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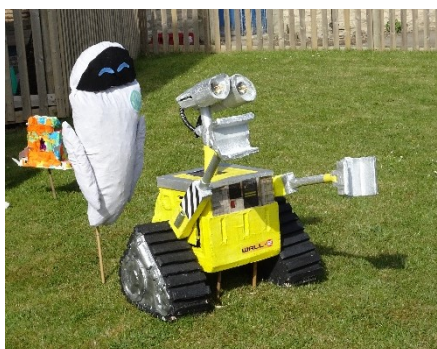
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Mayday and Scarecrows

Another Lockdown Mayday weekend, and once again lots of people in the village had been busy and presented us with a colourful array of scarecrows.

In spite of the weather on the Monday, ribbons were to be seen weaving patterns round our Maypole. This was a 'practice' as the article on page 5 explains, but it looked great fun for those taking part.

We hope you enjoy seeing a few pictures from the weekend – including the one snapped for our front cover. See the article on pages 3 and 4.



Can you identify this bird? A Triangle reader sent in this lovely picture of a bird spotted in her garden and asked what it might be. Can you tell? Your co-editor got out her bird guide and consulted expert Stephen Prest - check page 19 to see if you agree with us.



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10th July - Annual Duck Race
12th July 7.30pm - Annual Slingsby Parish Assembly
7th August from 10am - Church clean
11th September – Produce Show

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Thank you - as always, many thanks to our delivery team for delivering each issue and collecting subs. We could not operate without you all. A special thank you to Marcus Hodgson for past service. Marcus has now stepped down as a deliverer.

Friends of Slingsby School

Hello everyone

Well, we've had a wonderful couple of months of fundraising despite not being able to do as we would normally do in previous years. Due to charity shops being quite limited with how much they can take at present, we held a Bag 2 School collection on the 29th of April where we were able to raise double the amount of our previous collection; a wonderful £120. We are hoping that come our next collection we will be able to use B2S provided bags and also extend the invitation in earnest to the village residents.

Our second fundraiser which we hope you may have stumbled across and more importantly, enjoyed was our annual Scarecrow Weekend held over the May Day long weekend. All of the 16 entries we received were of such a high standard therefore making the competition winner all the more deserving. The winner was entry No 2 – 'Room on the Broom'. Well done to the Fairweather family who received a Dalby Forest day pass kindly donated by the Forestry Commission as their prize.

With the combination of the entry fees and the generous donations we received, we were able to raise almost £250 throughout the weekend which was a great result especially given the weather!

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Our sincerest thank you to everyone who entered, donated and completed the trail.

Our final and key fundraiser for the school year is our annual Duck Race which we can confirm will be held on Saturday 10th July. Further details of the day will be published via our Facebook page and on the Slingsby Village website. We hope to see you soon.

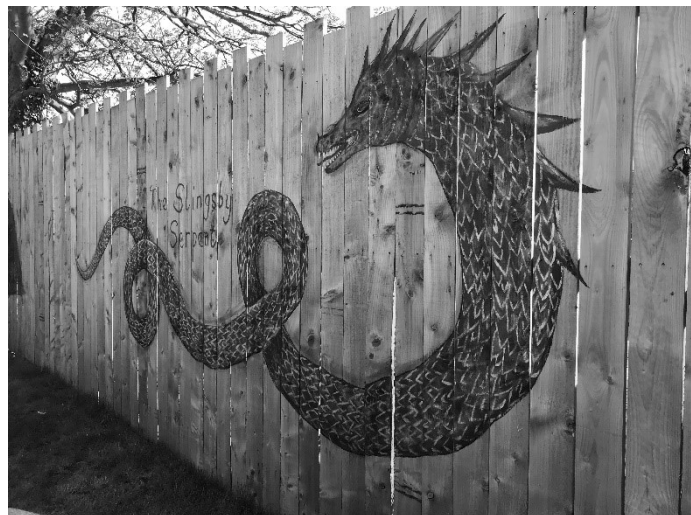
Sonja and the FOSS Team



See some of the Scarecrows on page 2, including the winning one. Above is another favourite 'Gangsta Granny' – outside the Old Reading Room.

The Slingsby Serpent

At the moment the Slingsby pub is serving meals and drinks in the garden at the back. If you've been round recently you will see that Catherine and Leigh have been a bit busy during lockdown improving the space at the back. This includes a new fence containing three murals painted by a family friend.



They depict the Castle, the Serpent and a Knight. The Serpent looks particularly fine.

A quick look on the internet soon reminded me of the legend around the Slingsby Serpent.

Folklore has it that during medieval times a terrifying dragon took up residence in a hole near the village of Slingsby, making travellers along the road to Malton its prey.

Fearful of the beast, villagers supposedly diverted the road a whole mile around its lair, so travellers could avoid becoming the beast's next meal. Eventually, a brave local knight, thought to be a member of the local Wyville family, is believed to have slain the monster with help from his faithful dog, though the knight was fatally wounded in the fight.

