicals which are kept. By 1864, when the new Maypole was erected, Slingsby Reading Room was well established.

The Reading Room in Slingsby continued to be supported by the Earls of Carlisle and family into the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Some highlights found at the time of Rosalind, the 9<sup>th</sup> Countess are:

January 1908: Lady Carlisle disapproves of the magazine ‘The Graphic’ and it was decided, subject to her approval, that it be replaced by Fry’s Magazine, The Wide Wide World, Review of Reviews and The Strand – the cost being equivalent to The Graphic!

February 1917: A letter informing Lady Carlisle that at the AGM ‘the best thanks be accorded to Lady Carlisle for the supply of certain papers during the past year and also for her continuing generosity in providing such suitable premises as a Reading Room’. There was also a plea for further funds due to a current deficit of

members (caused by the numbers of members in the Armed Forces and consequently away from home fighting in WWI).

Games such as bagatelle, ping-pong, chess, darts and cards were played. Billiards and snooker were played in the larger of the two rooms, with the accounts for 1901, 1902 and 1909 showing expenses incurred for ‘re-covering of the table and other requisites’. There were actually two tables, one full sized and one  $\frac{3}{4}$  sized. In the 1960’s players had to put a ‘tanner’ (six old pennies) in the machine to turn on the table lights for 30 minutes. Billiards and snooker were very popular, so much that players had to go along at lunchtime to get their names on the board for a game that evening. Slingsby Billiards Team played in various leagues. There were three trophies known to exist. The Dossier Billiards Trophy, currently in the possession of Joyce Hodgson for safe keeping, one by J.W.Baker and finally one given by Noel Hood and Raymond Clifford. Members generally had their own cues and Tom Hodgson, Tony’s father, who lived at Banchory Cottage would re-tip members’ cues. He also supplied the wood for the stove. George Wentworth and his cousin, Michael used to attend the room at lunchtime to light the pot-bellied stove to warm the place up a bit!

By the 1970’s the club’s popularity had waned to about 10 members, just enough to field a team. Gradually numbers declined even further, probably due to the influence of television, and the Club ceased in the 1990’s, when The Reading Room became used by the school.

In 2016 this Grade 2 listed building, owned by Castle Howard is used by the school as a classroom, sports hall and canteen. it has been leaking badly for a long time due to flaking mortar/stones which have allowed the weather to create holes and cracks.

After years of sub-standard ‘patching up’, the Reading Room now has a new roof and all the old mortar has been gauged out by the hands of skilled workmen and replaced by a significant number of new stones and special lime mortar mix. This not only makes the building look good again but will now keep it waterproof much to the delight of teachers and children!

*With thanks to Slingsby Local History Group*

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## Slingsby Local History Group Forthcoming events...

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> June. 7pm** at Slingsby Village Hall, main hall. *Slingsby Castle and its landscape*.

Steve Moorhouse, an expert in the interpretation of historic landscapes, will give an illustrated lecture on *Slingsby Castle and its landscape*. (Please note the earlier time). Entrance £3.

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July. 7.30pm** in the Village Hall committee room.

An update from Chris Churches and David Thornley on research they have done respectively on the Ward Family and Arthur Sinclair Brooke. The Ward family were about in the 18<sup>th</sup> century and owned Slingsby Hall. Chris has fascinating stories to tell about them, which also dispel some myths. Brooke was a very popular rector, who also wrote *Slingsby and Slingsby Castle*, accurately researched in the late Victorian period, but still very informative and relevant today.

Local History meetings are open to all. Unless otherwise stated, a minimum charge of £1 is made for each meeting to cover the cost, where necessary for room hire. If you wish to receive regular news of meetings by email, please sign-up to do so at any meeting. We have a break in August.

*Margaret Mackinder*

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### Slingsby Village Trail

Following requests, the Local History Group is reprinting the illustrated Village Trail which proved to be very popular last year. All 500 copies disappeared rapidly!

It will be available from the end of May, at the latest. As this year there is no grant to fund the printing this time, a £1 per copy will be charged. This will enable the group to make a small profit towards the goal of buying a secure archive cabinet to store local history information in the church for current and future generations of local residents to use.

The trail will be available from the Village Shop and on the caravan sites.

*Margaret Mackinder*

## Slingsby Stars at Malton Museum

Slingsby Local History group has, as planned, helped Malton Museum with its current *Malton goes to Market* exhibition.

Maurag Carmichael and Margaret Mackinder have recorded interviews of peoples' memories of shops and the market in Malton. These have now been edited and maybe heard at Malton Museum in Yorkersgate. Slingsby contributors are Maurice Woollons, Freda Ware and Stephen and David Prest. They are great interviews and definitely worth a listen. If you have memories you would like to contribute, please let us know.

