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8th May 2020 - The Lonely Maypole...

Mayday 2020 brought a beautiful day and a very quiet village. Pat Thompson and Christine Conyers put up the small Maypole for us all to enjoy as part of our daily walk. Some homes had scarecrows outside (as this would have been our scarecrow weekend too), Union Jacks to commemorate VE day, and rainbow tributes for our NHS and carers. Pictured also is winning entry from the School's online scarecrow competition – 'Thank you Baked Potato'.



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Mayday
2021 –
3rd May



Triangle Subs

We have again decided to delay collecting this year's £6 subs for the Triangle. The safety of our distributors and our readers is foremost in our thoughts and we hope that you understand that this is a necessary step.

We will review the situation at the time of the next issue and assess the safety risk to all concerned. So, keep your subs handy in case we are able to collect in August.

We will return to an April renewal date in 2021 once everything is hopefully back to normal. Thank you to everyone for bearing with us during this uncertain time and I would also like to say a special thank you to all of our distributors who are out and about delivering the newsletter.

Jo Breckon, Distribution Manager

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Thank you

Paul, Helen, Julia and Robert would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their cards and kind messages of sympathy on the sad loss of their Mum (Kathleen Lange) in April. They were much appreciated. See obituary on page 17.

Pink Pages

Our usual Pink pages of forthcoming dates to remember is not included as nothing is certain in the next couple of months. Instead, as part of VE day remembrance transcripts of letters from a soldier to the Hardwick family at Wyville Farm are included on the Pink pages.

Hugs

Slingsby resident, Nancy Coates has passed a rather lovely rhyme to the Triangle called 'I Like Hugs'. We are all short of hugs at the moment so let's relish the ones we can have and look forward to more in future as lockdown relaxes. Here's an extract:

"It's wondrous what a hug can do,
A hug can cheer you when you're blue
A hug can say, 'I love you so'
Or, 'I hate to see you go'
A hug is 'Welcome back again!'
And, 'Great to see you' or
'Where've you been?'
A hug can soothe a small child's pain
And bring a rainbow after rain."

The Triangle team sends very best wishes to Nancy and husband, Michael, who during a stay in hospital after a fall caught Covid-19. We hope he will soon be back safe in Slingsby – and send them both a hug.

See Nancy's pretty garden pictured on page 24

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Poetry for spring

It is a beautiful day in Slingsby, I can hear the birds singing and the engines of the car.

Going for a walk in the sunshine mum and me I'm not sure how far.

I can see the spring flowers on the village green,
When seeing a butterfly flutter by I wonder where it's been.

The paths and roads are very quiet as we walk past,
it's a strange time while it's lasts.

Horse grazing in the field, as we pass by,
want to give them a sweet to crunch but they seem a little shy.

Corn is growing all around as far as I can see,
Pretty blossom, hedges tall, both higher than me.

Bees are buzzing, birds are tweeting what a lovely sound,
Pretty, blue forget-me-nots growing above the ground.

by **Poppy Wass** aged 9½

Poppy lives in Porch Farm Close and goes to Slingsby School. Her mum says she enjoys baking gluten free cakes and buns, loves pandas and dogs, riding her bike and going for walks. Thank you Poppy!

Slingsby Ladies Group

To all our members, we hope that you are keeping well and safe at this difficult time. Please get in touch if you need any help. We are looking forward to our next meeting with you all. In the meantime, let's hope the weather stays kind for gardening and walking locally. We shall no doubt be sporting golden tans when we meet again, hopefully in September as planned.

Liz Senior

Car Boot Sales 2020 – Update

A message from Paul Hogarth the chairman of Slingsby Sports and Social Club.

Normally this would be the time of the year when we would be publishing details of the car boot sale dates for the year. Unfortunately, as we all know, these are not normal times and we currently do not have plans for any car boot sales at the moment. Should circumstances change we will update our plans but at the moment it is paramount that we all follow the guidance.

Stay Alert, Control the Virus, Save Lives

Paul Hogarth

Produce and Pumpkin Show 2020

The Annual Slingsby Produce and Pumpkin Show is due to be held on Saturday 12th September, however at this time due to the coronavirus epidemic we do not know if it will be able to go ahead. We would very much like it to happen as it would be one of the very few village activities to take place this year and would be a real sign of hope and encouragement for the future. We await further Government guidelines and, in the meantime – KEEP GROWING AND KEEP GARDENING – as show or no show it will do you good!



Photo shows weighing pumpkins – approx. 2005

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Lockdown stories from our Readers

A personal view from Fryton during the lockdown

Fryton is a small place and usually fairly quiet. Our two farms are going about their business and the rest of us are heading off to work and school during the week or enjoying being at home with children or enjoying retirement. During lockdown things don't appear much different on the surface but they definitely are for many us. Personally, my wife and I have been working at home on laptops for seven weeks with our daughter being on furlough from her retail management post. Her taking part in twice weekly online quizzes with her friends and work colleagues have become a regular thing. Our son is away at Cambridge University still doing academic work and we hope he stays safe and we will see him sometime. Thank goodness for being able to see and talk to each other on WhatsApp video. I have also not seen my 95 year old mother who lives in Malton since seeing her at a distance on Mothers' Day.

Some neighbours are working from home or going to work where they cannot do this. What we do miss with the neighbours is the social life such as catching the bus into Malton on a Saturday afternoon for drinks and something to eat, or going to them on a nice afternoon or evening for drinks and a good laugh. Significant birthday celebrations in Fryton have had to be put on hold and we hope this is only temporary and will happen. We do keep in touch through Facebook and Messenger with neighbours (and over the fence) and have some jokes or say when people have supermarket deliveries coming or people are going for the weekly big shop and we can then get each other things we need. Even though I am now at home all the time the number of supermarket delivery vans does seem to have increased.

To get a break during lockdown we have been doing many more walks than normal with one most days, so I am definitely getting more exercise than usual. Being from farming families it's great to see our farmers still out there growing the food we need. I am keeping an eye on the potato fields to see when they first emerge. The recent rain could not have come soon enough. I appreciate more listening to the skylarks and other birds singing and

calling and how much greener everything has become as the weeks pass. The walks help to counter the extra food I seem to be eating! Meals have become a more important part of the day. Although we usually do our own home cooked meals the takeaway pizzas from the Grapes have been delicious!

We are lucky to live where we do and are able to get out in the beautiful countryside without breaking any rules. I have been doing my usual thing of taking photos on these walks and posting them on Facebook. Facebook friends who live in more urban areas do seem to have appreciated seeing these.

Neighbours and ourselves have not missed a Thursday night to Clap for Carers including last week a bugle being blown by one of them (no names, no pack drill!). We appreciate all the work being done by these key workers as some of us have relatives on the front line of the crisis and one neighbour works in this situation.

Colin Douthwaite

Spring 2020

The 8th May dawned bright, clear and sunny; the perfect day for our Mayday celebrations. But the village remained strangely quiet and almost deserted. We were all on 'lockdown' due to the fearsome pandemic of coronavirus Covid-19. Celebrations were cancelled, the church, chapel, pub and school all stood closed. The roads and sky were quiet as travel was restricted to essential journeys only.

