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SLINGSBY PRODUCE AND PUMPKIN SHOW

Due to Covid restrictions we were not able to hold our usual village produce show this year so instead we put on a display of the best marrows and pumpkins and a small amount of other "select" produce and flowers around the planter at the end of The Green.

It made a wonderful display and congratulations to Ken Etty who again managed to grow both the champion marrow and champion pumpkin.

We also held a competition for the tallest sunflower measured in situ. We had a total of 7 entries which was very encouraging. Winner with a sunflower of 3.53 metres (11ft 7in) was Cynthia Fell. Second was Archie Hodgson (2.82m) and third was Jean Hammond (2.74m).



Cynthia Fell with grandson Angus (and bantams) standing next to the winning sunflower.

Stephen Prest



Here is a photo of Archie Hodgson with his sunflower. Archie won second place. His sunflower measured 9ft2.

Helena Hodgson

The mini Produce Show caused a flurry of excitement on the Green on what was a lovely sunny Saturday (12th September). The Triangle was able to capture a picture of Ken Etty with the display on the Green for the cover of this edition, together with other photos captured by villagers. Thank you to all those involved in making it happen - Ed



Subscriptions

Many thanks to all of our subscribers who were ready with their subscriptions when their deliverer called. It has been really helpful in reducing the number of call-backs they are having to do.

If you are still outstanding with your payment please use the envelope left by your deliverer and get it back to them as soon as possible. Once again, your prompt payments are much appreciated.

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Jo Breckon

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Do you remember the first Edition of the Triangle?

The Triangle was first issued in December 2010, which makes this coming December our tenth anniversary. The team would like to mark it by asking anyone who remembers that first one to tell us:

- What do you remember about the first edition?
- What you think about how it's changed?
- If you got a mention – how have things changed for you?
- Where do you see the Triangle in another 10 years?
- Would you be willing to write something for us?
- Any other comments you have for our December 2020 anniversary edition.
- anyone curious to see the December 2010 issue can find it at www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/the-triangle/ along with the rest of the Triangle archive

Make sure to let us know you have comments in plenty of time so we can plan for the article. You can just talk to one of us if that's easiest.

Dates for your Diary

No Pink Pages yet, but things are starting to be arranged so here's a few dates for your diary:

4th October - Castle Howard Classic Car Day
21st October Friends of Slingsby School AGM
23rd October - 1st November - Pumpkin Trail
25th November Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group AGM

See articles later in the Triangle for more information on these events

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SWANG AGM to go virtual on 25th November



The 2020 Annual General meeting of the Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group will be held on **Wednesday 25th November at 7.30 pm**. Normally we would be looking forward to holding this AGM in the convivial atmosphere of the Grapes. But of course, this year is far from normal. As I write the majority of people in the North East have just been put under renewed restrictions, with parts of North Yorkshire joining the watch list. In view of this, our AGM will be held via Zoom.

The Triangle and the village website are now in their 10th year. As you will have seen elsewhere in this issue, we are considering how to mark our 10th birthdays (1st December for the Triangle and 1st March 2021 for the website). No doubt we will also be looking ahead to our second decade. Your ideas are always welcome.

Anyone wishing to attend the AGM is invited to register with us on admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk. You will be given the necessary link and guidance about how to join the virtual meeting. We look forward to seeing you, albeit in mosaic and pixelated form!

Jon Boots

Website subscription and Slingsby Distribution List

We'd like to remind you that you can subscribe to the website via email and get new website posts direct to your inbox. For this use the sign up in the box at the bottom of the right-hand panel of each website page, just below Tweets. In addition, you can subscribe to the Slingsby Distribution List, which means you will receive occasional reminders about local events, news and the Triangle copy deadlines. If you wish to be put on that distribution list, just send an email to admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk requesting to opt into the Slingsby Distribution List.

Over 50 residents are currently subscribing to each of these, a good number are on both lists. Naturally, you can unsubscribe at any time.

Ryedale Festival Online 19th-26th July

The Ryedale Festival had originally scheduled some 50 live events to take place in and around Ryedale, including a concert in Slingsby's All Saints' Church. In spite of Covid, our best laid plans were not entirely in vain. In the event, disappointment gave way to some frantic reprogramming and we ended up with an online festival of eight concerts, streamed live, and without charge, by the Ryedale Festival's new online platform, the Ryestream.

Did the Ryestream flow into your home? It was an ideal opportunity to find out how the Festival is developing and to see and hear some outstanding performers – celebrated musicians, up-and-coming professionals and some new faces. While the full concerts are no longer available to view, short (and not so short) clips of each event are still available for all to enjoy. Just go to

<https://ryedalefestival.com/ryestream/>



The extraordinary array of talent on display includes an amazing South African cellist/singer, a quartet playing a wrong-note polka in Castle Howard's Long Gallery (great fun) and a short film of singers from Streetwise Opera in Middlesbrough combining with leading stars to give us Schubert in the Ryedale countryside. Amusing, thought-provoking and at times deeply moving.

Jon Boots

Be Warned - Scammers are exploiting the virus

It was reported recently in the national press that gangs are exploiting the pandemic and that there has been an 84% rise in impersonation scams. Nearly 15,000 cases were reported between January and June this year. More than 8,220 involved criminals impersonating the police or a bank, while others pretended to offer coronavirus relief grants or fake refunds for flights.