The Wyville family had lived in Slingsby since 1215 so it is quite likely that a Wyville knight would become part of the legend. In addition, there is a tomb of a knight bearing the coat of arms of the Wyville family in the Church and according to the antiquarian Roger Dodsworth who lived from 1585-1654, and recorded this story, there was once a carved sleeping dog at his feet. Again though, this may be coincidence, but makes for a super tale, and who knows if the knight and his dog really existed, perhaps the dragon did too...?

An old picture showing the Slingsby Serpent covered in 'dragon' scales and the knight in shining armour.



Find out more about the history of Slingsby, and the Wyville family on the Slingsby Village Website – slingsbyvillage.co.uk

May Day 2021

Weaving the community together

The Slingsby Maypolers have recently been reformed, bringing in local residents to the committee with the aim of widening our available resources, ideas, scope and reach into the community. A new logo has been developed which incorporates the new tag line **Weaving the community together**. The Maypolers feel that May Day embodies the purpose of community, it serves as a focal point for the village and local area, bringing families and residents together to have fun, to experience local traditions and strengthen our ties as a community.

Not wanting to let another year go by with no festivities on May Day, The Slingsby Maypolers decided to hold a practice Maypole dancing session on The Green. The purpose of this was to pass on some of Pat Thompson's vast experience of teaching and running the Maypole dancing to new willing volunteers from the committee and also to just mark the day in some way showing that May Day will be back next year, (Covid permitting of course) and plans are already afoot to make it a day to remember.

The practice session was socially distanced with some dancers working in bubbles. The session was not advertised to avoid gatherings. There was an accompaniment from two accordionists using our new PA system and even though the rain and the wind tried its best to put us off, great fun was had by all.



We look forward to seeing everyone at next year's May Day celebrations.

Slingsby Maypolers

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New PA System - The newly reformed Slingsby Maypolers have just purchased a new PA system with the help of John Breckon and Ryan Perry. This has been possible due to the generosity and support of The Parish Council, Slingsby Produce Show, Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS), Slingsby Website and Triangle Group (SWANG) and individual donations.

The intention is to make it available to all 'village' clubs and societies to use at their events. During the second half of 2021 we will be creating a PA booking system along with user guidelines which will be distributed to future users.

Slingsby Maypolers are hopeful that this will become an invaluable asset for village events.



Photographs show: left Musicians playing accordions, and above Maypole dancing.

John Breckon

Slingsby Parish

The Parish Council will be holding the parish assembly on the 12th July at 7.30pm in the village hall. Anyone living within the parish is welcome to attend. We look forward to seeing you.

Fiona Farnell

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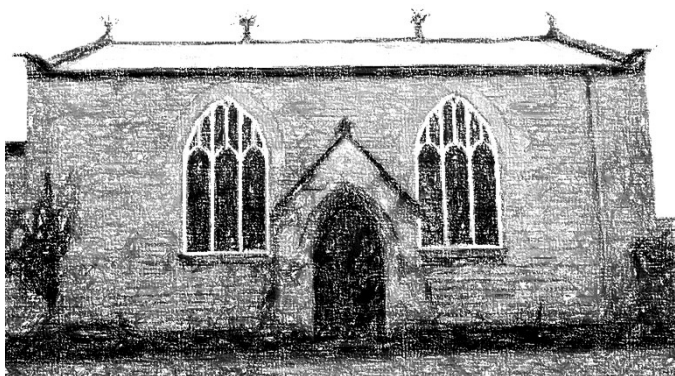


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Slingsby Chapel News



Work has just begun to re-roof the main Chapel roof which will involve removing all the present slates, repairing any woodwork that needs doing, putting a special felt onto the woodwork and then putting back those slates that are reusable and using new Welsh slates to replace faulty ones. There is also quite a lot of repointing to do, especially on the west end of the building where in years past some pointing up was done using modern cement plaster instead of a lime based one so that needs replacing. It is quite a big project but thankfully due to some generous grants the money needed has all been raised.

We are now holding regular services in the Methodist Chapel at 10.30am each Sunday morning to which everyone is warmly invited. We are looking forward to the time when we can dispense with face masks and get back to singing with gusto and also when we are allowed to serve refreshments after the services.