In this quietness the natural world seemed to take a deep breath and excel itself in the beauty of new life, as the bareness of March blossomed into the glorious colours of May. The flowers on the railway track, cowslips and stitchwort; the oaks out before the ash up in Slingsby woods with clear blue skies above; the arrival at last of the swallows and swifts with the cuckoo calling, hiding somewhere in the trees. In the quietness we could even hear the insects buzzing, and we had the time to appreciate all this around us.

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Suddenly our lives changed. We were to stay within our homes except for essential duties in order to contain the spread of the virus. Working from home, and home schooling has become the norm with vast use of modern technology to support them, we started to hear of Zoom, Skype and video links. But at what cost? For businesses like the pub and the local self-employed joiner I met this was catastrophic.

Fear and loneliness spread. At first the novelty led to ideas of decorating, spring cleaning, DIY, gardening – jobs which had been left till we had the time. Now we had the time. Here in Slingsby we could call to neighbours over the fence at a distance, we could greet people we had not met before when out walking our dogs while keeping our distance, and around Slingsby we had the space to take our permitted exercise in a lovely environment. Quickly support groups were set up to help the elderly and vulnerable who were self-isolating, unable to go out at all. Amazingly small local business set up delivery services to supply most needed goods, and Tony's shop stayed open. Our postal service and refuse collection still continued.

As the days turned to weeks, the need for contact with others became more acute. We could make contact with family helped by modern technology, regular phone calls to members in various groups and churches helped, letters, cards and emails went back and forth but this is not the same as sharing a coffee with a group of friends on a Saturday morning, or having the family meal together at Easter. The full extent of the loneliness felt by some came to me when I heard of an elderly man – he fell and broke his hip, was taken to hospital alone, and treated there all without the company of his wife of 50 years. The caring NHS staff were there but the one person he wanted was not. This is what Covid-19 can do.

In these 'unprecedented' times the sense of community does come alive, maybe dormant when we are all so busy with our everyday lives. Now it is the support of neighbours and friends I hear about most of all. A big thank you goes out to everyone in Slingsby and the wider community of Ryedale for staying at home, keeping the distance, doing the shopping for others, and managing as best we can.

We clap to thank all key-workers, the staff in the NHS, the staff in our several care homes, the teachers, the delivery men, the local traders – so many are working hard to keep our community safe and well. We don't know what lies ahead of us in the short or longer term; and we will continue to clap despite the uncertainty of the weeks to come.

Pat Thompson

Thank you

I received a letter from NHS some 10 weeks ago advising me as I had a lung disease that I had been identified as someone who was at severe risk if I contracted Covid-19 and that I was in lockdown for at least 12 weeks. This restriction also covered my wife.

Our first thought was " the freezer won't last that long "

But before the day was out our neighbours Rita and Nigel Clemit said that we could join their weekly supermarket home delivery service. Later we were able to sort out delivery of our prescriptions thanks to Emma Massey who is part of Ryedale Volunteers.

We are all very lucky we live in a village that (a) considerably reduces the risk of becoming a Covid statistic and (b) we have people round us who are ready to help.

So, on behalf of all of us who have received help "Our thanks to all of you "

Peter Bell

Fundraising for Multiple Sclerosis

Not many people can celebrate their 65th birthday and have a 21st in the same year. I will be 65 in July and will reach my 21st year in Slingsby in the same month and wanted to do something special to mark the occasion. Late last year my niece was diagnosed with MS. She was the third person I had heard of with this disease and to add to this her husband died suddenly. I decided to raise some money for MS and try for a skydive. I am hoping this will be on 1st August at Bridlington. Please consider sponsoring me – I have forms at home or go to the JustGiving page on Facebook – The Big Leap 2020 – John Hatfield, or you can email me - johnhatfield2@sky.com



John Hatfield

STEPHEN'S FARMING COLUMN

We have just arrived back from a walk through the woods along Coneysthorpe Bank top. It really is a lovely walk and as a bonus we heard our first cuckoo of the season (May 7th). There is so much wildlife around at this time of year, over the last couple of nights we have seen some Roe Deer and Barn Owls up Slingsby Heights. The barn owls are in a nest box I have up there. In the other barn owl nest boxes down Slingsby Carr we have a pair of Kestrels in one and a pair of Stock Doves in another.

This is of course a very important time of year for birds nesting and so to protect ground nesting birds and their nests we do ask that **dogs are kept on a lead at all times** in the countryside.

It is always good to see the swallows and swifts return once again and it is fascinating to watch the swifts diving and wheeling around on a summer evening. I had a robin nest in some ivy in my garden which I was watching with interest, however, sadly I believe it was predated by magpies.

On the farm what a year it is turning out to be. The winter was very wet with record rainfall of 111mm in February. March was quite dry and April very dry indeed with only 7mm of rain in my rain gauge. Potato planting went very well though without a stop from the start of planting to the end and the potatoes are now emerging but are desperate for rain as are all our crops.

The coronavirus is affecting all our lives and will do for many months to come. On the farming side the price of lamb and beef cattle have been badly affected as the export trade to Europe has dried up and dairy farmers supplying the catering trade saw their markets severely affected and some farmers even had to pour milk down the drain. Thankfully the government has provided a support package for the worst affected and the situation is improving.

How we look forward to meeting up again with friends and family and cuddling grandchildren once again.

Stephen Prest


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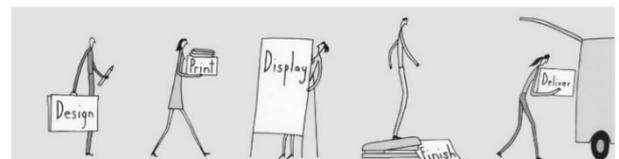
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Allotment News



What an interesting start of the year we've had. The first few months saw almost incessant rain. We were then told we had to stay at home for weeks (months? Years?) and then came the most amazing April with weeks of bright blue skies and not a sign of any April showers. The site has gone from being almost under water to parched and cracked. Being able to go down to the allotment is a great tonic. It gets us out of the house in the fresh air and gives us some exercise, and it's easy to keep a distance from anyone else on the site.

It's now coming up to 10 years since the Allotment Association started leasing the site from the parish council. Looking at it now it's hard to believe what the land was like back in 2010 and how hard people have worked to make it productive. As always, I'm amazed at how good other people's plots look. On ours we've tidied up the area in front of the greenhouse by building some raised beds using timber from some decking that our son was removing from his garden. It's something we've had planned for a while but a source of unwanted timber was a gift horse we couldn't refuse.

Our orchard has been a picture with its fruit blossom, like many apple trees you can see in gardens around the village. It promises to be a bumper year for fruit. The rootstocks I budded in autumn have been a limited success. Some have definitely taken and are growing away well; others are still deciding whether they are going to grow or not and one or two definitely haven't worked. I will try to graft these again in summer where I've been more successful in the past. The soft fruit is growing away though our row of raspberries once again didn't like the wet winter and quite a few canes have died. We will have to consider growing them in another part of the plot or maybe building up the

soil so they are above the saturated ground in winter.

