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Sunflowers in Michael and Flora Dixon's garden

Photo: D Thornley

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Slingsby Produce Show 2019 -



**What a
colourful
event it was**



Photos:
D Thornley
and
G Baker

Slingsby Produce Show 2019

We held our Produce Show on Saturday 14th September which was a lovely day bathed in warm autumn sunshine. The show was very successful with increased entries in many classes. The show was well supported by Slingsby Primary School and the children put in many entries in the art, craft and handwriting classes. The children had also been encouraged to grow pumpkins and marrows and about 20 had been successful. There were some really high-class entries and it was a highlight of the show. In the adults' section there were some excellent entries in the flowers, baking, art and craft, and photographs. As always, the heaviest pumpkin and marrow section created great interest, and as often happens were both won by Kenny Ety.

Cup & Trophy winners

N&D Stephenson trophy for Heaviest Pumpkin	Kenny Ety
R Martin Cup for Heaviest Marrow	Kenny Ety
R Smith Trophy for tray of 6 veg	Stephen Prest
J W Baker Cup for most points in veg classes	Kenny Ety
J Baxter Cup for best undressed onion	Trudy Carr
Lionel Lascelles Cup for Best Exhibit in Fruit & Veg	B & J Clarke
A Jerrams Cup for Best Flower in Show	Denise Preston
Bunny Ware Trophy - Best Dahlias in show	B & J Clarke
J A Baxter Cup for Best Aster	Pat Thompson
G Skaife Trophy for Best Exhibit in cookery	Rachel Prest
W Williamson Cup for most points in Home Produce	Debbie Firby
Alan Wormald Cup for best photograph in Slingsby	David Thornley

Childrens Classes

Jerrams Trophy - Best Exhibit in Craft Classes	Emily Riswick
Mark Foster Trophy – Heaviest Pumpkin by a child	P. Palmer

The Farrow Family Trophy for Heaviest Marrow by a child	Archie Raines
A Ventress Cup for Best Hand writing	Poppy Ballam
George Douthwaite Trophy for Best Exhibit in arts & crafts	L V & Lee Turner

Cup for most points in children's classes

4 – 5 years: Henry Pope

6 – 7 years: Freddie Masse

8 – 9 years: Oliver Wilson

10 – 11 years: Ben Foulgar

Cup for best exhibit in Craft: L V & Lee Turner

Very sincere thanks to all exhibitors and to all who helped to organise the show and to all visitors. It was a very successful show.

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Wednesday 27th
November 2019 at
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As always, all residents, especially those who read the Triangle or visit the website regularly, are warmly invited to attend our AGM. Please come along to give us your feedback, and help us plot the course for the coming year.

Full annual reports will be available at the AGM, and then on the website.

Jon Boots, Chairman

Articles and Articles and submission of copy

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

Welcome to new Slingsby residents

Francesca and Craig Wood have moved to Aspen Way with their 2 Labradors, Jan and Brandy. Craig is from Nunnington and has his own Garage and Francesca is from Hawnby and works at AmpleBosom in Old Byland. A big Slingsby welcome to you all!

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Poetry for Autumn, from John Keats

Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness,
Close bosom-friend of the maturing sun;
Conspiring with him how to load and bless
With fruit the vines that round the thatch-eaves
run;

To bend with apples the moss'd cottage-trees,
And fill all fruit with ripeness to the core;
To swell the gourd, and plump the hazel shells
With a sweet kernel; to set budding more,
And still more, later flowers for the bees,
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Shoeboxes in Slingsby

Slingsby Chapel is again collecting shoeboxes full of toys and other children's gifts to send to poorer parts of Europe and Africa. The gifts are given to all children who are in need, regardless of race or creed. Leaflets and flat-pack shoeboxes can be picked up at The Farm Shop, at Chapel or the back of Church or contact Rachel Prest for more details on 01653-628277. We shall have a special service to dedicate the shoeboxes on Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am at the Chapel to be led by Claire Piercy. You can bring your shoeboxes to the service or leave them at The Farm Shop.

Advance notice - Carol Singing

Round part of Slingsby and at The Grapes on Thursday 19th December. Meet at the Chapel at 6pm. Do come and help us. Contacts are Rachel Prest tel 628277 or Geoff Bishop tel 628055.

Stephen Prest

Slingsby Ladies Group

In September the group had a full day outing by coach to Beverley. It was a beautiful Autumn day and members were able wander around the quaint streets and enjoy retail therapy or a little culture in the Minster and St Mary's church followed by lunch. In the afternoon we were taken to Staal smokehouse at Long Riston. We were greeted by the owner and asked to put on gowns and shoe covers because of stringent hygiene rules. We were taken through the whole process of salting, hot and cold smoking and packing. Staal smokehouse is a relatively new and small business run by a husband and wife team to the very highest standards. They deal mostly with good quality restaurants, shops and farmers markets and are always to be found at Hovingham market.



Visit to Staal Smokehouse – dressed for the occasion

The next meeting of the group will be a talk by 'Ryedale Dog Rescue' and will be on Tuesday 8th October at 7-15pm in the Methodist Schoolroom when any new members will be very welcome.