We continue to serve Soupa lunch Home Delivery on the 3rd Wednesday of the month which is going very well with around 40 meals delivered each month. We have a great team of helpers, some making sandwiches, some making soup, and others making puddings - all of it really delicious. Then we have another team who deliver the food parcels around the village. It is particularly aimed at the elderly and those who live alone. Contact Stephen and Rachel Prest to be included, you are very welcome! (Tel 01653-628277)

During the first week of April, we celebrated Easter when we remembered the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, an amazing revelation of how much God loves each one of us. On 13th April it was Ascension Day when Jesus left this earth to return to His father in heaven and now, we are

approaching Whitsunday when we reflect on the coming of the Holy Spirit which is the active presence of Jesus in the world today. As we open our hearts to God the Holy Spirit will come and be a part of our lives and lead us into God's kingdom here on earth. At the Methodist Church through our worship and service to the local community we try to continue to be the Church that Jesus himself began and we encourage and invite all who feel that life has more to offer to come and join us on that journey of faith as we all try to make sense of life and become more aware of God in the world around us.



The Chapel this Eastertime.

Stephen Prest

Slingsby Ladies Group

Dear Ladies,

We hope you are well and no doubt all now double jabbed. In the last Triangle newsletter, I mentioned that we were keen for the monthly meetings to resume, but only when it is deemed safe to do so. Well, good news! Given the current state of play, the Programme Committee has put in place meetings from September as follows:

- 14th September: Granny's postcards
- 12th October: Angus Ashworth Auctioneer - valuation evening
- 9th November: History of Teddy Bears
- 14th December: Beetle Drive

Clearly this may change, but hopefully that won't be the case.

We look forward to seeing you all in September after what has been a very long eighteen months. Enjoy your summer!

Liz Senior

Messages from the Parish Council Chair

Suspicious activity/vehicles

If anyone sees any activity that they feel is out of character for the village, please do not hesitate to report to the police on **101**. This number is manned 24 hours a day. The police will log the information and put on additional patrols in the area. All calls are confidential.

Defibrillator Reminder

The defibrillator is kept in the old red telephone box outside the Methodist Chapel next to the village notice board.

If you ever need to use it, please **dial 999** for an ambulance. The ambulance service has the code for the defibrillator box, which they will give you.

There is also a group of volunteers (within the village) who are trained to use the defibrillator. If you call

01653 272999

all their telephones will ring and the one who picks up first will gather the relevant information from you, go and get the machine and come to the address.

Any further questions/queries about the above please feel free to contact me. Fiona Farnell 01653 628285.

Fiona Farnell

Slingsby OIL Consortium

Thank you to Geoff Bishop who is about to 'retire' as commander of the Slingsby Oil Consortium. Geoff, you have worked tirelessly over the last 9 years to ensure consortium members have oil at regular intervals and always at a competitive price. We are all very grateful.

Oil Consortium Members

The 'Mighty Hike' Fundraising for

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Like so many of us during this past year, I have taken every opportunity to get out and go for a walk whenever possible. Walking has become my exercise *du jour*, a permitted means of escape from lockdown, even if just for an hour or so.

A couple of months ago, I decided to turn my leisurely strolls into something more meaningful and signed up for the 2021 Yorkshire Dales 'Mighty Hike' to help raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support.

I would like to say that I have been training diligently, but I admit to being a "fair weather" walker. However, now that the April (May) showers have abated and the weather is finally warming up, I plan to get my boots on and do some serious walks so that the half marathon on 3rd July doesn't come as too much of a shock!

I have pledged to raise £500 for Macmillan. If you would like to sponsor me and help me reach this goal, then please go to my JustGiving page to make a donation:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Rita-Grudzien>.

Thank you.

Starting in Malham and ending (some hours later) in Hebden, I am looking forward to discovering more of the natural beauty of my newly-adopted county of Yorkshire – I shall let you know how I get on....



Rita Grudzien

Thank you

Pat Johnson would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their generous donation of £300 to Malton Hospital in memory of her late husband, Lawrence. Please see previous Triangle for Lawrence's obituary.

Dark Skies

Do you enjoy gazing at the stars on a clear night? Do you know how many animals and



birds hunt at night and rely on the cover of darkness to enable them to catch their prey?

The recent 'Moors Messenger' magazine distributed by North York Moors National Park Authority, reminded us of this and what we can all do to improve things for ourselves and wildlife.

"Light pollution is one of the simplest forms of pollution to solve, with immediate and visible benefits. Moreover, reducing light pollution can have a positive impact, not just on stargazing but also nocturnal wildlife habitats and even human health.

"Here are some top tips to help control light pollution in your surroundings:

Light only where needed - Before installing or replacing a light, consider the purpose of the light and what the impact will be on the surrounding area, including wildlife and neighbours. Could reflective paints or luminous markers be used for marking kerbs, steps and paths?

When artificial light is indeed required, it should be directed only to where it is needed. Consider pointing your floodlights downwards or change to asymmetric downlights to reduce wasted, stray or upward light. If coach-style lights must be used, then follow advice on light levels and colour temperature.

Light only when needed - It is rare that lighting needs to be permanently on. Timers or motion detectors can help ensure light is dimmed when possible and off when not needed. Lighting that uses well-positioned sensors is often better for detecting intruders than lights which permanently show what's on offer from a distance and create shadows for criminals to lurk in.