The warm weather in April has encouraged me to plant out my tomatoes in the greenhouse. I'm hopeful that there won't be any really cold nights to come that will catch me out. I've planted a few different varieties to give a range of colours and sizes. These were seed I bought last autumn before the lockdown started. It's been quite difficult finding vegetable seed this spring with many suppliers running out and limiting what you can buy. Perhaps this is a start to a revival in vegetable growing?

We've also planted some peppers in the greenhouse and again are hoping that they won't be caught out by any cold nights to come. I saw on a recent edition of Countryfile that commercially peppers are grown as cordons and trained as stems in a similar way to tomatoes and so I'm planning to try this rather than just let them grow as a bush as I've done in the past.

We've been keenly watching Jamie Oliver's cooking programmes over the years and one of the recipes we particularly like is his allotment cottage pie. This is a vegetarian dish but it has a meaty flavour from dried porcine mushrooms, cumin and marmite. The main ingredients are root vegetables like carrot, swede and celeriac. We've never grown



celeric before but thought we should give it a try. We like to try something new most years often with mixed success. With any new crop we try I look it up in our trusty Grow Your Own guides. This is one of those part works that used to be so popular. Mine's from the 70's and is in A5 format. It came in 52 parts and still gets used on a regular basis here. Much of the advice on pest and disease controls is completely out of date recommending chemical controls that haven't been available for many years but the growing guides are still valid, I think. It says celeriac needs a long growing season so we sowed some on the window sill at home and have potted a few up and will plant half a dozen out in the next few weeks and see if they come to anything.

We have full and half plots on the Allotment site. All are occupied at the moment but you can add your name to the waiting list – contact our Chairman, Brian Clarke on 628625.

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Slingsby during the Wartime years (1939-45)

Physically the War had a major impact on the village through its use as a training camp for the army. The training ground and HQ was the current sports field where there was a parade / drill ground and a well sandbagged rifle range. Soldiers were billeted in buildings around the village and the village hall was annexed as the canteen and so was not available to the community. The village was noisy with the sound of large army vehicles and trucks. The officers' horses were stabled in the basement of the castle and in various outbuildings around the village including at Croft House and in temporary lines on Cemetery Lane (which became Green Dyke Lane and is now Long Lane).



Soldiers on High Street, Slingsby

The station was busy, with supplies and incoming and outgoing troops. Large amounts of ammunition were transported to and from the woods where they were stored for safety away from urban areas.

The village welcomed many child evacuees, mainly from Hartlepool and Hull. On a number of occasions, the school head, Mrs Brown, a formidable but much-loved character had the numbers in her care suddenly doubled and tripled with up to 60 extra pupils. 115 evacuees are listed as having stayed over the duration of the war. Many lasting friendships were made.

The village children were inevitably fascinated by the activities of the troops. The training areas were strictly out of bounds, but the troops are remembered fondly as the dispensers of sweets, and for being very tolerant of the children's interest. There was great excitement when a German fighter plane crashed in fields just south of the Sheepwalk.

The following morning the young teenage boys rushed up to see if they could find souvenirs but were disappointed to find it all was cleared away swiftly for intelligence gathering. Later in the war a detachment of Polish soldiers spent time in the village, billeted with families, on their way from Scotland to assist in the final push into Europe via the Normandy landings. Again, their visit is well remembered, and again there were lifelong memories and friendships.

The Slingsby village website is also featuring some of the interviews the Local History Group did with older member of the village community a year or so back. Visit www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk to listen to them and see more of images that are there from our collection.

Kate Giles and Margaret Mackinder, Local History Group

Memories of Slingsby in the 1930s, 40s and 50s

The Coronavirus lockdown seemed as good a time as any to explore the trunk, that lives under my bed, and for me and my sister to finally sort through its contents. Back in 2011, two very dear friends of our family, Audrey and Marjorie Hardwick, sisters in their 80s, had died within months of each other leaving us with their possessions. This trunk contained over a century's worth of ephemera; birth certificates, a 1911 boat ticket to Buenos Aires, an 1895 reference for a housemaid, 1940s birthday cards and one of my favourites, a 1930s Brownie Card, with 'do up a parcel neatly' ticked off. These kinds of trinkets are common, and generally mean very little to those beyond immediate friends and family but we especially love them for the snapshot they give of village life in Slingsby, North Yorkshire at the beginning of the twentieth century.

We do not know exactly when the sisters' father, George E Hardwick, became a tenant of Wyville Farm, Slingsby, which had been bought by the Kitchingman family in 1922, but it is thought to be sometime after that purchase. George ran the farm with his wife Cynthia and three children, Audrey, Marjorie and Edna. The family will still be remembered by some living in the village. Audrey was born in 1925, Marjorie 1928 and Edna 1930.

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/Memories of Slingsby continued...

Marjorie and Audrey kept these few childhood and teenage possessions their whole lives and today they give us a picture of rural life for children growing up in the 1930s and 40s. The objects they saved include the brownie card and an array of 21st birthday cards as well as autograph books



containing notes and poems by friends, photographs, prayer and hymn books, plus some lighter reading material in the form of Bunty annuals and a

heavily thumbed 1949 Film Review book. The latter is described as 'a lavishly produced survey of the year in cinema, illustrated with thirty-two plates in full colour reproduced from original kodachromes... scenes from films, portraits of the stars, every aspect of the fascinating world of the screen.' The book is inscribed to Marjorie for Christmas, from her two sisters, the price neatly cut out. The Hollywood glamour and technicolour must have been a welcome distraction in drab Post War Britain. Like most their age, the girls were big fans of the silver screen and Audrey and Marjorie would describe how as teenagers in summertime, they would regularly bicycle the 6 miles to and from Malton Cinema, the journey not worthy of a trip in the pony and trap, the Hardwick's other mode of transport. In winter, not able to bike in the dark, the girls would stay in listening to the wireless, doing jigsaws, knitting, sewing and embroidery.

The Hardwick's farm was fairly extensive in size, as detailed by the sale inventory produced at the point of George Hardwick's retirement from farming in spring 1959. This immaculate folder, found in the trunk, was produced by my Grandfather and Great Uncle; John and Harry Cundall, who were local auctioneers. Listed for sale were livestock including 30 sheep, 24 cows, 25 pigs, 145 chickens and 3 ducks, as well as farming miscellany: 'Sweep's brush, 2 Pitch Forks, 2 Spades, Grease Gun, Pig Trough, Ladder, Wireless...' etc. Throughout the war Audrey, her father and Land Girls had their work cut

out with jobs such as milking the cows, mucking out the pigs and chickens, harvesting, threshing and potato picking to name but a few. There was a national pressure on farmers to up levels of food production given that very little was able to be imported. Marjorie and Edna helped in the house, cleaning, washing and darning clothes, churning butter, making cheese, baking pies, plucking fowl, skinning rabbits. The girls left school at 14 but even before then were key helpers on the farm. Marjorie specifically remembered her job as a schoolgirl of looking after the chickens and collecting eggs.

In the summer of 1950 Edna tragically died in York Hospital aged just 20. She had been suffering from a kidney related illness, which now of course could be easily treated. A letter of condolence from her employer, Slingsby Co-op, is included in the trunk.