Shelagh Richards

Parish Council meeting held on 16 September 2019 (summary)

- An objection to the application for a timber framed carport with shed at Sawpit Cottage, The Green, due to the height and scale and suggesting that a more modest flat roofed carport would reduce the impact on neighbours.
- No objection to tree work requested at Hall View, Railway Street.
- No objection to 2 shipping containers housing biomass boilers for heating poultry houses at Beech Tree House, South Holme
- Approved a Section 137 grant allocation of £1,000 towards the play equipment on the sports field site.
- Pot holes on Green Dyke Lane and Green Crescent to be reported to Highways.
- Reminder that not picking up after your dog can lead to a fine of up to £1,000. Report any issues to the Parish Clerk. Councillors will look into the possibility of purchasing additional dog waste bins at Fryton and on Railway Street.
- **Village Drainage Survey** - Members to look into information received from the Environment Agency and Yorkshire Water and consider at future meetings.
- **Speeding** - Residents have requested that the North Yorkshire Police speed camera van is deployed in the village as much as possible. NYP Beat Manager PC Jane Jones will carry out hand held speed checks when duties permit.

DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS

To be held at 7pm at Slingsby Village Hall
18th November 2019
20th January 2020
16th March 2020
18th May 2020

Chair – Fiona Farnell – 01653 628285

Parish Clerk – Gail Cook – slingsbypc@gmail.com

V.I.P. Corner “Buzz” Tompkins

The granddaughter of Sheffield building contractors, Buzz was actually born in Leicester, while her father was working there for the family firm. They soon moved to Yorkshire and lived high on the Moors, where Buzz was raised alongside her 3 brothers and



sister. She is pictured below as a young girl. Mum came from Bristol originally, and her heart was set on Buzz and her sister being educated at a Bristol Boarding School. The war came and the school evacuated to Devon, however mum and dad recognised the danger the girls were in and brought them both back home. Buzz finally finished her education in Lynmouth. Christened ‘Bertha Alice’ she was named after both of her grandmothers, Bertha having sadly passed away just before she was born. At that time, due to the war, ‘Big Bertha’ had connotations and Buzz found herself being bullied because of her name. Dad rectified it by calling her the nickname ‘Buzz’ and it stuck with her throughout her life!



Buzz as a young girl

Sport, and not Cupid, played a major role when it came to love. While on a trip to Norfolk to visit her then boyfriend, an attractive man was spotted playing cricket with her brothers. He immediately stole her heart - and it was reciprocated! George had been a driver in the Tank Corps, and had a most unusual war. He

went to Burma where he was lucky enough to survive thanks to someone putting him on a train to India. However, as if that wasn't enough, he then went to Italy to continue to serve. They were soon married and went to live in a Leicestershire village, where all 4 of their children, 3 boys and a girl, were born. They moved back to the Sheffield area, Bradfield, which was on the Moors and near her parents. In those days the winter could be harsh,

sometimes people got snowed in for a week at a time. While I was horrified at the thought, Buzz explained she was well prepared for this eventuality and they were some of the happiest days. Sometimes a nearby farmer would make the trip with a pony harnessed up to a sledge, to deliver milk to the family.

When it came time to leave the Moors, Buzz looked for a property in the vicinity of Sheriff Hutton, where one of her sons lived, and her current house in Slingsby fitted the bill - it had the space for a much treasured ‘Monks Seat’ carved by her grandfather and open fields to the rear. The church was also a key attraction, and Buzz became a member of the church council and helped make a banner for the Mother's Union.

Years ago, the Mother's Union used to put on a Pantomime each year, in conjunction with Mrs. Lange, at whose home they made costumes and everyone, young and old, got involved.

I mentioned sport earlier in the article and it continued to play a strong part in the life of the family. Buzz set a good example herself, being a competitive swimmer and diver. Buzz also played tennis and bowls. Cricket was the main interest, though, and while her husband and the children played, Buzz did the teas.

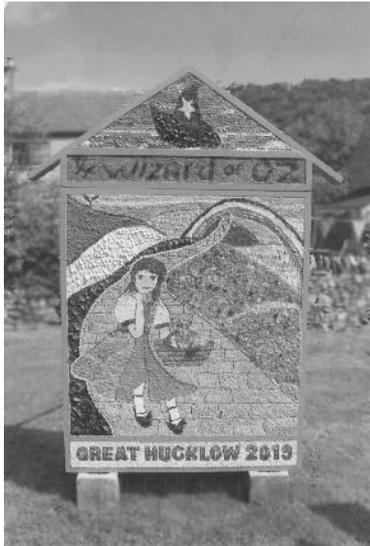
Sadly, George died of a stroke when he was 82. However, they were able to celebrate their Ruby Wedding with a beautiful lunch at Castle Howard, surrounded by their family. Currently, Buzz has 8 great grandchildren, including two sets of twins. The family enjoys holidays to Wales, to an Outward Bound centre and although she can't join in she is there cheering the youngsters on.

Buzz's daughter was trained as an Embroidress at the Royal School and currently creates beautiful pictures as well as undertaking the restoration of treasured furniture. She is currently supervising the making of an altar cloth at Eyam. The photo on the next page shows the ‘Wizard of Oz’ depicted in flowers as part of a ‘Well Dressing’ custom popular in Derbyshire. The village of Eyam had a tragic but fascinating history.

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VIP Corner /continued....