Keep light to a suitable level - Light should be no brighter than necessary for the task. For unshielded coach-style lights the level should be a maximum of 500 lumens. For other lights with an operational or safety purpose, two lower-power, shielded, downlights are better than poorly angled high-power lights which simply create glare.

Choose the right colour - Short wavelength (cool blue) light produces more sky glow and is most harmful to wildlife and human health. Select lights or bulbs that are a maximum of 3000 kelvin (K) and preferably 2700K."



For more information on light pollution and home-lighting solutions, you can visit the International Dark-Sky Association website at: darksky.org

New Observatory coming to Sutton Bank

Set to be officially launched later this year is the brand new, open-air, Dark Skies Observatory at Sutton Bank National Park Centre. Perfectly located for a spectacular view of the night sky, the purpose-built arena features rotating panels that explain the stars and constellations you can expect to see throughout the year.

It has been funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development, and the new facilities include an all-season nature hub building designed for watching some of the twenty different bird species that live at, or pass through, Sutton Bank. It sounds as if it will be well worth a visit.



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After a very quiet year, it is all change at All Saints!

You may have heard that our Rector, the Rev. Martin Allwood, is taking up a new post in Scotland. This means we will go into what is called 'Interregnum', where services will either be lay-led or taken by some of our retired but active clergy.

This change comes against a backdrop of national restructuring and review about the sustainability of churches. We do not know what is planned for us here in Slingsby. However, we feel newly invigorated by good friends who have been persuaded to join our PCC (Parochial Church Council). This includes Chrysa Apps as Treasurer, Kate Giles returning as Secretary with support on events from Anita Brewer, and Ray Watson as our new churchwarden. All bring fantastic skills and enthusiasm to All Saints, and we are very grateful to have their support.

As lockdown lifts, we hope to re-open the church every day, maintain services and resume fundraising and events, as well as hosting the life-events which we know mean so much to village residents, from weddings to funerals. The recent School Art Exhibition brought a welcome burst of colour and life to the church and it was wonderful to see families and friends exploring the church and churchyard once more, where we have done yet more wildflower sowing.

Do watch the church noticeboard and village website for contacts and further announcements.

We wish you a warm welcome back!

Kate Giles

ANNUAL BIG CLEAN - OF ALL SAINTS CHURCH Saturday 7th August – from 10am

Once a year in early August the PCC tries to tackle some of the extra cleaning tasks to keep the church looking sparkling and welcoming for visitors and regular users. We also carry out necessary tasks in the churchyard.

Covid has interrupted patterns of use of the building and allowed the dust to gather. We are very grateful to the regular volunteers who up until March 2020 joined the rota for routine cleaning of the church, and hope very much that they will feel able to give us their continued support as we open up fully again.

Keeping this large building looking good is a heavy task for the small regular congregation, so please could you spare an hour to come and help to make it presentable again?

If you are able, please assemble from 10 a.m. bringing sweeping brushes, dusters etc. and any other equipment for the jobs which you feel you can help with such as:

Inside: dusting, sweeping, window cleaning, polishing, higher cleaning, cleaning the sink/ brew area, brass and silver cleaning.

Outside: removal of ivy and other growth from around church walls, clearing weeds around drains, sweeping porch and pathways.

Normally we provide mid-morning refreshments. If the guidance allows, we shall do so, but if not, we suggest you bring a flask of coffee or tea.

Margaret Mackinder

Message from the Rector

As some of you are already aware, I have accepted a new role as Priest in Charge and Transitional Minister for the charges of Monifieth and Carnoustie in the Diocese of Brechin in the Scottish Episcopal Church. My last Sunday within the benefice will be the 20th June and Colleen and I expect to move later that week. While I realise that this may come as a surprise and disappointment to

some, it is not a decision I have taken lightly, but one which has been made with much prayerful consideration.

Members of the Joint Benefice PCC will be meeting with the Archdeacon, Sam Rushton, on the 9th June, to discuss the way forward during the interregnum. In the meantime, I have arranged for the Rev John Dawkins to lead a regular Eucharistic service each Sunday, which will rotate around all the churches within the benefice.

If you require any assistance during the interregnum, please contact your Church Warden, Ray Watson, who will in turn liaise with those people who can support you.

*Yours in Christ,
Rev Martin Allwood*

Slingsby South Holme and Fryton Parish Council

Key points from the meeting held on 10th May 2021:

- a) Fiona Farnell was re-elected as Chair for the year, and Peter Snowball was re-elected as Vice Chair.
- b) Questions about future flood prevention at Fryton were raised by the Fryton Flood Action Group. The questions would be forwarded to Councillor Caroline Goodrick (North Yorkshire County Council) and Councillor Claire Docwra (Ryedale District Council).
- c) Further questions by the Action Group in relation to Wath Beck will be put to James Holliday (Castle Howard Estate Manager).
- d) Two further street lights are to be replaced.
- e) The Balksyde Street sign will be replaced.
- f) The footpath at the top East Side of Railway Street requires further attention and will be reported to NYCC.
- g) New benches at Fryton have now been installed and two further benches are to be installed in Slingsby.