The memories of the war are from the older girls. Aside from trips to Malton for the cinema and dances held at the Milton Rooms, Marjorie and Audrey remembered the most exciting thing to have happened to them during this time, was the arrival in Slingsby of various Army regiments. These soldiers used the village as a military training centre, exercising nearby on the North Yorkshire Moors and performing drills on the school sports field. The village was a hive of activity during this time, with the railway station the epicentre of the comings and goings; evacuees, troops, ammunition, land girls, supplies etc. Many of the buildings in the village were requisitioned for the war effort, including the Sunday School chapel and Village Hall, as well as farm buildings which were taken over for storage. We found a letter from the War Department sent to GE Hardwick on the 19th June 1943 detailing the 'possession by the War Department of approx 4320 sq. yards of arable land for compensation of £2 per annum'. The Officers Mess was at Southcot but some troops slept in buildings around the farm. We know this because of one particularly special find in the trunk, an envelope labelled 'Franks Letters'.

Inside the envelope were four letters from Trooper Frank Garside 318576 3rd Troop C. Squadron of the Queen's own Yorkshire Dragoons, sent to Wyville Farm from the Middle East between 1942-3. Though there is little documented, it is thought the regiment arrived in the Malton area sometime in late 1939. /continued....

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They were a cavalry regiment, so required the stabling of horses, which were housed up at Slingsby Castle. This regiment was in fact the last cavalry regiment ever to fight for Britain before being completely mechanised in 1942. Hundreds of soldiers from various regiments came through Slingsby throughout the war and history doesn't relate as to why Frank Garside and the C. Squadron made a special friendship with the Hardwicks, but we know from these letters that they did.



Photos: Christmas Card sent from Frank to the Hardwicks

The touching letters refer back to Frank's memories of village life including apple tarts, coffee, helping with threshing, running from rats and being chased out by one of the Hardwick girls when Frank comes to borrow a brush. He writes "many a time we recall all the good times we had and the hospitality we received from you in more than one way or another." Another letter starts "Thanks again for all the letters that you have sent me in the past. You know it is grand to keep hearing from you all and it makes one feel ever so grand and it also makes you realise that whatever bad this war has done it also makes some good friends." The Hardwicks are naturally keen to hear news of the rest of the regiment as Frank later writes from hospital: "In your last letter you mentioned the regiment but to tell the truth I have not heard much from them of late. Only that they were well, doing very well. Really that is only natural of a Yorkshire regiment. After all they breed the right class in Yorkshire." The memories of Slingsby went with the troops to North Africa, where they fought in the famous battle of El-Alamein in Egypt. "The last time I wrote to the lads I gave them all your best regards for their future and so when they knock out the next tank of Jerry they might say that is one for Slingsby!"

In later letters, it transpires that sadly but unsurprisingly, a number of the regiment were killed. "And now I must tell you the bad news about

some of the lads. I am sorry to say that Roy Schofield and Sergeant Jackson have been killed and quite a few of the lads that were at Slingsby. That of course is the last news I found while I have been in hospital. Goodness only knows how many of the old regiment are left now."

Happily, we discovered from online records that Trooper Frank Garside 318576 survived the war, receiving a medal for 'Long Service and Good Conduct' in 1947. We know that he transferred to the Corps of Royal Military Police, which makes sense given the serious injuries that he sustained. We don't know whether he made it back to Slingsby to visit the family, as he'd promised in his letters, but I hope that he did. Marjorie and Audrey lived long, happy and quiet lives in Malton where they moved with their father in 1959, having given up the farm tenancy. Audrey became a housekeeper for Tim Wentworth at Wandale Farm, and Marjorie started working for the Cundall family in 1960, also as a housekeeper. She became particularly attached to the three young boys of the family, Christopher, James and my father Richard, largely bringing up the children when their mother died of breast cancer in her thirties. Marjorie and Audrey Hardwick became part of our family and we loved them dearly. None of us recall being told about Frank but it's been fascinating learning about this wartime friendship that began 80 years ago. Marjorie and Audrey are buried next to each other in Slingsby graveyard, near to their parents and sister.

Rosanna Cundall



See transcripts of Frank's letters in the pink pages insert.

The Triangle spoke to village resident, Freda Ware who remembers the soldiers coming to Slingsby, although she was only 7 years old at the beginning of the war. The first soldiers to come were horse soldiers and they were stabled in buildings throughout the village including: The Hall (for Officers' horses) Porch Farm and Home Farm, as well as in an open sided shelter along Long Lane.

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Soon the Government realised horses were out of date and troops with tanks and trucks arrived.

Freda remembers the Hardwick sisters too. The youngest, Edna was a year older than her and one of her closest friends.

Rosanna is hoping to find people who remember Frank Garside and a letter appeared in the Gazette. If any Triangle reader has any information please do get in touch with the Triangle team as usual, or - rosannacundall@gmail.com

Co-Editor

The Ferry Newsletter - A Newsletter from another time - A Slingsby resident remembers a local newsletter started during the war years:

I grew up in a little village on the Solway Firth - The newsletter is named after the village's original name, The Ferry Town of Cree, and was the only publication of its kind to be circulated to the British Forces during WW2.

How did it start - in 1940 with all the young men from the village in the armed forces their one connection with home was letters to their parents and wives and the main theme in these letters was "What's happening at home? And where were their friends?" The local doctor - now a serving officer, contacted my father. Father had been turned down for active service (an old football injury which had not been properly set) so had not been called up and was, by profession, a printer. He, with the school headmaster and the families who had sons serving overseas got together and the idea was born. Every family in the village provided news from the letters of their serving soldiers and the village rallied round gathering news of anything that happened at home. The first issue explained it "would be nothing elaborate - just the kind of things you would hear about when you met "up the street". They offered snippets of gossip and everyday life, - from the size of onions at the produce show, and prizes for the baby shows, who won the bowling tournament, farming and harvest news, that the village hall has been repainted by the women who had decided to get on with the job themselves, who was home on leave, etc. They documented a vivid social history of

a small community getting on with life in wartime Scotland. They also reported on men wounded or killed in action and published messages from service men and women themselves.

A committee raised funds to meet the costs, my father collated, published and distributed the newsletters to wherever men (and later women) from the parish were stationed in the world. Compilation was not always straight forward. Having spent many hours working on each issue it then had to be sent to the Censor Department of the War Office and more often than not, came back with heavy black lines obscuring anything which, they said, "could be used by the enemy"! Printing was done during the night when the print works were closed for the day.

Some years after the war, the Scottish Office heard about the newsletter and had it "microfiched" for their records as they said "it was a unique record of the social history of a village at war".