In June 1666 the Eyam population agreed to remain in their village which was rife with the plague known as the 'Black Death'. This was to prevent it spreading to other places and effectively contain it. The plan worked and to commemorate their bravery there is great respect paid not only to Eyam's well, which they depended upon for water, but to all wells in the area. Buzz goes to her daughter's house each year and helps to dress the well, this year her contribution was the skirt and the sky!



At 92 years of age, Buzz remains mobile on her scooter and her favourite thing about living in Slingsby is the number of friendly 'hellos' she gets while on her travels!

Kay Hill

Slingsby Chapel News

Two very successful events held over the summer. The "Cake & a Cuppa" held on 1st August "Yorkshire Day", as promoted by Radio York. Approximately 50 people came and enjoyed a cup of tea/coffee and lots of lovely cakes and most people stayed around and had chance to chat and talk in a really happy atmosphere.

The second event that went very well was the Afternoon Tea on 21st August at the home of Stephen & Rachel Prest. We were blessed to have a fine sunny day and a good crowd of people from Slingsby and some holiday makers and had a great time and enjoyed a very nice afternoon tea. Thanks to all who came and all who helped with food and getting everything ready for both events.

Coming Events

Sunday 29th September is our United Harvest Festival at The Chapel and at 10.30am we have a Thanksgiving service led by Rev John Manchester and afterwards there is a Harvest Lunch in The Schoolroom.



Wed 16th October at 12 noon: Soupa- lunch in The Methodist Schoolroom. Come and join us in The Methodist Schoolroom for soup, sandwiches, puddings and tea or coffee. All are welcome.

The Slingsby Fellowship Group starts again in October and meets fortnightly at the homes of Geoff & Karen Bishop and Stephen & Rachel Prest. We usually start with some singing and prayers and then have a short time of teaching often using DVD's as a starting point and conclude with light refreshments. Dates are: 9th and 23rd October, and 6th and 20th November. Everyone is welcome to come.

Stephen Prest



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Slingsby Badminton Club

The new season starts on Monday 21st October at 7.30pm in Slingsby Village Hall. We play every Monday night until Easter. We are a mixed group of players and would welcome any new members whether beginner level or those who have played before. Please come along and see for yourself. There is no subscription and the cost is £2 per person per evening session. For further information please contact Janet on 628625 or Barbara on 628107.



Mayday Correction

The Maypolers put an article in the previous edition of the triangle about the use of the gazebos and tables owned by the CIC (Community Interest Company) and are concerned that part of it could be misleading. The Triangle Editors apologise for any confusion and I am very happy to clarify the arrangements for borrowing this equipment.

– Co-Editor.

The CIC equipment of gazebos and tables will be available for private use subject to

- careful use
- absolute drying before storing
- only for use in the village

An appropriate donation to the CIC would be much appreciated. This equipment is available free to all organisations in the village.

Background information - The Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme CIC is a community organisation, formed in 2016 when the maypolers saw the need to make the running of Mayday more secure with public liability insurance. The status of CIC helped us to obtain grants to purchase the gazebos and tables, to contribute to the cost of painting the maypole, and to purchase more costumes and ribbons for the maypole dancing. We hope this status will assist when applications are made for grants for other projects in the village.

FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

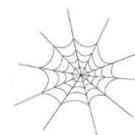
The warmest of hellos from the FOSS Committee to you. It's hard to believe that we are already over half way through our first half term. After a relaxing Summer break, we are now full steam back into fundraising mode. Your hard work, time and the generosity of our School families and friends enabled an amount of £8,000 to be donated to Slingsby CP School at the end of the last school year. A very big thank you to everyone who contributed to raising this much needed financial support for our School.

A few dates for the calendar include:

Friends of Slingsby School Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 15 October at 7pm at School. Some of the agenda items include the election of Committee Members, Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, the Chairman's Report, Christmas event planning and Fundraising ideas for 2020.

The School Halloween Disco to be held on Thursday 24 October from 3.45 – 5.30pm (date TBC). Tickets can be bought from the School office before the event for £4.50 or on the door for £5.00. The ticket will include the amazing musical talents of DJ FrankenSmith and a food bag.

There will also be a sweetie & toy tuck shop so bring along some extra pennies, and a prize for the best fancy dress. For those budding pumpkin carvers, enter the Pumpkin Competition for £1.00 for a chance to win a prize.



Bags 2 School collection on Friday 15 November where bags can be left at School from 8am. Bags are available from the School foyer.

Thank you again and we look forward to your continued support throughout the year.

Sincerest regards

*Souja Sedran
Friends of Slingsby School*

Slingsby Sports and Social Club

Chairman: Paul Hogarth tel 628219

Beautiful Burial Grounds Project – CFGA (caring for God’s acre)

Even as the rain fell gently on a Thursday in mid-June the wildflower areas of All Saints churchyard were looking very attractive on the day this event took place. A great credit to those, in particular Warwick Helme and John Clayton, who have looked after the area and made it work over the last two years.

Three ecologists from the organisation, Caring for Gods Acre, visited on a rainy Thursday in June to run a workshop on the identification of wild plant species. They were joined by our resident plant and tree experts Simon Conyers and John Clayton.

The morning’s identification work and training resulted in a surprisingly long list of plant species being found. Many of these have appeared over the last couple of years when we have been experimenting with leaving the grass to grow longer in some central areas and cutting it like a hay meadow and removing the cuttings. We now have a confirmed list of sixty plants and grasses found growing there. This list will be added to the Caring for Gods Acres national database among others. Six types of moth were also found in the new moth trap on the previous evening. These were identified and all released after being shown to Slingsby School pupils.