- h) Dog Fouling - due to a complaint from staff at Slingsby School it was agreed to purchase two replacement signs for the village green.
- i) Cemetery Maintenance – a headstone safety inspection is to be carried out in due course. A new 'No Dogs' sign has been installed. Maintenance work and mole work are also being organised.

Items to be discussed at the next meeting are:

- Neighbourhood Planning
- Potential Extension to the Cemetery – Castle Howard Estate
- Cemetery Fees
- Maypole Painting
- Additional Parish Field Fencing

The next meeting is to be held on Monday 12th July 2021, 7pm prior to the Parish Assembly at 7.30pm.

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## **Don't miss this opportunity!**

Your village website editor is now in his eighth decade. I'm not about to give up the ghost, but I am anxious to pass on my knowhow before my enthusiasm and memory wane further.



I'm now the sole Slingsby Village website editor. I'd like to familiarise a couple of people at least with what is involved, while I have the time and energy. The editing job is easy and requires only a basic knowledge of using the internet. You'd be learning a handy new skill.

The village needs a new website team for the website's 2<sup>nd</sup> decade.

If you want to help, or just find out more, please contact [admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk](mailto:admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk) or ring me on 01653 628396. Many thanks

*Jon Boots*

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## The Cairn of Hope and Pebble Painting

I write this in the 1<sup>st</sup> week of May when the Slingsby Cairn of Hope - the construction of which was shared in the last Triangle - is to be dismantled. This morning I took a last look at the Cairn and reflected on the painted pebbles our village created. The skill of some of the artists is outstanding: I will long hold the memory of the lighthouse in my mind.



For many, though, it will be the joy of so many of the stones, particularly those from the school's end of term project, that will be the abiding memory.

Alongside the celebration of spring, we saw monuments to Faith, as the Cairn was present during Easter, grateful thanks to the NHS and to the remembrance of loved ones.

The idea of pebble painting came to mass awareness thanks, in part, to the *kindness rocks* project in the United States, which describes itself as "simply a grassroots kindness movement".

<https://www.thekindnessrocksproject.com/>

This website started with a simple purpose, to cultivate connections within communities and lift others up through simple acts of kindness. This idea of helping people that are seeking for a connection with others, came to the UK and has morphed into something like a mass sort of hide-and-seek game using web-based groups to co-ordinate. People transform stones into animals or cartoon characters, often including inspirational words or uplifting messages, and then hide them for people to find.

One Facebook group featured in the Guardian paper in 2017 now has more than a hundred thousand followers

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1261041450616946/about/>

Yorkshire rocks is a local group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1883992255195397/discussion/preview>

When rocks are hidden, they can be hidden with instructions on the underside. The person who created the painted rock will leave a hashtag#, and once found the finder can take a photograph of the rock where found, share it on social media using the hashtag#, so that the person who hid it in the first place can follow its journey, and then re-hide it in a new location.

Some have more specific instructions including some that are encouraged to be taken as far away as possible. Rocks have crossed continents: the 2017 Guardian article referred to one, originally found in a south London park and later left in Morocco.

Our pebbles will likely be taking rather shorter journeys. People who created them were invited through the village website to collect the ones that they want and those pebbles that remain will be split between the church and the chapel as a reminder of this spring.

Regardless of why people have been motivated to join in, this year has seen many people in the village enjoy creating and sharing simple works of art in both remembrance and celebration. It has been a calm and peaceful coming together at a time when the lockdown felt endless, and an inspiration for a relatively inexpensive activity for more than one family. Memories for the future.

*Rachel Carmichael*

See more of the painted pebbles, in colour on page 23.

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## Slingsby Sports Club



At the time of writing preparations are well on the way to the reopening of The Sports and Social Club on the 21<sup>st</sup> May and we are looking forward to welcoming members, both new and old to the club once again.

We are also very much looking forward to the further lifting of Covid restrictions when the club will be restarting many of the popular events, including the charity quiz night on the first Friday of every month which has already raised a significant amount for different and diverse charities.

We have not been idle whilst the club has been closed and the club's volunteers have worked incredibly hard in maintaining the Sports Field and other facilities as well as refurbishment of the club to create a new, more modern environment.

Remember, membership of the Sports and Social Club costs just £5 per person for a year, with temporary membership available for visitors. Just pop along on any of the nights that the club is open and one of the committee members will gladly organise your membership.

### Play area update

Following the lifting of restrictions, it has been fantastic to see so many people using the play area. The play area group are always looking at ways of improving the facilities available in the play area and we have recently been successful in securing funding from North Yorkshire County Council community fund towards a new shelter, but additional fundraising is still needed to meet the full costs of this project.