Scam Example

North Yorkshire Police advise that they have received many reports of a new scam email in circulation supposedly from Her Majesty's Courts and Tribunal Service, saying **you have been using your vehicle on a road subject to a charging scheme and have failed to pay the appropriate charge**. You are asked to pay the £25 fine, which increases to £50 if not paid within 14 days, and £100 if not paid within 28 days.

You are told to click on a link in the email in order to pay the fine. **THIS IS A SCAM**. There are a number of things in the message that tell you the email is a scam:

1. The sender's email address does not correspond to HM Courts and Tribunal Service.
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4. The email encourages you to click on a link to make payment (all this will do is harvest your bank account details).
5. There is a deadline to act.

Remember all suspicious emails can be forwarded to: report@phishing.gov.uk.

If you have already responded to the scam and lost money, contact your bank and report the crime to North Yorkshire Police on 101 or alternatively Action Fraud on 0330 123 2040 or online at www.actionfraud.police.uk. If you need to contact North Yorkshire Police please call 101 or in an emergency dial 999. Alternatively, please email any non-urgent enquiries to:

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Castle Howard News

Join us this October

The House will open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings throughout October and the Gardens will remain open daily, giving you plenty of opportunities for a great Yorkshire day out!

Book an arrival slot on our Website – booking applies to Friends of Castle Howard also. The Ticket Office is open daily throughout October from 10am - 4pm. Last entry to the House is at 1pm and the Gardens will close at 5pm.

In order to maintain social distancing guidelines inside the House, the bedrooms and the Chapel remain closed as these are particularly small spaces with confined access. The rest of the House will be open on a one-way free flow basis. The House Gift Shop and Fitzroy Cafe will be open on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday mornings also.

The Classic Car Show is back

Our annual Father's Day Classic Car Show originally scheduled for June had to be postponed and we are delighted to confirm that the event is back this October! Set within the grounds of the Castle Howard Estate, the Classic Car & Motor Show will take place on **Sunday 4th October** and will offer a spectacular day of motoring heritage ideal for enthusiasts, day trippers and families. With over 500 vintage, classic and modern classic vehicles on display, over 40 trade and auto stalls plus quality food, drink and ice cream on offer, the event is set to be a great day out for the whole family to enjoy.

The Classic Car Show is included within a Castle Howard Gardens ticket (free for Friends of Castle Howard). Pre-book online and do not book for more than 6 people in a party (unless your household or support bubble is more than 6 people). To book visit: www.castlehoward.co.uk/visit-us

Friends of Castle Howard can visit the Yorkshire Arboretum - Friends of Castle Howard can now look forward to visiting the Yorkshire Arboretum on 4th and 6th October using their Castle Howard membership cards. Places are available on a first come first served basis, so book soon to avoid disappointment.

Slingsby School re-opens

It's been a wonderful start to the school year with smiles all around, from children, parents and the school staff. A huge thank you must be extended to Mrs Metcalfe and all the teaching and school staff who have made the return to school seamless despite having to work to an ever-changing landscape.

The FOSS AGM date has been confirmed and will be held on Wednesday 21st October at 8 pm via Microsoft Teams. There are already lots of fundraising ideas circulating, including a Bags2School collection in November (to be confirmed), and we hope to be able to update you in the next edition of The Triangle on our fundraising plans.

Keep an eye out on the Slingsby Village website and the FOSS Facebook page as well.

Sonja Sedran, FOSS



Close to home and open for visitors

Castle Howard Gardens, Skelf Island Adventure Playground, Garden Centre and Farm Shop are all now open to visitors.

Explore 1,000 acres of parkland, woodland and gardens. Burn off steam at Skelf Island, with ingenious treetop nest structures connected by rope bridges, slides, nets and climbing equipment.

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CASTLE HOWARD



Have you got your copy yet?

Slingsby Local History Group's new book, '101 photographs, 101 years' is still available, although it has sold very well. It contains 100 old black and white photographs, plus one on the cover, taken from 1864 to 1965. All the old photographs of Slingsby and Fryton have been digitally restored. It is on sale at Tony's shop, or from any SLHG member or from David Thornley on 01653 627210 at the price of £9. It can be posted to you for an extra £2. Please note that all proceeds go to SLHG and are then ploughed back into village projects.

101 photographs, 101 years

101 black & white photographs of Slingsby and Fryton from 1864 – 1965



Produced by Slingsby Local History Group

It's shoebox season again!

This year Slingsby Chapel is taking part in the Shoebox online programme. Gifts are selected online then Operation Christmas Child pack the boxes and send them off.



If you would like to join us in sending boxes to needy children around the world monetary donations can be placed in the grey letter box near the schoolroom door. For more information about the scheme go to: www.shoebonline.samaritans-purse.org.uk

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Allotments News

August and September are the peak months for harvesting on our allotment. In the



greenhouse we have had lots of tomatoes. We try and grow a number of different varieties with a range of colours to make them look nice on a plate. We particularly like Sungold. It's an orange tomato, reliable and a heavy cropper with an excellent flavour and is also very early to ripen. We can usually harvest it more than a week earlier than other varieties. Tomatoes that we can't use fresh including most of our plum tomatoes are roasted in the oven and then frozen to use in meals throughout the rest of the year.

Our peppers have been producing ripe fruit for a couple of weeks now. Growing them as cordons with two stems has kept them tidier and easier to support but I'm not sure we've had any more fruit doing it that way. I like the way it makes it look as if I've got some idea about what I'm doing in the greenhouse though!