Slingsby School pupils enjoying the Churchyard survey

The survey revealed seven types of grasses, and forty-three different flowering plants not including trees, of which there are some magnificent

specimens. What was counted can be judged as a minimum number as others would be likely to appear in the later summer months and would not be counted so early in the year. The list included the more common but attractive types of flowers like Ox Eye daisies and campions but also some smaller rarer plants. We were taught to differentiate between types of buttercup, and we found we also have a rare one; the bulbous buttercup! We shall be producing a leaflet later in the year which gives more information on what was found.

Most exiting were the lichens, of which Slingsby churchyard has a good number on walls and the older gravestones. These are said to take up to 200 years to develop. Looking at them with a hand lens revealed their intricate detail; minute gardens in their own right, full of microscopic minibeasts. They were of particular interest to a group of about 30 pupils from Slingsby school and some of their parents who joined the session at the end of the school day, with pizza and veg snacks to keep everyone going with a series of activities, including searching for wildlife and identifying the plant and tree species and measuring the tree heights.

Kate Giles

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Geoff (Bishop)

The Yorkshire Arboretum Art Exhibition: The Secret Life of Trees - Lesley Seeger

Local mixed media artist Lesley Seeger, has produced a body of work based on the Yorkshire Arboretum during her year-long residency. The exhibition

includes pieces inspired by the changing views of the grounds. Lesley's exhibition runs in the Visitor Centre from **to Monday 14th October.**



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Slingsby Sports Club

Well, it's finally open! In 2016, the Parish Council drew the village's attention to the availability of Section 106 funding connected to the Cavendish Court development in Slingsby. Section 106 funding is administered by Ryedale Council through a formal grant application process. It can only be used to support open spaces in the village, such as the Sports Field and Allotments in Slingsby. If unclaimed, it is returned to the developer. The parish council's encouragement spurred a group of residents into action, working closely with the tenants of the Sports Field, Slingsby Sports Club. Two major projects have resulted, benefitting residents and visitors.

The Tennis Court

On Monday 18th August 2018, newly-refurbished and re-surfaced tennis courts were opened following a successful bid for £20,000 Section 106 funding by Geoff Bishop, supported by an additional £5000 donation from the Sports Club. The tennis courts are now clearly marked out for long and short form tennis, and provide basketball/netball hoops for additional activities. They are well used by residents of all ages, and have proved very popular over the course of the summer.



The resurfaced and refurbished tennis courts

The Play Area

On Sunday 4th August 2019, a new play area was opened by Paul Hogarth, Chair of the Slingsby Sports Club. The play area is located on the site of the former bowls club. The design of the play area was informed by consultations at the annual Duck Race in July 2018, and with families and children at

Slingsby Community Primary School. We have received fantastic feedback on the range of the equipment, and its appeal to all age ranges, from toddlers to teenagers. The relocation of the play area away from traffic, allowing families to watch and support other forms of sporting activity, including football and cricket, and to combine the use of the play area with that of the newly-refurbished tennis court and Sports Club facilities, has been warmly welcomed.

The play area has been funded by two Section 106 grants, totalling £25,324 (the remainder of the funding) granted to Kate Giles, Geoff Bishop and Geoff Brooks (Slingsby Sports Club), together with a Community Grant of £3413. A further £600 has been raised by cake stalls, tombolas and car boot sale proceeds over the Summer of 2019. Additional funding applications have been made. We are now just **£3000** short of our target of £32,700. In order that the play area could be opened to benefit families during the Summer Holidays, the Sports Club generously agreed to underwrite the outstanding amount.



We're open! Families enjoying the new facilities

A Play Area Group has been formed, to support fundraising activities as well as the maintenance and further facilities and equipment on the play area. Further applications and activities are planned in 2019. Future ideas and suggestions include the provision of seating, the future rebuilding of the two buildings on the site, and the provision of additional play equipment, including a baby slide, zipwire and adult fitness equipment.

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Play Area Group /continued....

We hope that Slingsby residents will feel proud of what has been achieved, thanks to their initial encouragement and the ongoing support of Slingsby Sports Club. Please do consider joining it and volunteering to help with ongoing maintenance and future fundraising.

Please contact Anita Brewer for further information:
anita-brewer@outlook.com

Kate Giles

Needed for tired and weary parents and grandparents and others. Have you an unloved or unwanted bench which can be given a special new home in the new Children's Play Area?



If you think you can help, please contact Geoff Bishop on 01653 628055 or geoff4.bishop4@outlook.com

Sowers and Growers

For our August session we visited Yorkshire Lavender at Terrington. A talk by Mr Nigel Goodwill about how he set up the business provided an interesting insight before we enjoyed the lavender, with bees and butterflies, the views from the hillside site and the teashop and garden centre. Visits to the garden are free in March, April and September, with a small charge from May to August. It's well worth a visit.

In September it was a garden quiz with fun and new learning for all of us. A few questions are printed below for all to puzzle over!

Coming up in October we have our 'food' evening where we bring food to share made with something from our garden or allotment.

In November it's a garden talk by Mike I'Anson, formerly of Helmsley Walled Garden. If you would like to join us, please contact our Chairman, Janet tel 628625.