Once further restrictions are lifted the play area group will be looking at fundraising opportunities to continue with the goal of improving the facilities available for families in the village.

### Anyone for Tennis?

We are proud of the facilities that we are able to offer people in Slingsby and the local area to use, including the play area, sports field and of course the two tennis courts.

We are also pleased to be able to work with Hovingham Tennis Club to support them to play competitive matches on the courts at Slingsby for their 'B' team.

They will be playing fixtures on a Monday night on the following dates:

- 10<sup>th</sup> May against Helmsley A
- 31<sup>st</sup> May against Coxwold B
- 21<sup>st</sup> June against Crayke
- 5<sup>th</sup> July against Malton B
- 12<sup>th</sup> July against Raskelf B
- 26<sup>th</sup> July against Pickering

The courts will be unavailable for general use on these dates between 6pm and 8.30pm to allow for these league games to take place.

In addition, a successful trial of the tennis social night last year has encouraged the running of tennis evenings once again this year. These commenced on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May and run from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome to come along to enjoy social tennis and meet like-minded people. Remember the two, high quality and recently refurbished, tennis courts are available for anybody to use free of charge whether you are a resident of Slingsby or a visitor to the area. If you wish to reserve the courts there is a booking sheet in use, which can be found by the entrance to the courts in a tin letter box, but feel free to pop along and if they are not in use – get playing!

It has been great to see the tennis courts used recently for junior tennis coaching and it is always great to see the facilities of the club getting used to help people of all abilities maintain healthy lives.

### The return of Cricket

We are delighted to be able to look forward to a return of our Friday night cricket to the club. The Feversham League fixtures have been released and The Slingsby Cricket Club seasons starts off with an away trip to Glaisdale on the 21<sup>st</sup> May with our first home fixture the week after against Gillamoor.

As always, the social aspect of the matches in the Feversham League is a key element to the enjoyment of the evenings and we are looking forward to catching up with old friends and enjoying a sociable drink or two after the game.

New players are always welcome to join us, please get in touch with either John Hatfield on 01653 628701 or Paul Hogarth on 01653 628219 if you want to take part or just pop along to one of the fixtures and introduce yourself!

And if anybody just wants to pop along and enjoy the social side of cricket with a drink or two and a bite to eat from the Barbecue you will obviously be just as welcome!

The full list of fixtures is as follows:

- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Away to Glaisdale
- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May – Home to High Farndale
- Friday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Away to Gillamoor
- Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Home to Rosedale Abbey
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June – Home to Glaisdale
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July – Home to Lockton
- Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Home to Gillamoor
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Away to High Farndale
- Friday 30<sup>th</sup> July – Away to Rosedale Abbey
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> August – Away to Lockton

We still have fixtures to arrange against Duncombe Park in the Countess of Feversham Cup and High Farndale in the Supplementary Cup.

### Car boot sales

Car boot sales are always a great opportunity for people to socialise as well as to pick up a bargain, and we are very much looking forward to restarting them in the Sports Field as soon as it is safe to do so.

The current roadmap suggests that we could be running car boot sales from June onwards and we will keep people updated with the dates as soon as we can get them fixed. We will update the Facebook page as well as the Slingsby Village website.

### Staying up to date

To stay in touch with what is happening at the club keep an eye on the Sports Field page of the Slingsby Village website and you can follow us on Social Media, either Facebook (@slingsbysportsclub), Twitter (@slingsbyclub) or Instagram (slingsbyclub).

Alternatively, just check on the new noticeboard at the entrance to the Sports Field.

Hopefully we can all move forward positively and enjoy socialising together once again. In the meantime, stay safe and we look forward to seeing you soon. Take care,

*Paul Hogarth, Chairman*

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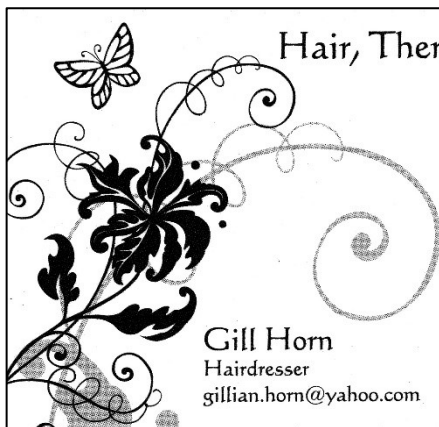


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## Obituary for Kathleen Collier: 1927-2021



Kath was born in Stonegrave. She had one sister Myra and a brother Reg. She would walk over the hill to Nunnington school every day and had a lovely village childhood.

The photo shows Kath enjoying her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations

Kath met George Collier and they were married in 1949 and made their home together in Stonegrave. Both of them loved the Stonegrave community and were always there for anyone with help and advice. They had two girls Anne and Gill and were very caring and loving parents.