The Museum is open at the moment from Thursday to Saturday, 10am until 4pm up to mid-October. Entry is free, but donations are welcome. Please do go along and have a listen to the interviews! The Market project will end after this season and a completely new exhibition is planned for 2019, so don't miss this one.

*Margaret Mackinder*

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### Flora invited to Buckingham Palace Garden Party

Many people in Slingsby know Flora Dixon, who lives on the lower corner of The Balk and always has a lovely garden. Not many people know that she has been a voluntary worker at Next Steps Mental Health Charity at Norton at least once, and often twice a week for almost 20 years. When she's there she cooks meals, makes drinks and often just listens to people's problems. She says she loves it! Details of the charity can be found at [nextstepsryedale.co.uk](http://nextstepsryedale.co.uk)

Anyway, now it's time for Flora to enjoy herself in return. She has been invited to attend The Queen's Garden Party at Buckingham Palace on May 31<sup>st</sup>. She already has her posh frock and hat and we'll be doing a full report for the next issue of The Triangle, hopefully with a picture.

Flora we hope you enjoy your day – you've certainly earned it!

*David Thornley*



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•If you're not sure who is at your door, don't open it! Follow the Lock, Stop, Chain and Check advice.

•Telephone a neighbour or friend nearby to come along and check out the caller before you open the door to them.

•Many utility service providers like gas, electricity and water, provide password schemes or hotline numbers for customers to call so you can check the identity of callers before opening the door. Speak to your utility provider for more details and set up a password today.

•Don't keep large quantities of cash at home; put it in the bank or post office where it is safe.

•Keep doors locked and windows secure at all times, even when you're at home. Always keep your door chain on.

•If somebody asks for your help, needs to make a telephone call, needs a drink or requests a pen and paper for example, assist them through a closed door, or call a friend or neighbour to come and assist.

# Fryton Catering



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### **The Nunnington Coffee House**



**A warm welcome awaits from Jenny & Kristina.**

## News from The Grapes

### Dates for the diary

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – Music Night at 8pm

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> June – Quiz Night at 8pm

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July – Music Night at 8pm

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Quiz Night at 8pm

The Pizzeria is also open for business at The Grapes every Sunday from 4pm until 8pm!



### Job Vacancy!!

Pizzaiolo or Pizzaiola

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual who can be trained to make to true Neapolitan pizza, a skill you will love and never forget!

**Hours:** at least 40 hours a week are available

Good pay!

Do you know someone or would you be interested?

Please contact Leigh or Catharine if you're interested on 01653 628076.

*Leigh and Catharine Spooner*

## Ryedale Festival in Slingsby

Among the many Festival concerts and talks being organised the length and breadth of Ryedale, the highlight for us in Slingsby is the coffee concert on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 11am in All Saints' church. Rising star Tamsin Waley-Cohen and her long-standing accompanist Huw Watkins will give a concert of music for violin and piano by Beethoven and Prokofiev.



*Tamsin Waley-Cohen*

Further afield, the major Festival event is a concert at Scarborough Spa on 21<sup>st</sup> July at 7.30pm, when the Orchestra of Opera North perform a programme including popular symphonies by Beethoven and Brahms.

For full details of all events, and how to book, go to the Festival website:

<http://www.ryedalefestival.com/>

Tickets may be bought from the Box Office on 01751 475777.

The printed Festival brochure is available from Tony's shop.

*Jon Boots*

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### Fryton Litter Pick

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> May a group of Fryton Villagers walked around the village and surrounding area including the B1257 picking up litter.

Instigated by Keith Thomas and Astrid Buergers, the villagers met at 10am and collected a total of 29kg of rubbish, including a horse blanket and a 25 litre plastic fuel can. Keith and Astrid thanked everyone back at their house with homemade cakes and beverages, a great way to spend a Sunday morning.

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## Slingsby Community Primary School News

### **The official opening of the Old School House extension**

It was indeed a joyous and deeply meaningful occasion when the Honourable Nicholas Howard, representing Castle Howard who own the school, cut the tape and officially opened the new Slingsby Community Primary School extension on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Local officials included Kevin Hollingrake, MP; Matthew Kettlewell representing North Yorkshire County Council; Cllr Robert Wainwright of the local District Council; Stone and Associates, the architects; the builder and many others, including parents and the Friends of Slingsby School all of whom have played a significant part in enabling this much needed facility to happen.

In the last five years, under the outstanding leadership of the Head Teacher Georgie Metcalfe, the number of children at the School has doubled and tribute must also be paid to the excellent teaching staff who have given so much in difficult and cramped conditions. The new extension, in which there is a new classroom, is a reward for much patience, tenacity and perseverance when at times austerity looked as if it would win because there was no spare money at County Hall.

Slingsby has to be proud of its excellent School, which integrates wholeheartedly with the Community, and is often the reason for people moving to live in or near the village.

Thank you to all who are involved with the School. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated.

*Sophie Wigby-Ashurst*  
*Chair of Governors*