Advance Notice

Sowers and Growers Christmas Decorations with
Kymm Queen of Queens Flowers

Wednesday 11th December at 7 pm

In Slingsby Village Hall

Cost - £10

(to include light refreshments and 'greenery')

All welcome and if you wish to attend, please contact Janet (tel 628625), in good time, for a place at this popular annual session.



Gardening QUIZ

1. Who designed the *Blue Peter* Garden in 1974?
2. What were brought to Britain from Germany in 1847, by Sir Charles Isham?
3. What word is used to describe plants that like acid soil and will not grow in alkaline soils?
4. What colour is a Welsh poppy?
5. Which campaign encouraged the British population to use gardens, parks and sports pitches to grow vegetables during World War Two?
6. Saffron comes from which type of flower?
7. Which grain is used to make semolina?
8. Which flowers were once known as gillyflowers?

Answers on page 20

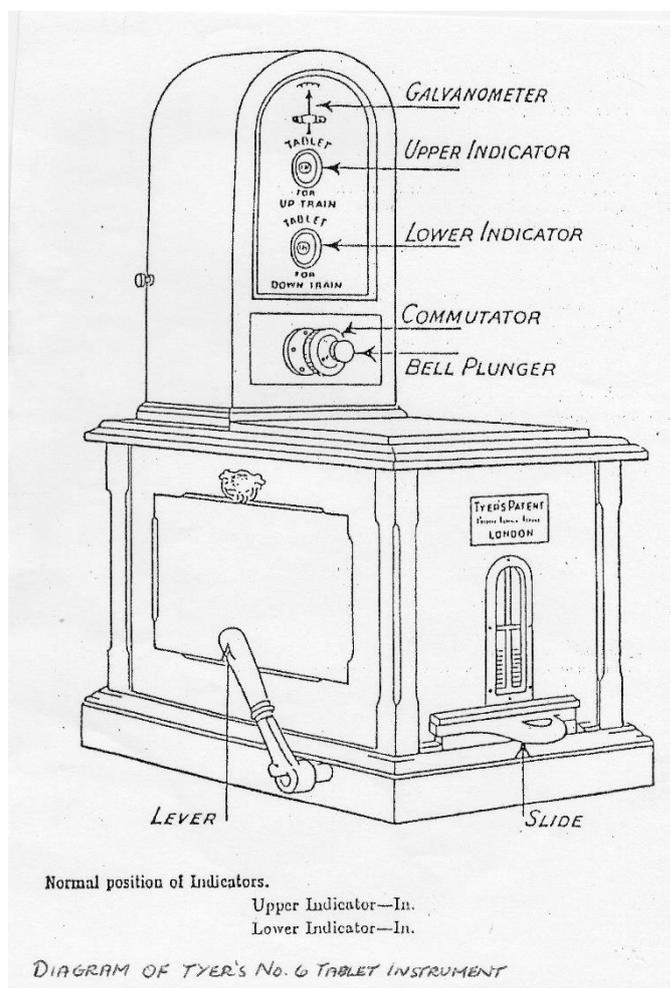
Slingsby Railway, occasional series

The Tyer machine

In 1874 and 1876 there occurred two serious railway accidents on single lines near Norwich and Radstock (Somerset) respectively involving significant loss of life where two trains heading in opposite directions crashed into each other. At the time the signalling was very rudimentary, involving messages being sent by telegraph which, certainly in the case of the Norwich accident, always had the potential for messages being misunderstood.

An engineer, Edward Tyer (1830 -1912), not to be confused with Captain Tyler of the Railway Inspectorate around the same time, was appalled at this rather haphazard method, and set out to provide a safe system for the operation of trains on single lines. In 1878 he patented what became known as the Tyer's electric tablet machine which ensured that only one train could be present on a given stretch of single line between two signal boxes. How it operated can be best described by reference to the accompanying diagram, and by imagining you are Fred Wright, porter-signalman at Slingsby, where two of these instruments, the most common of seven varieties, Tyer's No. 6, were located in the office, one for the Amotherby - Slingsby section, the other for the Slingsby - Hovingham Spa section.

Each train was signalled forward by a special bell code, for example three beats for a freight train and four beats for a passenger train. Taking the Malton - Kirkbymoorside 'pick-up' freight as an example; when it left Scarborough Road (Malton) signal box and the signalman there has given two beats on the bell to Jack Mitchell at Amotherby to signify this, Jack, by means of the bell plunger, gives one beat to Fred Wright at Slingsby who duly acknowledges it. Jack then gives three beats which Fred acknowledges, holding in the bell plunger for a few seconds on the last beat to allow Jack to turn the commutator to the left thereby allowing him to operate the lever and withdraw a tablet by opening the slide. The Upper Indicator for an Up train changes from 'In' to 'Out'. The machine was then locked to prevent another tablet from being withdrawn. See photo showing an example of a tablet.