In 2010 Kath and George moved to a lovely bungalow in Slingsby to be near their daughter Gill and her husband John and had some happy years here together. Sadly, George died in 2014 but Kath carried on making friends in the village. She especially enjoyed coffee mornings in the summerhouse at Peter Smithson's. He became a good friend as well as her neighbour. She also enjoyed coming up to the Slingsby car boot sales and there was always a deckchair ready on friends' stalls when she wanted a rest.

Kath's grandchildren and greatgrandchildren were her life. She loved the sheep Gill and grandson, Tom, kept and always had biscuits ready for Tom's sheepdogs, Sky and Spot, every time he called.

She really liked going out for Sunday dinner with granddaughter, Becky, and her family, who visited most weeks, and Anne's children who came to Slingsby to see her when they could.

As time went by Kath became ill and needed carers and eventually moved into a care home in Scarborough where Anne was able to make a few window visits, which is where she later died. She had a long and happy life and will be sadly missed by all her family and friends.

*Gill Swallow (daughter)*

## Slingsby Produce Show (also see page 21)

With the easing of Covid 19 restrictions over the summer we are very hopeful that the Produce Show will go ahead.

The Show is to be held on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September in The Village Hall. **This is subject to the village hall being open to events of this kind and may be subject to a restriction on numbers attending, time will tell.**

Classes will be much the same as in 2019 but full schedules will be printed nearer to the date of the show. If you would like more details of classes in order to plan your entries contact Trudy Carr or Stephen Prest and we will let you have a schedule as soon as we can. In the meantime, get busy in your gardens and keep taking interesting photographs particularly of wildlife, pets, scenes around Slingsby and flowers from your garden or in the countryside.

The Produce Show will be one of the few village events taking place this year so we do encourage you all to take part and come and visit us on show day.

*Secretary: Trudy Carr (628302)*

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*Jon Boots*

## Aliens all around us

When we first moved to our house in Slingsby in 1982, the beck side part of our garden was covered in a vigorous growing plant with pretty pink flowers. Our kids were amazed at the way the seeds from it would catapult long distances when the seed heads were just touched.

### Himalayan Balsam



At the time we didn't know anything about this plant, but later discovered it was Himalayan Balsam, *impatiens grandulifera*. It's in the same plant family as busy lizzie. We've managed to more or less eradicate it from our garden but there's still plenty around the village.

Many areas at the side of the beck can be seen covered with it in summer. Whilst it is pretty, it grows from seed very quickly each year and crowds out native plants and its ability to disperse its seeds so efficiently means it quickly takes over new areas.

The North Yorkshire Moors Park Authority is currently trying to clear the plant from the Rye and Esk rivers.

### Skunk Cabbage



American skunk cabbage, *lysichiton americanus*, is a wetland plant we first saw growing in the stream garden at Harlow Carr gardens in Harrogate. We were fascinated

by its huge yellow flowers that erupt from the ground in April.

We have since seen it growing in the wild in many wet areas in Scotland but it has colonised large parts of the whole UK. This plant spreads by underground rhizomes but also produces lots of seed which can be carried long distances along water courses. The RHS still grows this plant at Harlow Carr but claims it prevents it spreading out of the garden by removing all its seeds.

### Japanese Knotweed



Lots of people will have heard about Japanese knotweed, another invasive alien plant originally introduced by gardeners. It was brought here as an ornamental plant but has now become a major pest. This can have a significant economic cost to property owners if they have it on their plot. Since 2013 it has been a legal requirement to notify any potential buyers of your property that you have Japanese knotweed. You must also make sure that it does not escape from your property into a neighbour's land or into the wild. It is not easy to eradicate and will take several seasons of weedkiller application. Any plant material removed from site is "classified waste" and can only be disposed of at licensed waste sites.

### Other species

Rhododendron ponticum and giant hogweed are other plants originally introduced by gardeners that have since become a major menace in the countryside. Like the other plants here they spread rapidly and outcompete native plants.

It is quite common to see *Rhododendron ponticum* in flower in many woodland areas in May and it enjoys the moist climate in much of Scotland. With its purple flowers, it looks rather spectacular.



Above: *Rhododendron ponticum*  
Below: Giant hogweed



### Wildlife and Countryside Act

All these plants are included in The Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 Schedule 9, Section 14 meaning it is an offence to cause them to grow in the wild in England and Wales (similar legislation applies in Scotland and Northern Ireland). There are many other plants on this list but the ones above are probably the ones you are most likely to see.

### Why they are a problem

Alien species are a two-fold problem. First, they crowd out our native plants and secondly, they do not provide the habitat for the many native insects, which in turn are food sources for birds and small animals.