I've tried the same cordon system with two aubergines I was given by my allotment neighbour Steph. I wasn't sure what to expect from these but we've had a reasonable crop from the one planted in the border. The plant I had in a grow bag initially did well but obviously couldn't cope with my unreliable watering and as it's up on the staging, it is not supplied from the automatic system. The watering system has a solar powered pump that takes water from the butts around the greenhouse and this means I don't have to go every day to water.

Irregular watering of tomatoes causes them to blacken at one end in a disorder called *blossom end rot*. The automatic system means we don't really see any of that, though we currently have plenty of another tomato problem – grey mould or *botrytis*. This is a problem due to my usual fault of planting too many. There seems to be lots of space in spring but it's amazing how big tomato plants become. Most of them are up to the greenhouse roof and then I've got them trained horizontally for several feet along the roof.

In the orchard the apples are ripening quickly now. This is the first year where we have had a significant attack by codling moth. The moth lays eggs on young developing fruit and the larvae then bore into the fruit and feed on the core of the apple for several weeks. Affected fruit often drop prematurely from the tree. We will have to think about whether we need to do anything about this next year. There are pesticides available but we are not keen on using them and the timing is difficult to judge. I imagine we'll probably just live with it. The apple cordons I grafted last winter have grown away strongly and should be fruiting in a couple of years. I've tried to bud the ones that didn't take and hopefully they'll catch up in a year or two.

We made a mistake of growing 3 courgette plants and as a result have been swamped with fruit. It's almost come to the point where the first thing we say to anyone we know is "would you like some courgettes?", or even better "we've brought you some courgettes" because it then makes it harder to refuse the 'gift'. They grow so fast, if you miss a couple of days picking, all the fruit have become marrows. There is definitely a limit on how many you can eat fresh or frozen, and a lesson in only having one or possibly two plants. Though last year we grew two and they both died early – seems you can't win whatever you do. Every year is different.

I planted a few celeriac plants in spring. This is the first time I've tried them and my guide book says they grow slowly. This seems a bit of an understatement. The ones you buy in Morrisons are about the size of a swede, the ones I've grown are about the size of a radish, so not much use for Jamie Oliver's allotment cottage pie (mentioned last issue). Maybe they'll accelerate now? On the other hand, the plants of self-blanching celery that I was given by Roy have grown really well and we're looking forward to using them. Celery is something else I've not grown before.

Having an allotment is a bit like having a shed at the bottom of the garden. It's nice to be able to say, "just going down to the allotment" and getting the old bike out and cycling down there.

If you are interested in having an allotment you should contact our chairman Brian Clarke on 628625.

Terry Baker

Slingsby Village Shop



How lovely to live in a real village with a school, a pub and a **village shop**.

There have been several shops in Slingsby in the past, but now we are down to one. It can be a real gathering and chatting point, especially on a Sunday morning when everyone is collecting their paper.

Tony Hodgson who runs the shop can't quite remember when he started – either the late 1970's or early 1980's. That's because he started in a very small way putting out fruit and vegetables with an 'honesty' box on the wall underneath what was a very large and pretty ancient copper beech tree, standing in the garden next to his current shop. The tree provided an excellent 'outdoor shop' as it sheltered goods from both rain and sun.

Sadly, the tree which had a split trunk was inspected and declared unsafe and had to be cut down. Luckily the demise of the tree did not mean the shop had to go. Tony had been improving the building at the back of the current shop, which measures 20 feet by 7 feet, and in 1987 this became the new shop – still with an honesty box.

Very soon, however Tony realised it would be sensible to put the shop on a safer basis and employ an assistant – Ruth Miller. Soon the shop was selling a much wider variety of goods, and because it had moved away from just being a farm shop, planning permission for 'change of use' was required. In 1993 the shop was expanded and opened together with a coffee shop and an animal farm, run by daughter Jane.

In 1998 the business became even larger as Mr Wormald's shop (based in Prospect House) closed and the Post Office moved to Tony's, with wife Joyce retiring from 'Chief Baker', Trudy Carr stepping in to do the baking, and Sue Carr joining the team to assist in the shop.

In 2000 foot and mouth disease hit the countryside and the Animal Farm had to close, initially temporarily, but with new restrictions and children petting the animals no longer allowed it was not viable. Without the added custom from the Animal Farm the coffee shop shut too. Later, Trudy left the shop as her husband was seriously ill and Jane took over the baking.

The shop itself continued to thrive and the added Post Office business helped, especially when Hovingham Post Office closed. Tony remembers at that time 200 pensioners each week were collecting their pensions from him. But as time went on Post Office business generally lessened. For example, TV licences moved online and more people had pensions paid direct to their bank accounts. Slingsby Post Office was unlucky because whilst it was not scheduled for closure a decision was taken by headquarters that its business was needed to make a new Mobile Post Office viable. So, in 2008 the Post Office part of the shop closed and sadly Sue Carr was redundant. Probably it would only have been a matter of time before it was closed anyway, as its business had dwindled rather. However, it did mean the loss of the cash machine and the ability to offer phone top ups.

From 2008 the business has been run just as a shop – very much to the benefit of those in Slingsby and the surrounding villages, as well as being popular with visitors. In making arrangements to visit to hear about the shop's history, Tony said come one afternoon as it will be quiet. During the ¾ hour I was there it was far from quiet, a dozen or so customers came in to the shop. Baked items were particularly popular!

I get the impression that for Tony the shop is a complete calling and that he lives and breathes the business and the community he serves – where would we be without our Village Shop!