When the 'pick-up' departs Amotherby Jack sends 'Train Entering Section', two beats to Fred at Slingsby. Fred then enacts the same procedure with Eric Hartley at Hovingham Spa in order to be able to withdraw a tablet from his machine, which he then puts in a pouch. Upon the arrival of the 'pick-up' at Slingsby the driver exchanges pouches with Fred. After the train has left, Fred puts his only signal back to danger and opens the crossing gates to road, and then returns to the office. Having first sent 'Train Entering Section', two beats, to Eric, Fred takes the tablet out of the pouch, opens the slide, puts the tablet in it face down, closes the slide and operates the lever which means the tablet is locked in the machine. One beat to Jack at Amotherby then follows who acknowledges it with one beat, then Fred sends the 'Train out of Section' bell signal, two pause one, to Jack, holding the plunger in for the last beat for a few seconds so that Jack can turn his commutator back from the ten o'clock to the twelve o'clock (normal) position, who then confirms all is in order at his end by sending two pause one beats back to Fred, whose final action is to send one beat

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Slingsby Railway /continued....

to Jack which results in the Up Indication changing from 'Out' to 'In'. When the 'pick-up' reaches Hovingham Spa the same method of signalling takes place, and so on as the 'pick-up' proceeds on its journey.

The accompany photo shows Fred Wright, not exactly kitted out in railway uniform, about to exchange tablet pouches with the crew of the 'pick-up' freight returning to Malton in circa 1960.



These Tyer's No. 6 machines, so common on rural branch lines in the 1960's before the Beeching closures, still exist on Network Rail, but only just, at three signalling block sections between Girvan and Dunragit on the line to Stranraer. The good news is that they also can be seen in working order at New Bridge, Levisham, Goathland and Grosmont Crossing signal boxes on the North Yorkshire Moor Railway.

Thus, a fail-safe system was devised and successfully operated nationally for over one hundred and twenty years. What it didn't do was to allow for human frailties, which were the cause of the infamous single line collision between two passenger trains coming from opposite directions near Abermule in mid-Wales on the 26th January 1921. Unbelievably, the driver of one train was in error given the same tablet he had just handed in on his train's arrival at Abermule for the next section ahead, from where a train had correctly been accepted, yet no one, not even the driver, failed to notice the inscription on the tablet was not for the

section he was proceeding into, with fatal consequences for him, his fireman and a total of fifteen passengers. Everyone assumed the system was infallible and had become complacent.



Tablet compared to a 50p piece.

Charles Allenby

Countryfile Ramble at Castle Howard

Being organised by the Ryedale Ramblers on Sunday

13th October 2019 between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Castle Howard. Starts at 11am from Castle

Howard car park. This is a family walk of 3.5 miles. Dogs welcome but must be on leads. We walk through the estate and then on public footpaths. It could be muddy in places so come prepared. Any donations to Children in Need welcome:

www.justgiving.com/Ryedaleramble.

Any questions email ryedaleramblers@aol.com
Do come any enjoy the fun and fresh air.



Slingsby Village Hall bookings: Trudy Carr –
tel 628302 or email mowray.rise@gmail.com

Allotment News

This is the time of year when our summer fruit and vegetables are rewarding us with plenty of produce, but also reminding us to plan ahead for the following years. We have had an overabundance of both red and black currants and definitely need to change this part of the plot. The amount of red currants, in particular, is much more than we can use, since we eat very little jam these days and I plan to dig most of these up this year and replant with something else – perhaps we might try a couple of fan trained cherry trees in their place since its now possible to get cherries on relatively dwarfing rootstocks.



We've had a really good crop of potatoes and managed to escape the worst of the blight by removing the foliage before blight got established. There are websites such as <https://blightwatch.co.uk/amateur> that alert growers to the likelihood of a blight attack in their postcode and this makes it possible to keep the potatoes growing as long as possible. There are no fungicide sprays available to amateur growers and so vigilance and removal of the affected foliage is the only control we have. The website shows when a blight attack is likely and so is like an early warning system. The only other issue we have with the potato crop is the damage caused by slugs. It's always very disappointing when a large potato with a small hole on its outside turns out to have been the home of a slug for a considerable time. Hopefully we find this out before we've baked it and put it on someone's plate for Sunday lunch.

I planted a couple of sweet potatoes in our greenhouse and these have produced a mass of foliage and are as usual swamping my peppers. We are looking forward to harvesting them in the next week or two. The plants I have been growing outside are probably less than 10% the size of those in the greenhouse despite the summer which has been pretty good for growing, so I probably won't bother with outdoor plants in the future. Maybe the plant breeders will produce varieties that are more suited to our climate. Maybe climate change will make that unnecessary?

Earlier in the year I thought I'd managed to get on top of the weeds and was complacent enough to think the plot looked okay next to my neighbours, but a couple of weeks of doing little in the way of weeding together with some warm weather and a fair amount of rain shows how deluded I was to think it would be plain sailing as far as keeping it tidy. The weeds have taken over again. It's really amazing how fast they've grown and I need to get back on top of them again.

I've just finished the summer pruning of our trained apples and have also attempted to bud some new apples onto the new dwarfing rootstocks I planted previously. Hopefully they will have taken now and I'm planning to take off the grafting tape (strips of Thomas the Baker's plastic bags) in the next month and then they'll grow away next year.

There's been so many wasps this year. Each year we have at least one nest somewhere on the plot, though we've never seen one as big as the one in Stephen's photo on the back page of this issue. We try to live with wasps because they are a beneficial insect in so many ways. It does, however, make picking fruit at this time of year a more interesting exercise, inspecting each apple or berry before picking in case there's a wasp or two around the other side. Some of our apples are almost hollowed out to a shell with dozens of wasps inside.

If you're interested in a plot on the site please contact our Chairman, Brian Clarke, tel 628625.