Murray Carmichael



Thank goodness we don't need to have our Triangle vetted by the War Office! The picture to the left is one of the school children's entries for the online scarecrow-competition and rather appropriate to complete our VE remembrance special

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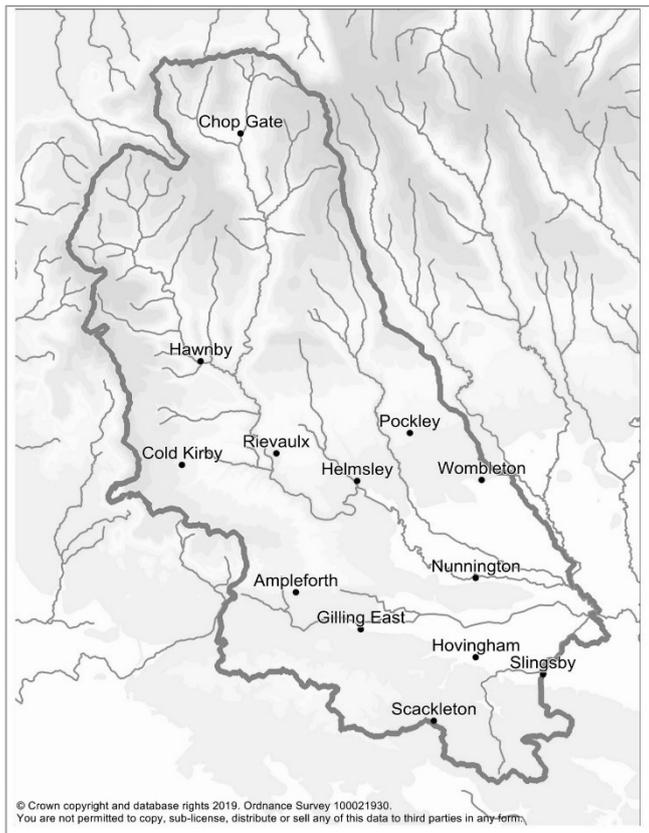
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Rye Reflections – Inspired by the River

The North York Moors National Park Authority is the lead delivery partner spearheading a new exciting Landscape Partnership Scheme supported by the National Lottery Heritage Fund and strategic partners, and inspired by local communities.



The Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership has big ambitions to improve water quality, enhance habitats and increase biodiversity across 400km² of the western Rye catchment area. The project is channelling a significant amount of funding to the landscape around the catchments of the River Rye, Seph and Riccal, supporting landowners and land managers to share best practice, gain new skills and make small changes to improve the environment and restore natural river processes.

The project also aims to explore the natural, cultural and built heritage of the area, by working with community groups and volunteers to unearth hidden stories of the landscape.

One such initiative 'Rye Reflections' is asking for local residents and visitors to send in their memories of wildlife encounters and changes in land management practices from around Slingsby, to record experiences such as catching bullheads in streams, kaleidoscopes of butterflies or the

omnipresent sound of skylarks before these precious memories are lost. We want to document changes that have happened within the living memory of our community, that shape how we connect with our local landscape today, and how our children will connect with this landscape in the future.



Photo: Rievaulx landscape

The project team will then share these memories with local school students, encouraging them to compare these experiences with their own, highlighting any changes and inspiring them to protect these habitats in the future.

If you have a wildlife memory, old photographs or journals that could help us tell that story and inspire the next generation of landscape guardians please get in touch with Paul Thompson (Ryevitalise Programme Officer) by email to ryevitalise@northyorkmoors.org.uk, or by post to Ryevitalise Landscape Partnership, The Old Vicarage, Bondgate, Helmsley, YO62 5BP.

There is plenty of time to send these in as the project is on-going until autumn.

Paul Thompson

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Slingsby Support Group: an update

As we move into the second month of 'lockdown', we've been asked to provide an update on the Slingsby Support Group and how it is working.

We have a great number of Key Responders and volunteers, so thank you to everyone who has offered assistance and support. To date, we mostly found ourselves assisting with prescription collections from Ampleforth, Hovingham and Malton, usually coordinated through Kate. We've been asked whether there is any need to provide petrol money for this and the answer is definitely 'no'. Some volunteers have also been helping with shopping, either collecting orders paid for online, or picking up a few extra things that didn't arrive in orders from the larger supermarkets. We hear very positive things about the service from Terrington and Hovingham stores, who have an amazing range of things available, and from Dales and Paleys in Malton, too. The website has a good list of shops and garden centres doing deliveries and again, we are all finding out about and appreciating more what is available on the doorstep and how we can support local businesses at this challenging time.

As we head into the next month or so, other needs may arise. It's possible that some people may begin to feel the pinch, particularly feeding lots of hungry teenagers or chaps at home! If you are struggling please do let one of us know and we will try to assist you if we can. There are lots of good support networks out there we can signpost you to.

If people are in hospital, it's also possible that concerns about pets and gardens might also arise. We obviously have to be very careful about protecting volunteers' health, but if you need a bit of help again, let us know, and we will put the call out.

In the meantime, on behalf of the Parish Council and the Support Group we would just like to thank all the volunteers and indeed, Slingsby's residents generally, that they are responding so positively and thoughtfully to the crisis, looking out for each other and just checking in with friends and neighbours. Loneliness may well be one of the hardest aspects of Covid-19 for many people and a phone call or

socially-distanced chat over the garden wall means a great deal.

However, many of us now have friends, relatives and colleagues who have experienced the real horror of coronavirus and its devastating impact on the lives of families and those caring for them. SO, please, please do stay with the current advice from the government. You may be fed up and frustrated, and willing to risk your own health, but if you contract coronavirus you will be risking the health of those who are risking their own lives every day to look after the people we love.

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Slingsby Local History Group News

– May 2020

At the time of writing, like most organisations, our meetings are in suspension until further clear advice. Our brand-new archive cabinet still awaits us, locked up in the church until such time as we can visit it and install our books and records. We have collected a number of books on matters allied to Slingsby history and they will be available to those who are interested in due course.

We will of course contact everyone on our mailing list and put notifications on the village website as soon as we are in a position to start our meetings again if this occurs before the next issue of the Triangle. We still have one outdoor tour of Sheriff Hutton Castle provisionally arranged for Tuesday 21st July but we will confirm to our mailing list members if it is at all possible to go ahead with this.

We are continually adding to our archive and if anyone feels they would like to write us a few lines, send photos of Slingsby in the time of Covid-19 it would be great to add to the archive when it opens. How life is carrying on for you during the social distancing period, how are you shopping, details of what you are doing, what are you reading, cooking watching on TV etc. What you've been doing in your garden, how you have been keeping in contact with family and friends. It may not seem so at the moment but all this sort of detail makes fascinating reading for those looking at it in the future, when it will no doubt become one of the major events of the 21st century. If you would like to write something please send it to our archive email: slingsbybirdwatch@gmail.com or if handwritten, please drop it though Kate's letterbox at Prospect Cottage.

If our Slingsby Mayday celebrations had taken place on the 75th anniversary of VE Day we were to display our project work on Slingsby at War in the Methodist Church. Instead, we've produced a summary. See this on page 11.

More can be found in our recent book edited by David Thornley – 'Slingsby, a Miscellany in Words and Pictures'. This is still available from the village shop if you have not got your copy.

Kate Giles and Margaret Mackinder

Obituary - Kathleen Mabel Lange 1924-2020 - A family tribute

Kathleen, Mum, Granny, Great-granny was born in Rhydymwyn, Mold, North Wales on 17th April 1924 to her Welsh mother Maude and father Robert Hutchinson from Slingsby, North Yorkshire. They met at the 'big' house, Robert a gardener and Maude a lady's maid.