Go behind the scenes at the shop for a fascinating insight - see next page

Gill Baker

A Day in the Life of a Village Shopkeeper



Tony Hodgson was born and bred in Slingsby, he's been married to Joyce (also born and bred in Slingsby) for 47 years. They have 2 children, James and Jane, and 4 grandchildren.

When does your day start?

I get up at 5.30 am every morning.

What do you have for breakfast?

I don't have breakfast – in fact I don't really have any breaks. Instead I graze during the day.

What's your first job in the shop?

The papers come between 5am and 6am so my first job is always sorting them out.

What else needs doing?

Another early job is cutting up and bagging the baked goods, and re-stocking shelves as needed. The bread comes at 7 am. It isn't baked here but comes from a baker in Norton. I've been using the same one since I started.

When do you open the door to customers?

I open at 7.30 am every morning.

What do you drink?

Usually tea – and it's often cold tea if a customer comes through the door! I don't have time for a drink at the pub though.

What about after closing?

That's the time I do most re-stocking of shelves for dry goods etc, so that I can focus on fresh things in the morning. An early night is always in order ready for the early start.

What about stock?

I do the ordering on a Monday and it's delivered on Tuesday. I use a firm called Country Valley and always have. As a loyal customer they made sure I always had stocks during lockdown – especially flour!

What do you do when the shop isn't open?

I go to York on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons when the shop shuts early – to the Cash and Carry, and to Aldi for baking ingredients. I've been going so long they all know and trust me and I just have to say 'I've got 20 of these' and they don't bother to count for themselves.



Below, Tony busy tying up left over papers ready for collection early next morning



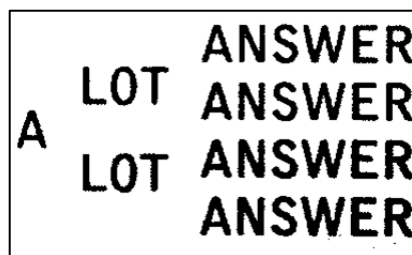
Back in 1987 when you opened the first proper shop did you think you would still be doing this more than 30 years later?

Well Joyce and I joked back then when there were 4 other shops in the village, 'wonder if one day there will just be 1 shop'!

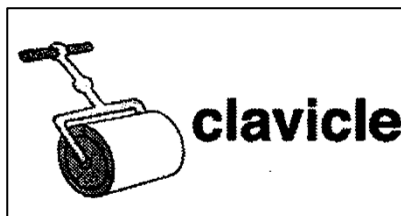
Logic Puzzles

1. There were two fathers and two sons. They went into a sweet shop. Each one bought a bar of chocolate for 50p. They spent a total of £1.50. How is that possible?
2. What is taken before you can get it?
3. In the Tour de France, what is the position of the rider after he passes the second placed rider?
4. It occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment but never in an hour. What is it?
5. A cowboy rides into town on Friday. He stays three days and then rides out again on Friday. How can this happen?
6. What can travel round the world while staying in the corner?

2.



3.



4.



Gill Baker

See page 22 for puzzle answers

Word Puzzles

Can you solve these synanagrams? A SYNANAGRAM is a word whose letters can be rearranged to form a different word with the same meaning—like 'note' and 'tone'. Can you find the other word?

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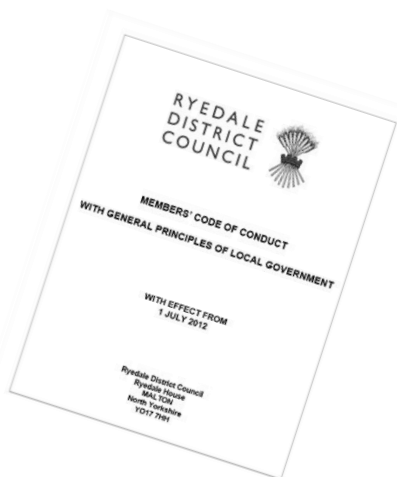


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Did you know....

That all Ryedale District Councillors when they are elected have to sign up to a **Code of Conduct**. A similar Code applies to Parish Councillors and North Yorkshire County Councillors too.



The **Code** is to make sure that, when dealing with Council business and voting to make decisions, they always behave well and do not let their own private interests influence those decisions. This extends to include the interests of their close family and friends.

The Code covers what are known as '**the seven principles of public life**'. These are things that all of us would agree are important and would expect from Councillors who make decisions that affect the lives of people and our community.

The principles are:

SELFLESSNESS

Holders of public office should act solely in terms of the public interest. They should not do so in order to gain financial or other material benefits for themselves, their family, or their friends.

INTEGRITY

Holders of public office should not place themselves under any financial or other obligation to outside individuals or organisations that might seek to influence them in the performance of their official duties.

OBJECTIVITY

In carrying out public business, including making public appointments, awarding contracts, or recommending individuals for rewards and benefits, holders of public office should make choices on merit.

ACCOUNTABILITY

Holders of public office are accountable for their decisions and actions to the public and must submit themselves to whatever scrutiny is appropriate to their office.

OPENNESS

Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands.

HONESTY

Holders of public office have a duty to declare any private interests relating to their public duties and to take steps to resolve any conflicts arising in a way that protects the public interest.

LEADERSHIP

Holders of public office should promote and support these principles by leadership and example.

It is important to remember that the Code applies when a Councillor is 'working on Council business' and doesn't apply to their private life or their business life.

Anyone can complain about a Councillor's behaviour – another Councillor, a member of staff or member of the public – if they believe there has been a breach of the Code.