Comma butterfly spotted on Brian and Janet Clarke's plot

Terry Baker

Celebrating 150 years since the rebuilding of Slingsby Church

Our major repairs to the roof of All Saints church are well underway (as you may have noticed!) The CCTV system and alarms are installed and we are about to start work on the roof. Unfortunately, this has resulted in yet further costs, including the installation of temporary CCTV cameras on the scaffolding as well as the roof. We are not eligible for the new grants available from the Church of England because we have already installed the system (and they cannot fund retrospective installations or temporary systems on the scaffolding), and because priority is being given to churches vulnerable to 'hate crime', so we have only another £1,700 to find!



On a more positive note, our HLF (Heritage Lottery Fund) activities are ongoing and have included a visit to Newcastle to see the work of Robert J. Johnson, of Austin and Johnson Architects, who had a hand in rebuilding Newcastle Cathedral church. We admired its fancy woodwork and architectural details and then had a great open-top bus tour of the city. Meanwhile, our wonderful carpenter, John Apps and heritage consultant, Mike Oakenfull are working away on designs for interpretation boards inside and outside the church with fantastic input from Local History members. If all goes well, we hope to re-open the church on the 3rd November with a service led by the Bishop of Selby, but all this depends on what we discover when we undertake the roof repairs!

In October we hope to run a volunteer training session and Hard Hat Tours with Dr Dave Smith, whose PhD research highlighted Slingsby's significance as an example of an archaeological approach to Gothic Revival restoration. Please

watch the website (slingsbyvillage.co.uk) for further details about these events and in the meantime, here is a summary of the 150th anniversary of the rebuilding.

150 years since the rebuilding of Slingsby Church

All Saints, Slingsby was rebuilt between 1867-69 to a design by Robert J. Johnson. The patron for the rebuilding was Admiral Edward Granville Howard (later Baron Lanerton), brother of the 8th Earl of Carlisle, whose principal seat was the nearby Castle Howard Estate. Admiral Howard's wife, the Hon. Mrs Diana Howard, laid the foundation stone on 24th September 1867. The ceremony appears to have been one of great pomp and celebration, with flags, banners and streamers adorning the scaffolding poles and fixed to the highest branches of the surrounding trees. It was as part of this ceremony that the glass time capsule was placed beneath the foundation stone, which contained the only known photograph of the medieval church. Excavations several years ago discovered the capsule to have been made of glass and to have shattered soon after it was buried. A new time capsule was buried in the same location and you can find out more about it and its contents in a file at the back of the church.

Although the original intention in 1867 was to rebuild the nave of the church, the rebuilding rapidly extended to include the chancel, which had been the subject of a rather unsatisfactory restoration in 1835, and the Tower. Services were relocated to the Tithe Barn (located to the north east of the church on the site of the present garden of Mr and Mrs Shepherd).

The reconstruction of the Victorian church, which cost £5000, was paid for by subscription with the vast majority (£4575) covered by the patron, Admiral Howard. Contemporary sources provide the names of many of the key contractors involved in the 19th-century construction of the church. For example, the clerk of works was Mr Ware, of Castle Howard; the contractor was Mr John Brown, the mason Mr Bailey, and the plumber and glazier a Mr Hodgson, all of York and the carved capitals and figures were created by Mr John Raddis, of Birmingham. The church reopened amidst much celebration and ceremony on Wednesday 2nd June 1869.



North Yorkshire Police have sent The Triangle information on Neighbourhood Watch

Nominations have opened for the Neighbour of the Year Award 2019.

Traits of a good neighbour:

- Good neighbours look out for each other, for example keeping an eye on the house
- Good neighbours are sociable and friendly - happy for a chat or a party invitation
- They're practically helpful - from taking in parcels to offering help with the plumbing
- They're kind, caring and respectful - more specifically thinking about the impact they have on neighbours

The Chief Executive of Neighbourhood Watch Network, said recently: "With so much focus on what divides us as a society, it's good to be reminded of the ordinary people who make our nation great. The kind, every-day deeds of neighbours help create safe, secure and happy neighbourhoods where people, families and communities thrive. That's something we can all unite behind. I look forward to seeing the nominations to be reminded just how wonderful people can be."

Nominate your neighbours at:
coop.co.uk/neighbour2019

Other news, Neighbourhood Watch is launching a campaign in partnership with cyber security firm Avast and the University of Birmingham called **Cyberhood Watch**. We need your help.

We are looking for:

- Representatives in the East of England who are interested in taking part in a pilot Cyberhood Watch training programme.
- Members across all regions who are interested in being a local media spokesperson for this campaign.
- Case studies of members who have been affected by cybercrime. We appreciate it can be a sensitive matter, but we are keen for those

who have fallen victim to share their stories as it can help prevent it happening to someone else by spreading awareness. If you have experienced cybercrime and are willing to talk about it publicly please get in touch. (If you wish to do this anonymously, this is not a problem). To take part please email:

Amy.Mawby@ourwatch.org.uk

Security firm, **ERA**, is offering all Neighbourhood Watch members a 20% discount on all items from their online shop until the end of December 2019

SHOP ERA ONLINE TODAY AT responseelectronics.com.