Kathleen was only a few months old with an elder sister Vera aged 9 when homesick Robert Hutchinson decided to bring his young family back to Slingsby, where they took lodgings in Railway Street.

The family moved to an estate house in Railway Street, which became Kathleen's home for 20 years. Maude, named the house Gwellia which means 'Cottage' in Welsh. To this day it is still called Gwellia House. Kathleen had a happy childhood in Slingsby, attending the school, with lots of village friends and always preferred to be outside with her friends rather than inside.

Kathleen left school at fourteen years old. Ready to start work, she took up a position as kitchen maid for the Lascelles at Cliff House, Terrington. Mum told me one day she had to find the master of the house to give him a letter. She found him in the rose garden, all he said to her was 'and who are you?' The position did not last very long as Kathleen did not like the cook so she handed in her notice.

From Cliff House she took a position to help Mrs Lange in the house at South Holme Farm. There, she met Gordon, who was called 'Boy' by his family as Gordon's twin sister Doreen always called him. Kathleen preferred the name Gordon.

During this time, Mrs Lange's neighbour, Mrs Farnell at Beech House Farm, would ask Kathleen to babysit the children some evenings. One evening while the children were in bed, she could hear clearly York being bombed, wishing Mr and Mrs Farnell would come home.

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After about 2 years helping Mrs Lange, Kathleen left to work at The Lodge, Hovingham, a children's home where children were brought from York to avoid the bombing. During her time there she caught diphtheria from one of the children and spent a while in hospital.



While Kathleen was at The Lodge, her and Gordon started courting. Their love letters survive to this day. Gordon's family was not very happy about the match but eventually they did relent and the happy couple became engaged on Good Friday in Scarborough

and married on the 5th June 1943, in Slingsby church. The Wedding breakfast was at Gwellia House, and their honeymoon was a week in Scarborough, (travelling by train from Slingsby). The couple lived with Kathleen's Mother and Father at Gwellia House for over a year, and whilst there, baby Paul arrived.

A cottage at South Holme came up to let, 'Thorncroft' which was their first home where Helen was born and where they spent 3 happy years. The Council was building fourteen new houses in Slingsby, luckily, Kathleen and family managed to obtain number 14 the last of the first build council houses where Julia and Robert were born. I remember a lot of happy times there, with good neighbours and lots of friends. After eight years at 14 Balksyde, Granny and Grandad Lange wanted to retire from the farm so we swapped homes in 1956. I remember the farm well as all my siblings do too, a very dark house and kitchen with low black beams and ceiling. There was no bathroom, only an earth toilet at the bottom of the garden and the tin bath came out in front of the kitchen fire on a Friday.

Mum worked wonders with polyfilla in hand, bunging up every mouse hole in sight; paint brushes, large tins of white paint and packs of wallpaper paste, I can smell it now! Crunching cockroaches under foot and not thinking anything

about it! The kitchen soon became transformed to white. Brilliant white! With light blue too.

During this time, the farm came up for sale which Mum and dad bought with a loan from the bank. In those days it was very unusual and a gamble but luckily it all turned out well with a lot of hard work from Mum. Thinking how she could help to pay off the loan she bred poultry, ducks and lots of geese for selling at the Christmas market in Malton. I did dread the week before Christmas as the kitchen became a poultry factory of feathers and floating goose down in the air which got up your nose, in your ears and hair - everywhere!

Mum made sure the kitchen was transformed with lots of decorations for the Christmas celebrations just in time for the church and chapel carol singers who used to come out in abundance. Mum served freshly baked mince pies piled high on meat dishes. Not much tea drinking but sherry or port which improved the voice! Of course it was before the drink driving ban!

Mum also sold eggs to Robinson's of Pickering who used to collect the boxes of eggs once a week. Every so often there was great excitement as a delivery of three hundred one day old chicks would arrive. It was lovely to see and smell those gorgeous fluffy balls and to hear the noise of them cheeping. By now, Helen was working on the farm along-side Dad, Mum and Paul. The Sleightholme brothers were retiring from farming and their milk delivery round became vacant around Slingsby and South Holme. Another job opportunity for Mum and Helen.

Mum was a great jam maker, we often found her after school along the hedgerows, brambling, and we were expected to help. Potato picking was a huge event, with help from families living in South Holme who brought along their babies, children etc. Mum made lots of 'allowances' with large mugs of tea, scones and apple pies.

With Paul married, Helen the following year, I flew the nest too, with Robert still at home, Mum started her Farmhouse B and B with evening meals which in the early 70's was the first in the area. It took off, a great success!

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When Fern Cottage came up for sale in 1975 and with Robert now married, Mum and Dad bought what was to become their retirement home. On a February day in 1978 Mum and Dad moved to Fern Cottage, Paul and family to the farm, Robert and family to 1 West View, South Holme, house swapping on the same day seems to be a Lange tradition!

Fern Cottage, supposed to be the retirement home for Mum and Dad, but Mum took the B and B business with her and also opening for afternoon teas from Easter till October. Mum was always up early every morning making bread, scones, cake, Bara breith (welsh tea loaf) and also selling her home-made jams, chutneys and famous marmalade. Giving jobs in the tea room to her eager grandchildren every Saturday and Sunday.

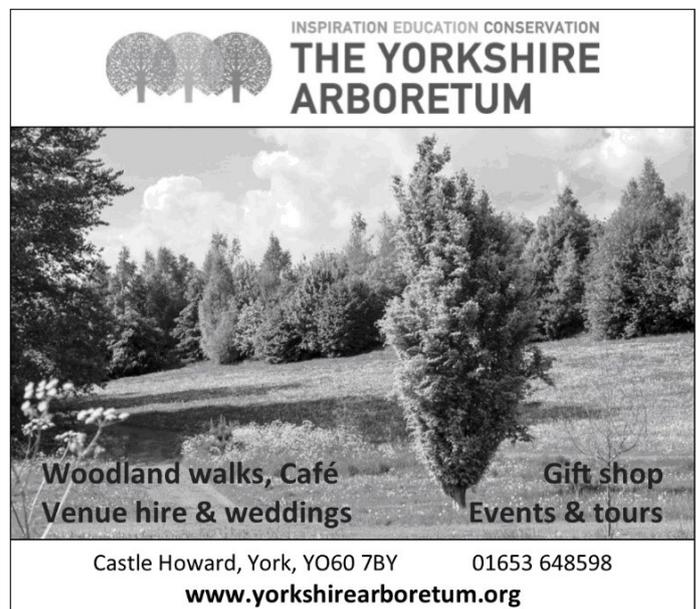
Mum was very active in the village, always baking for a stall or any village events, being a member of the W.I. and later the Yorkshire Countrywomen, a member of the Village Hall Committee and a long-time member of the PCC (Parochial Church Council). Dad had been churchwarden for sixty years, as such, for our family, the church and all its events, socials and fund raising were a very important part of our lives. In 1963, the church required a new roof due to beetle and dry rot. I remember in particular the fundraising dances and barbecues hosted at South Holme farm by mum and dad which were great fun.