Who deals with a complaint about a Councillor?

Ryedale Council has a Committee responsible for ensuring high standards – the Overview and Scrutiny Committee. In addition, a senior Council officer has day to day responsibility and takes charge of any investigations needed.

The officer appointed must have appropriate professional qualifications usually including legal experience. This person is called the 'Monitoring Officer' and that person reports to the Committee and full Council when required. Ryedale takes on the 'Monitoring' role for Parishes, but North Yorkshire County Council has its own arrangements.

An Independent Person

The Localism Act of 2011 requires all Local Authorities to have arrangements in place to deal with complaints. The Act also requires one or ideally two 'independent persons' to be appointed. The independent persons must be completely impartial and have suitable experience. The views of this person must be sought by the Council before it takes any action following a complaint that a Councillor has breached the Code of Conduct.

The independent person helps to ensure that action is taken when appropriate, and that Councillors themselves are protected from spurious complaints.

The existence of a Code of Conduct is reassuring for the public and local democracy – knowing that Councillors who are elected in good faith by the local community are held to high standards and can face sanctions.

Sanctions

Possible actions in relation to a Councillor include:

- Informal resolution
- Investigation
- Hearing by a Panel appointed by the Overview and Scrutiny Committee
- Apology
- Additional training
- Removal from Committees

Under these arrangements a Councillor who breaches the Code cannot be removed from the Council itself, or have their allowance taken away. Only the local electors have that right at the next election. Councillors are elected every 4 years.

Separate rules for criminal offences

Reassuringly, under a separate law, a Councillor who is found guilty of a criminal offence and is given a prison sentence of 3 months or more (whether suspended or not) will automatically lose their seat on the Council.

How to complain

If you believe you have reason to complain about a Councillor, you can write to:

The Monitoring Officer
Ryedale District Council
Ryedale House, Malton YO17 7HH

or send an email to:

feedback@ryedale.gov.uk

Always include your name because it is unlikely to be possible to deal with an anonymous complaint. You always can ask that your name is not revealed to others.

What sort of things might a Councillor do which would give rise to a complaint under the Code?

- Not declaring an interest and voting on a planning application, where the Councillor themselves or a member of their family will benefit.
- Being involved in awarding a grant to a body or charity where a family member is a beneficiary.
- Being involved in awarding a contract to a close friend.
- Knowingly misleading a Committee with false information.

Who are the current Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton Parish Councillors?

Cllr F Farnell (Chair)
Cllr P Snowball (Vice Chair)
Cllr G Dickinson
Cllr L Lange
Cllr A Shepherd
Cllr A Wilson

Ryedale District Councillors are:

Claire Docwra, from Flaxton (representing Slingsby and Fryton)
Simon Thackray, from Brawby (representing South Holme)

North Yorkshire County Councillors are:

Caroline Goodrick, from Sand Hutton (representing Slingsby and Fryton)
Lindsay Burr, from Norton (representing South Holme)

See page 21 for more on our Parish Council

Coronavirus – reviewing what we know



New virus

2020 has been a unique year for the way people have had to cope with a new disease that wasn't even known at the end of 2019. We've all learnt new science and mathematics as we've had to change the way we live.

In January we began to hear about a new respiratory disease that had been seen in China that could be the new virus that the world had apparently been expecting for many years.

Origins of the virus

At the time no one knew exactly where it had come from but it seemed to have originated in a place called Wuhan. At times we've been told that it came from snakes or bats or from a laboratory from where it had escaped, or even that it had even been deliberately manufactured and released.

At present scientists think that it probably originated in bats and got into the human population through an intermediate species. This is similar to other coronaviruses, like those that caused MERS and SARS in recent years.

Following the Science versus risking the economy

In the UK we've been told all along the government is "following the science", though science doesn't have any real answers at the moment and this makes government's role in making decisions very difficult.

Scientists tell the government that stopping people from interacting with each other will stop the virus spreading. That's simple and obvious science. If you don't go near anyone you can't pass on the disease. Doing that won't eliminate the virus though. Also, by stopping business interaction, the economy will be affected. So, it's a pretty difficult call.

Dilemma

It's like a big science experiment. Do we lock down the economy and wait for a vaccine? Do we allow the disease to spread and wait for the country to develop a herd immunity? Or is the answer some middle way?

Most countries have tried to do what the UK has done and tried to get the disease under some sort of control by locking down their countries and then gradually reducing the restrictions but still trying to keep the reproduction rate for the country less than one. Sweden's approach has been different. There they've not shut the economy in the same way but have relied instead on the population to voluntarily limit their contacts with other people. It will be interesting to see which approach produces a 'better' outcome in the end – and only history will tell us this.

Mis-steps and mistakes

Every country will have made mistakes along the way. For example, in March this year Boris Johnson was boasting that he was still shaking everyone's hands on the day that SAGE (scientific advisory group for emergencies) were telling him that hand hygiene was the most important weapon against the virus. In fact, many of the SAGE group including Boris, Chris Whitty and Matt Hancock all came down with it.

A second wave?

As the Triangle goes to print, the incidence of the disease is increasing again and we're once more talking about complicated mathematics with R numbers and exponential growth. It's like being back in an A level mathematics lesson.

It seems to take about 5 days between becoming infected and showing symptoms. During this time people are still contagious, so could be transmitting the virus before they know they've got it.

It then takes more than another week before anyone may be poorly enough to need to go to hospital. It's these time lags that make it very difficult for the government to introduce interventions at the correct time.