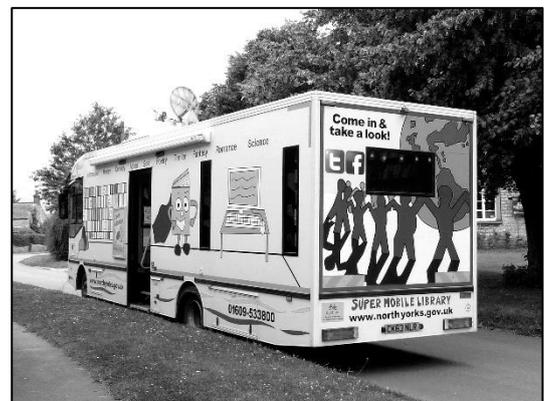
The Discount Code for North Yorkshire is: **NHWYORK20**

See the full Newsletter at

www.ourwatch.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/NHW-Newsletter-SEPT19-004.pdf

Gardening QUIZ answers

1. Percy Thrower
2. Garden gnomes
3. Ericaceous
4. Yellow
5. Dig for Victory
6. Crocus
7. Wheat
8. Carnations



Don't forget our mobile library – every other Friday outside Porch Farm, opposite the school



Halloween

Join us at Castle Howard this October half term for a Halloween experience like no other. Across the dormant water of the Great Lake lies our new adventure playground, Skelf Island and the naughty Skelves who live here are up to no good. Are you brave enough to join Corvus the Crow on his mischievous woodland adventure to find out the seasonal secrets of his hidden world? Families of all ages can enjoy a day of outdoor trails and adventure play, with a series of ingenious treetop nest structures, connected by rope bridges, slides, nets and climbing equipment. No age restriction just a brave restriction.

Father Christmas

Tickets for Father Christmas events at Castle Howard are now available. Enjoy an experience like no other at Castle Howard this Christmas. Our popular Audiences & Evenings with Father Christmas are the perfect day out for the whole family. In order to prevent any problems with the website, we have added a queue management system to our booking pages. If a queue page appears in your browser when booking, please do not refresh as this may mean you lose your place in the queue.

For more information on our events with Father Christmas - **Audience with Father Christmas, and Enchanted Evenings with Father Christmas** – and to book tickets please see our website – www.castlehoward.co.uk

Christmas Afternoon Tea

Combine your visit to the House and Gardens at Christmas with a Christmas Afternoon Tea in our elegant Grecian Hall. A Christmas Afternoon Tea at Castle Howard is an experience like no other. Indulge in an award-winning selection of exquisite savoury treats and an array of sweet delights, served beside a roaring log fire in this unique palladian surrounding. To book your Afternoon Tea, visit www.castlehoward.co.uk

Ryedale Garden Photography Workshop – Sunday 20th October

Spend time exploring the gardens and learning more about photography. These small informal sessions are the perfect way to pick up tips and advice from the tutors and fellow photographers, with teaching tailored to individual abilities.

Areas covered include composition, exposure, focus, manual camera settings, aperture and shutter speed. We can also look at more experimental techniques and ideas such as long exposures to capture movement, zoom effects and out of focus photography. To find out more and book your place visit www.castlehoward.co.uk



Fairy Ring of Toadstools found at the back of Ashlea House, The Lawns



Libby Popek sent this picture and tells me, "I found the pixie ring in middle of my field at the back of my barn at the Lawns and at the rear of Peter Smithson's house. Legend has it, if you step into the ring it can be dangerous as some believe those who join the fairy dance within the circle and under the moon are sometimes lost in time and disappear forever".

Just the sort of spooky story we need, with Halloween coming up soon!

Co-Editor



The Flower planter on the Green has looked pretty all summer. A big thank you to all who plant and look after it.

Pretty gardens in the village make it a pleasure to walk round



Bales to the north of Slingsby woods



Church under wraps ready for the work to the roof

T & G Photos

Stephen's Farming Column

Photo shows combine harvester at work looking down on Slingsby



The late summer has given us some lovely weather and as I write this in early autumn it is gloriously sunny and warm. On the whole harvest has gone well with crops of barley and wheat yielding well helped by the damp and mild weather earlier in the year. Harvest weather has also been quite good meaning that a lot of grain came in needing very little in the way of drying. Oilseed rape hasn't done so well mainly because certain chemicals which were used to control flea beetle and other pests have been withdrawn from use as they

are thought harmful to honey bees. In some areas it is no longer possible to grow oilseed rape because of the high numbers of these beetle pests. I won't say anything about Brexit because we don't know any more about the likely outcome than we did 2 months ago when I last wrote.

On the conservation side as I wrote previously all my 3 owl boxes had barn owls in them in springtime, however one box was taken over by a pair of Kestrels, in another one the owl disappeared but the third one has a pair of barn owls in it at present but I do not think they have bred. Nature is constantly changing and adapting to different circumstances. It seems to have been a good year for butterflies and in particular one called Painted Lady which seem to everywhere.



Photo shows the 3 young Kestrels outside the owl box (taken by Lesley Carr)



Photo of an amazing wasp nest in a shed at brother David's at Fryton. To make these nests the queen wasp starts the process by getting wood pulp and mixing it with saliva and gradually creates this incredible structure where she then lays her eggs and starts a new colony of wasps. Depending on the species of wasps each nest may contain 800-900 wasps or even into the thousands for some types. The wasps die out over winter leaving the new queen to hibernate over the winter and start the process all over again in spring.

Stephen Prest