Mum was a strong Mother's Union member ever since I can remember. One MU Christmas party they all put on a little show or pantomime, just for themselves. Having such fun, they decided to put on a proper panto the following year. Fern Cottage attic was the perfect venue for rehearsals, costume making, prop storage, script practice and music scores etc. The ladies put on a pantomime every February for about 10 years giving lots of pleasure to a lot of villagers. I remember the howls of laughter coming from the attic on winter Thursday evenings with dad chuckling and listening to them from the kitchen. Dad and a few of the husbands would make the props, some of which stood for years in the smithy at Fern Cottage. There was a huge rainbow painting hung up on the back wall to greet you and a cut-out cardboard grandfather clock

with a mouse running up it, which hung above the lawnmower! Sadly, Dad passed away in 2009 at the grand age of 94. Mum had lost her love of her life - Her get up and go. The care in Spring Cottage Care Home, Norton, where Mum spent her last year was outstanding. It was home from home and where she passed away peacefully in her sleep on the 8th April 2020, aged 95 years.

Mum had an ethic of hard work, love for her family and a love for life which she embraced and gave to us - her four children, eleven grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Kathleen will live on in us. Thank you Mum from your loving family xx

Julia Snowball



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Slingsby Sports Club – update

All at Slingsby Sports Club continue to maintain an optimistic outlook as we know that the necessary restrictions will lift and at the appropriate time the club will reopen, but only when it is safe to do so. Our volunteers are continuing to do an outstanding job keeping the Sports Field maintained and will keep doing what is needed to keep the field in excellent condition.

The restrictions meant that the football season was cancelled, which was a shame as the Football Team were enjoying a return to Division 1 of the Beckett Football League. But they will be stronger for the time they spent in the Division this year and will be well equipped for the challenges that Division 1 football bring next season.

The prospect of any form of cricket is looking increasingly unlikely which, while entirely understandable, is again disappointing as the club had invested significantly in improving the cricket pitch this season. None of that time and investment will go to waste and we are looking forward enthusiastically to the time when cricket returns on a Friday night. The Feversham League will be back and no doubt the post-match BBQ and beers will taste even nicer and be well worth the wait!

We are also looking forward to the return of the First Friday of the Month Charity quiz nights, the third Friday of the Month Darts and Dominoes night and of course the regular Saturday night bingo, hopefully with the return of regular Bingo caller Dave Calvert (no offence to stand in John Hatfield!). In addition, we will continue to have regular live music and entertainment at various times over the year.

It will be great to see children playing in the new play area once again, and people taking advantage of the excellent tennis courts, but for the time being we must all carry on following the government guidance and ensure that we all continue to stay safe! Sport in Slingsby, and across the country, has seen disruptions in the past as a result of wars and other events but it has always come back strong and remains an important focal point for communities. This crisis will be no different.

And remember when this is over, we look forward to extending a warm welcome to anybody who wishes to visit the Sports Club, which is a community resource for us all to enjoy.

Stay safe and stay well.

With best wishes,

Paul Hogarth (Chairman, Slingsby Sports Club)

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SLINGSBY CHAPEL NEWS – May 2020

It has been very strange not being able to attend a service in Chapel since the middle of March, however through the wonders of modern technology we are having fortnightly services using Zoom by which we can still have a communal service in the comfort of our own homes and at least see each other's faces on screen. We were not able to have an Easter service but we did decorate the cross outside chapel on Easter Sunday morning as a reminder of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. We decided that it would be good to keep the cross decorated for as long as possible during "lockdown" as a sign of hope for the future, a reminder that this dreadful virus will pass and there is a brighter future ahead!



The decorated cross outside Chapel on Easter Sunday

Looking to the future we don't know when we will be able to resume services but we are very hopeful that

our Annual Open Air Service on The Green will be able to go ahead on Sunday August 9th at 10.30am. We shall have plenty of room to spread out on The Green!

We continue to have Soupa lunch but it is now a Home Delivery service. The next one is on June 17th. Soup, sandwiches and a pudding at no charge and we are also doing some Fish and Chip deliveries supported by The Parish Council.

Soupa Lunch and Fish and Chips - For more details of these events contact our stewards, Rachel Prest (tel 628277 and Geoff Bishop (tel 628055)

Stephen Prest

VIP – Rob Carpenter

Rob was born in December 1945 – a real end of the war baby! Rob's dad moved from Bransdale to work for Robert Prest at Cherrygarth Farm in Fryton and met his mum at the Farm where she was a maid. Rob's father, worked for 3 generations of Prests in Fryton, as Robert was succeeded by his son William, and again by grandson David.

On marrying, the Carpenters settled in to a cottage in Slingsby near Dossers House which has since been demolished, then moved in 1947 to a newly built home at 3 Balksyde. Sadly, Rob had a young sister who died at 6 months old, probably a cot death, but of course such things were not known about in the 1940's. His older sister, Heather, died fairly recently and youngest in the family, Mandy, who is 14 years younger than Rob, lives with her husband in Malton.

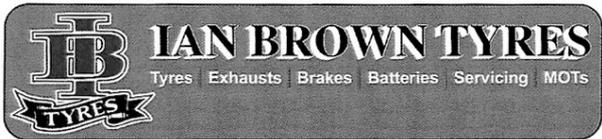
Rob went to Slingsby School and remembers his teachers – Mrs Coopland taught the infants lived at Grey Gables in High Street and often the children would meet her outside and walk to school with her. The Headmaster was Mr Duck, and another teacher, Mrs Nendwick, lodged at Rosie Bean's (now Linden House). In 1958 Rob was in the first school year that moved to Malton to finish his education – the Malton Secondary School having just been built. The then Headmaster from Slingsby, Mr Gough, moved to the new school too.

Rob remembers that in Coronation year, 1953, the houses in the inside Balk were built. He also remembers getting into mischief with a friend by playing on the building site, and even stealing window putty to make marbles! He says that out of all the 24 homes on Balksyde there were only 2 cars.

In 1961 Rob saw a Police car with a flashing blue light for the first time. This was due to the 'Royal Wedding' when Lady Katherine Worsley from Hovingham married the Duke of Kent. Everyone on Balksyde stood on the footpath at the top to wave to the Royal cars going past.

In 1960 Rob left school and went to work for Mercers butchers, based in Hovingham. Rob learnt to drive when he was there and having passed his test was able to drive Mercers van on its rounds selling meat to surrounding villages.

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On the first day he took great care of the van and returned it without a scratch. However following Mr Mercer's inspection and praise he had a reversing mishap and got into trouble!

In 1964 Rob moved jobs, to work for Kirks butchers at Nunnington where he stayed for 8 years taking the chance to move to Malton Co-op for a rather nice pay increase from £14 6s to £19 6s (6 shillings = 30p in today's money).



Rob on his wedding day

Perhaps it was having a bit more money in his pocket that made Rob think about getting married. Anyway, Rob met his future wife, Sue Jackson, at a dance at Beadlam School (now Ryedale School) and they got engaged, but had to wait for a home before they could get married. When

a cottage in Nunnington became available Rob and Sue tied the knot – at Hovingham Church on 12 September 1970. Moving to Hill Crest, Slingsby later that year where they stayed for 49 years. Rob and Sue have a son and two grandsons.