Therefore, it is particularly important that the testing of the population is adequate so the Government can judge accurately what is happening to infection rates. If they wait for the increase in hospitalisation, they will be two weeks behind the higher infection levels. Consequently, the disease may already be out of control before the Government realises there is a problem.

In the original peak in April the disease was doubling every 3 or 4 days so being two weeks behind with action will mean that you have 10 to 15 times more infections. The government is again trying to balance the health of the nation against the cost to the economy. Locking down the economy again will inevitably lead to economic difficulties and in the longer run, to less money for the NHS and maybe more deaths in the future from other causes. Again, it's a really difficult decision. Local restrictions seem to be the preferred option at the moment.

The UK government promised throughout the epidemic that we would have a world beating test and trace system and recently Matt Hancock and Boris Johnson have promised the "operation moonshot" system where they will test millions every day. This sounds fantastic though at the moment it seems quite a way off since the current maximum capacity is about 350,000.

Drugs to treat the virus

Throughout all this the NHS has continued to try and keep us all well and worked hard to make the seriously ill better. We are lucky to have such a dedicated group of workers looking out for us. Initially they had few tools to fight the infection, but research has pointed to a couple of available drugs that seem to make a difference to seriously ill people in hospital. A steroid called Dexamethasone and an antiviral drug called Remdesivir. The USA seems to have bought almost all the world's supply of Remdesivir.

There is currently work being carried out that appears promising using monoclonal antibodies cultured from people who have recovered from the disease. The hope is that this will lessen its severity.

Hope for a new Vaccine

Probably our best hope is that a vaccine is produced and is found to be safe. We are fortunate to live in Britain with our excellent research facilities. The team at Oxford university in conjunction with AstraZeneca is one of the foremost teams in the world working on a solution. Early on they hoped to have one ready by August but developing a new vaccine is a mammoth task and work is still underway. This vaccine is currently in its final phase 3 trial where it is given to thousands of



volunteers to check its effectiveness and safety. It is essential that any side effects are not worse than the disease itself since for the majority of the population coronavirus is a relatively minor infection. In the last couple of weeks trials were suspended because of a possible side effect but are now back on track in most countries. Only when enough of these volunteers have been exposed to the virus can the effectiveness of the vaccine be assessed and can then be submitted for approval by the Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA).

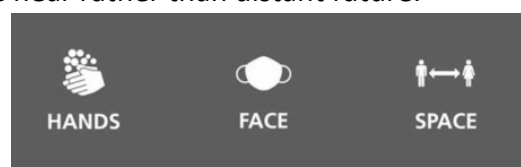
Vaccination across the world

There are many other groups both in the UK and around the world working on vaccines and several are in final phase 3 trials.

China says it is vaccinating large numbers of people. Russia says it is vaccinating people already. In the USA Donald Trump has said several times that it will start vaccinations before the November election.

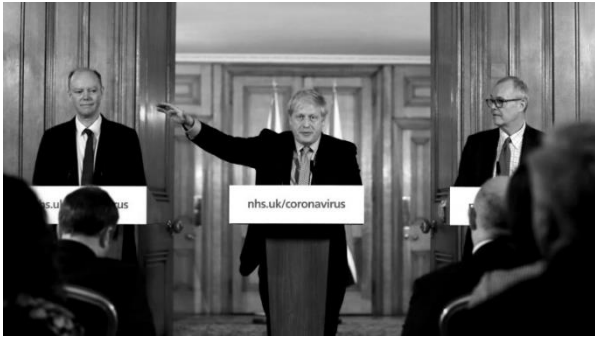
With all the research going on it is important to remember what a massive task the world faces. There are still no approved vaccines for use in Europe or the USA and the manufacture and distribution of the billions of doses needed for the world's population is something that's never been done on the scale needed before. It is very tempting for governments to try and ensure their own population gets priority, but the whole world needs the vaccine, not just individual countries. The UK has bought about 300 million doses of various vaccines even before they have been tested and approved. Many are being manufactured before there is any proof that they will work and some of the big pharmaceutical companies have said that they will produce the vaccines at cost without making a profit from them.

With all the work being done on vaccine research in so many parts of the world it is likely that we will have a successful vaccine and hopefully it will be in the near rather than distant future.



Take the Coronavirus Picture Quiz – see page 18

Some of the coronavirus players. Do you recognise them and what they do?



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Coronavirus Jokes

- What's the best way to avoid touching your face? A glass of wine in each hand.
- Why do they call it the novel coronavirus? It's a long story....

For the answers, some interesting facts, and more jokes see page 21

Brickyard Bulletin

2020, it is fair to say, is the year that keeps on giving! 12 months of weather extremes, volatility and a global pandemic have made farming a bit more challenging than normal.

Over the last few months we have sown some pollen and nectar mixture and wild bird food plots, and extended some grass margins, all as part of our new Countryside Stewardship agreement. Some areas of grass that were eligible for inclusion under the old scheme, but not the new one will remain (unfunded). They have such a nice diverse range of grasses and wildflowers, it seems a shame to destroy them. We will make hay of them next July.

Harvest has been frustrating and unimpressive, but not as bad as feared earlier in the year. Due to last autumn's rain, we had no winter barley this year, so the start to combining was later than normal, not long in fact before those unhelpful two weeks of rain and wind in late August. First up was the oats – irrigating these to get them established was a good move. They are a seed crop, so we cannot desiccate them to even up some rather variable ripeness, and had to cut them at two different times as a result; but yield wasn't far from expected, and quality generally good. Straw yield about half normal – it took some patience and turning to get it dry enough to bale.