Rob worked at Malton Co-op until it shut down in 1994, and moved to Skinners butchers at the bottom of Wheelgate, before moving on to a butchers shop in Rillington.

On 2 January 2011, Rob was very unlucky and suffered a stroke. Due to the vigilance of his wife Sue ringing for an ambulance he survived. Perhaps it was a lucky day after all as paramedics were able to give him life-saving treatment and take him to hospital where he had to re-learn many things, including how to walk. One strange thing he says is that in learning to write after his stroke he was able to do 'joined up writing' whereas before he had always printed. Writing was something Rob says 'I wasn't very good at – but maths was another matter – I was always good at figures and calculating'.

Sadly though, the stroke brought to a close Rob's working life – although he was 66 years old he was still enjoying work and had intended to keep going, but this was no longer possible. Another blow, was that he was not able to drive any more and having only 2 years before had been in the lucky position of being able to buy a brand-new Fiat 500, he was understandably very disappointed.

Rob remembers buying his very first car which he bought in the pub for £5. It was a 1933 Morris 8. Apparently, a young man who had been working in the village was leaving to go abroad and needed to sell his car. He wanted £20 for it. Cannily, Rob waited until the day he was due to leave and offered him all he could afford - £5 – and got the car! Talking about the pub, Rob can remember sitting on the steps at the back entrance to the pub when he was just 5 years old – waiting for his dad. The daughter of the landlord at that time was the District Nurse, Margaret Baron, and she kept a surgery in the pub kitchen. His dad had suffered a bad cut and needed to go every day to get it dressed.

Not really one for holidays, Rob can remember hiring a motor home when his son, Ian, was just 2 years old, and taking the family on a tour of Scotland. But a drive out was always very popular and a favourite thing was parking on Marine Drive, in Scarborough with an ice cream and fish and chips.

Hobbies are a different matter and Rob has many including golf, metal detecting, digital photography, and of course his garden. Having now moved from Hill Crest down to Green Crescent he has a new garden to tend. No lawn, just gravel, but thanks to friends in the village he has his old greenhouse, newly erected in the bungalow garden, and is busy with his plants – hydrangeas, fuchsias and tomatoes in particular. Whilst it was a wrench moving from a home they had lived in for so long, the Carpenters are delighted with their new bungalow. It has no steps and electric central heating, and it was immaculate when they moved in.

He is Slingsby born and bred and is a fount of knowledge about the village and village people, and has an exceedingly good memory!

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Rob and wife Sue outside their bungalow in Green Crescent

PS our usual VIP reporter, Kay Hill, as you all know has not been well. I am pleased to report that she is doing well and is hoping that she will be able to return to writing VIP stories soon. We send our best wishes, and for Kay and all grandparents, here is a picture of Kay's granddaughter celebrating Mayday in the south of England instead of round the Maypole in Slingsby as usual.



Gill Baker

50 years



The Bank Holiday weekend brought another celebration – Flora and Mick Dixon celebrated their golden wedding on 9th May 2020. Best wishes from the Triangle - and we caught a cheeky snap of them both!

FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School) - June / July 2020

It's a strange thing to look back at last year's June/July submission and read how successful our Scarecrow Weekend was we had a record number of 40 Scarecrow Entries and raised over £1,100. This

year we were determined to continue with tradition in some way even though school is closed

So, thanks to Liz Wilson's idea, we embarked on our very first, hopefully last, Online Scarecrow Competition via the Friends of Slingsby School Facebook page. Entries were posted on our Facebook page for people to 'like'. The highest number of votes to win a £30 Groovy Moo voucher.

Eleven families rose to the challenge and after a long weekend of voting, our well-deserved winner was the Ponting family with their 'Thank You Baked Potato scarecrow'. Thank you to all those families who entered and to those of you who voted. We look forward to seeing you all at next year's 'live' Scarecrow Weekend.

Our final and biggest School fundraiser is our beloved Duck Race normally held in July. Sadly, this won't be going ahead.

For those of you who would still like to support the School via Friends of Slingsby School, we have reinstated our easyfundraising charity page which is an online affiliate scheme. There are over 3,800 retailers such as John Lewis, Amazon, Argos, Waitrose and EBay who make a small donation each time you shop via their online website. If you'd like to register, simply go to their website www.easyfundraising.org.uk, search for the Friends of Slingsby School cause and then you will be able to create an account. From there, simply search for the retailer you'd like to shop with and once your online order has been placed, FOSS will receive your donation.

A big thank you to all of those who have supported our events this School year. We know next year's events are going to be our best yet and cannot wait to see you there! Take care.

Sonja Sedran FOSS Treasurer and Committee Member



One of the online scarecrow entries

A big thank you to all who sent in photos, sorry we can't print them all, but here is a selection. They showing springtime in and around Slingsby - how lucky we are to be in lockdown/semi lockdown in such beautiful surroundings

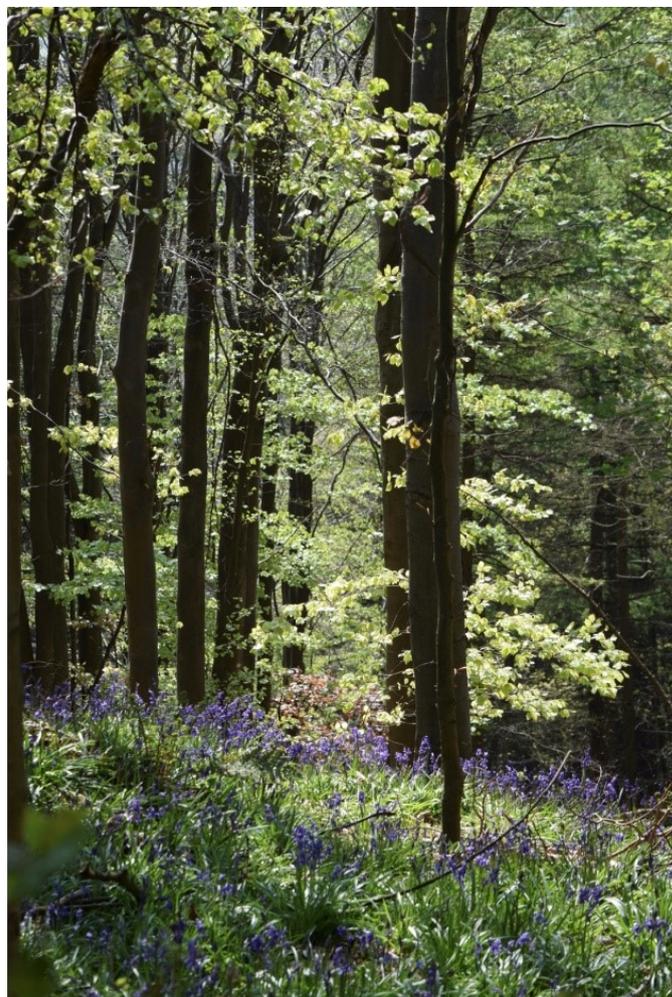


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