Spring barley was next. A bit of a mixed bag this time. Yields were quite variable, but a reasonable average overall. The weather hammered it to the floor though, and like most farmers, we lost more heads of grain on the ground than I'd like. Grain quality was okay physically, but the very hot dry spell meant that the nitrogen content of the grain was too high for the maltsters requirements, so it has been sold for animal feed. There's a lot more spring barley around this time, which has depressed the price a bit. Again, there was about half normal amount of straw, which was very brittle due to the weathering, but increasingly in demand for livestock farmers, and for our own pigs' bedding.

Wheat is an odd one this time. Any sown early hasn't performed too well at all, with grain and straw yields well down. Later sown crops (sown directly behind sugar beet and potatoes between

November and February) have actually done okay, with grain yield about 80% of normal expectations, and reasonable quality. Straw is very poor. The wheat that we didn't think had vernalized (see last report) has surprised both me and my agronomist. The June rains gave it a boost and up it shot – eventually it has produced a viable ear! It's not ready for harvesting yet, but looks worth getting, which is good. Spring wheat was disaster of the season for us – thankfully we only had 12 acres. 1.2ton/acre is less than half what I'd normally expect from it, and quality was very poor too, we've had to blend it with some better wheat to be able to sell it!

As I write this, the beans are still to fully ripen, and in a few days we will commence harvesting potatoes. Sugar beet will follow in a few weeks. The late harvest has condensed autumn jobs into a tighter window than normal, so it's all hands to the pump at the moment. Over the last week we have been spreading muck, working land for next year's corn, direct drilling winter cover crops and preparing to harvest potatoes.

Here's hoping mother nature is a little kinder this autumn, and machinery behaves itself!
Keep well everybody.

Andrew Wilson

Slingsby Methodist Chapel

Since Easter Sunday we had been having short virtual Zoom services once a fortnight. It was good to be able to share worship and have fellowship with one another in this way, albeit from our own homes. We are very grateful to Geoff Bishop for organising the Zoom meetings and to everyone who led the services.

I am pleased to say Slingsby chapel has now re-opened for services. After a risk assessment was carried out and social distancing measures put in place, we had our first service at chapel on Sunday 16th August. We are now having our services every Sunday. Of course, the services are different to what we have been used to. Who would have thought we would have to wear masks for one thing! We are not allowed to sing, but we can still listen to music on cd's or watch a video on Powerpoint which can be really meaningful. continued../

.../continued Slingsby Methodist Chapel

We got off to a good start one Sunday morning when we watched the All Souls Orchestra giving a rousing rendition of 'Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, My Great Redeemer's Praise'! On Sunday 20th September we had our Harvest Festival. Friends from Hovingham Methodist Chapel and Slingsby Parish Church also joined us. Our guest speaker was Mr Howard Petch. The Worship Group opened the service and were able to sing for the first time from behind some screens which Mr Colin Todd had made, thank you Colin, they are great. Rev Ken Gowland led us in our prayers of intercessions.

Mr Stephen Prest has been a local preacher for 50 years, and received his certificate from the circuit in August. Well done Stephen on this amazing achievement. We really wanted to mark this occasion and thank Stephen for his ministry, friendship and for all he does at Slingsby chapel. During the Harvest service, Stephen was presented with a 'scrapbook' which had been filled with photographs and messages from many friends. Thank you, Stephen, and God Bless you for your great witness and friendship here at Slingsby.

Some words from a hymn read.... 'We'll praise Him for all that is past, and trust Him for all that's to come'.

Audrey Foster



Stephen Prest at Chapel with presentation Scrapbook, commemorating 50 years' preaching

News from North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre - The Byre, Wath Court, Hovingham

Our Charity is opening again to the public and we are planning new sessions at the Byre starting from October. We have new risk assessments of course and will keep just individual and small groups.

Resonance: Finding community through music

Funded by Two Ridings Community Foundation, the project "Resonance" aims to provide support for adults' mental health affected by the Covid-19 crisis. The project has been created by the North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre (NYMTC) and will consist of group music therapy sessions. Music therapy sessions will be weekly and will start in October. Sessions will be free.

The North Yorkshire Music Therapy Centre aims to play an active part in the life and well-being of the community, and to provide the local area with a significant resource. The NYMTC believes that music and music therapy interventions provided by the Charity can support the local community's needs in a variety of different ways.

WHEN & WHERE? From the 12th October 2020 - Mondays weekly sessions at 6 pm at the Byre, Wath Court, Hovingham.

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Parish Council Meetings

The Parish Council usually meets 6 times a year and parishioners are entitled to attend these meetings to see the proceedings. In addition, there is always a point at which you can actually speak. You can raise issues, or make comments and ask questions – restricted to matters concerning our parishes. At the moment meetings are being held over the internet by Zoom and the public still has the opportunity to be part of those meetings – contact the Parish Clerk – Gail Cook at slingsbypc@gmail.com

As the Triangle goes to press a Parish Council meeting is imminent - on 21st September 2020. The following matters appear on the agenda:

PARISH MATTERS

- (a) Covid-19 Update
- (b) Street Lights
- (c) Highways Issues
- (f) Balksyde Street Sign
- (g) Speeding
- (h) Hedge & Footpath Maintenance
- (i) Bench Replacement
- (j) Dog Fouling
- (k) Castle Howard Properties

Decisions at the previous Parish Council meeting held on 20th July, included the following:

- Approval of the Internal Auditor's report
- Payment of various accounts
- Extension of the lease of part of the Parish Field for a further 10 years to the Allotments Association
- To note that NYCC Highways are to carry out top surface dressing in the village.

As everyone knows that last item – top dressing of the roads in the village – has been carried out, and



afterwards this sign caused many of us some amusement – the sign has now been moved! And it is lovely to have improved roads.

Answers - Coronavirus Quiz

1. Professor Chris Whitty: Chief Medical Officer for England; Boris Johnson: Prime Minister of UK; Sir Patrick Vallance: Government's Chief Scientific Officer. Together they often seemed like 3 of the 4 horsemen of the apocalypse at the daily briefings earlier in the year.
2. Dominic Cummings: Chief Advisor to the Prime Minister. Went to Durham and then Barnard Castle to check he was safe to drive back to London.
3. President Donald Trump: he has suggested many novel ways of curing coronavirus; and Anthony Fauci who doesn't always agree with the president.
4. Professor Jonathan Van Tamm: Deputy Chief Medical Officer, who said "the lockdown rules apply to all" at one of the briefings and wasn't seen again after that.
5. Professor Sarah Gilbert: currently leading the work on the Oxford vaccine project.
6. Gavin Williamson: Secretary of State for Education.
7. Professor Neil Ferguson: produced the original modelling of the epidemic for the government, but resigned when he was found to have not followed the lockdown rules.
8. Jenny Harries; Deputy Chief Medical Officer. Seen on many of the daily briefings.
9. Rishi Sunak: Chancellor of the Exchequer
10. Matt Hancock: Health Secretary

Jokes – hope you haven't heard them all

- My husband bought a world map and then gave me a dart and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands—that's where I'm taking you when this pandemic ends." Turns out, we're spending two weeks behind the fridge.
- My mum always told me I wouldn't accomplish anything by lying in bed all day. But look at me now, mum! I'm saving the world!
- Ran out of toilet paper and started using lettuce leaves. Today was just the tip of the iceberg, tomorrow *romaines* to be seen.

Puzzle Answers

Logic puzzles

1. There was a Grandfather, Father and a son
2. Your picture
3. Second, if you answered first you were wrong because he needs to pass the first placed rider to be first.
4. Letter M
5. His horse is called Friday
6. A stamp

Word puzzles

angered = enraged
cleaners = cleanser
evil = vile
lowest = lowset
parental = paternal
pat = tap
veto = vote
laudation = adulation
testament = statement

Dingbats

1. Apple turnover; 2. A lot to answer for
3. Rollerblade; 4. Address book

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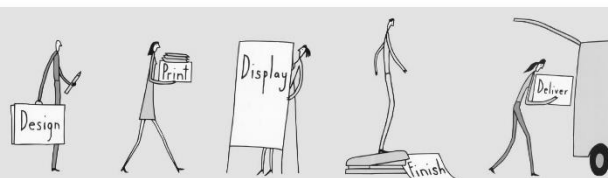
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Sledmere House remains closed for the time being but please check for the latest information.

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Stephen's Farming Column.

As I write this harvest is in full swing and thankfully, we are having some warm settled weather to help it along. It makes such a big difference if the corn can be harvested when it is really dry, everything works better and drying costs are much reduced.

Cereal crops are very variable this year, on the whole yields are down considerably due to bad weather last autumn at drilling time and then a cold wet spring followed by 2 months of near drought. On the plus side prices are holding firm with feed wheat, which is the benchmark crop, trading at around £175 per tonne which is £20 per tonne up on last year.

Root crops are looking well and there should be some bumper crops of potatoes and other roots.

Farming is still facing considerable uncertainty over the future. We are 4 years on from the Brexit referendum but it appears a final agreement with the EU is still very elusive and will go down to the wire at the end of October. Will British farmers be able to sell into Europe with no tariffs or will we be faced with tariffs of up to 40%? It is all very worrying for everyone connected with food production.

On the wildlife side we seem to be having a good year for butterflies. Round the fields yesterday I saw large numbers of many species including Lesser Tortoiseshell, Peacock, Red Admiral and vast numbers of whites. Recently I saw a lovely group of 4 Roe Deer: a stag and hind with 2 lovely fawns.



Cliffords harvesting grass for silage at Castle Farm



Stuart Prest harvesting winter wheat just south of Slingsby
Stephen Prest



Lost in Slingsby on August Bank Holiday Monday

Very pretty green and gold earring – lost either at The Grapes (outside at the back) or between The Grapes and Lawns Bridge. Sentimental value – small reward if found. Ring Gill on 628479

Garden re-visit

Our village gardener, Roy Chafer, and his late brother Eddie, created this village garden, featured when newly designed and planted, in Triangle 48 in 2018. We visited again this summer to see it both extended and blossoming. If your garden has done you proud this year – especially with all the attention you've given it during a 'stay at home' year – do send us a picture for a future Triangle. Gardens in the sunshine will be great to brighten dark winter days.





In his farming column Stephen mentions seeing lots of butterflies and it certainly has been a great year for them. The Triangle was out taking pictures at the top of Fryton Lane and spotted all these one sunny morning in late July. Clockwise from top left: Small Tortoiseshell, Comma, Red Admiral (wings closed).

Also pictured: Common Spotted Orchid – lovely to see them growing wild locally; and, in the garden, caterpillars enjoying stripping silver birch leaves – it's the Buff Tip Moth caterpillar.



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