### Alien fauna

It is not only alien flora that affects the country there is also plenty of alien fauna. The species you

are most likely to see around you is the grey squirrel. This was introduced into the country in the 1800s and is thought to be responsible for most of the decrease in our native red squirrel population. At one time there were more than 3,000,000 red squirrels, but now there are less than 200,000, mostly in Scotland.

The grey squirrel carries a disease that affects reds and also outcompetes it for food, as well as raiding the nests of our garden birds. Grey squirrels severely affect the management of forestry since they strip the bark of young trees. There is currently research going on to see if it's possible to feed oral contraceptives to greys to reduce their population in a humane way. Another approach is to genetically modify grey squirrels so they produce only male offspring. This is currently illegal as introducing genetically modified species into the environment is not allowed at the moment.

There are many other introduced species (brought in both deliberately and inadvertently) that are abundant in the countryside including muntjac deer, mink and various crustaceans and molluscs as well as many insects. All have an effect on our gardens and wild places.

*Terry Baker*



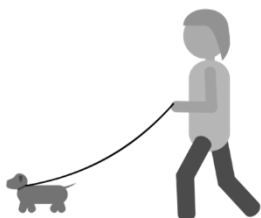
**Did you identify the bird?**

**It's a female Sparrowhawk**



## Dog Poo

From time to time our village and surrounding paths suffer from the problem of people not clearing up after their dogs. Obviously, this is something we are all concerned about, but perhaps it is worth highlighting some of the dangers of dog poo being left behind. This was featured in the recent 'Moors Messenger' magazine distributed by North York Moors National Park Authority, and is a useful reminder of why it's important.



### Danger for livestock

"Parasites in poo - Neosporosis is a disease caused by a parasite which reproduces in the digestive tract of dogs. The parasite's eggs are shed in faeces, and can remain alive in the environment for about six months. Cows grazing on land that has been contaminated with dog faeces therefore become infected, commonly resulting in abortion and stillbirth."

### Danger for humans, especially young children

"It's not just livestock that's at risk from dog poo. Roundworm parasites called Toxocara also live in the digestive system of dogs. Humans can become infected with toxocariasis if they accidentally ingest any sand or soil that has been contaminated with the parasite's eggs. This is of particular concern for young children who might be digging on the beach or exploring the countryside. Although rare, once hatched the roundworm larvae can travel around the human body to the major organs or eyes, causing severe illness."

### Advice for Dog owners

"The National Park Authority urges dog owners to always pick up their dog's mess and dispose of it correctly. Please keep your dog regularly wormed, and remember that arable crops and grass are used for producing food for both people and livestock. Bag your dog mess and take it away with you. Please never throw your bag into trees or bushes."

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## Jokes

20<sup>th</sup> June is Fathers' Day, so here are a few 'Dad' jokes to make you smile.

1. "I'm afraid for the calendar. Its days are numbered."
2. "Why do fathers take an extra pair of socks when they go golfing?" "In case they get a hole in one!"
3. "Singing in the shower is fun until you get soap in your mouth. Then it's a soap opera."
4. "If April showers bring May flowers, what do May flowers bring?" "Pilgrims."
5. "What did the ocean say to the beach?" "Nothing, it just waved."
6. "I only know 25 letters of the alphabet. I don't know y."
7. "How does the moon cut his hair?" "Eclipse it."
8. "What did the zero say to the eight?" "That belt looks good on you."
9. "How do you make 7 even?" "Take away the s."
10. "Why did the maths book look so sad? Because of all of its problems!"

## Dingbats

To get those brain cells working – Say what you see.... Find the answers on page 23.



## Slingsby Annual Produce Show History



*Photo above shows Raymond (Bunny) Ware, a Produce Show regular for many years*

You might well wonder how long Slingsby Produce Show has been running. The answer seems to be well before WWII, however it lapsed during the war and the aim was to resurrect it after 1945. It is not known for sure whether this happened however in 1974 a meeting was held in the Grapes Inn when several growers agreed to again hold a Produce Show in the Grapes Inn Yard. As interest grew it was decided that this first Produce Show should be held in the Village Hall on 24<sup>th</sup> August 1974. Following the show, which proved to be a great success generating a profit of £21.00, it was decided to form a committee to run future annual produce shows. The new Show Committee formed in 1975 agreed to resume an annual show which had not been held for 30 years and appointed its officials.

The show included 12 Home Produce classes and 5 Children's Classes, but entries for the children's classes were disappointing.

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However, having generated 240 entries, the show was a great success with the Lascelles Cup for the best exhibit being won by Mr M J Wentworth. There were classes for carrots, globe beet, and cabbage, round potatoes, celery, cooking apples, dahlias, pot plants, pastries, raspberry jam, eggs, and ears of wheat, sugar beet, heaviest marrow, and blackberries.

In 1976 Miss Lascelles was appointed President and the committee welcomed lady members for the first time. 1976 saw an increase to 280 entries despite a very dry summer and the Treasurer reported a profit of £22.00. The committee meeting invited the following ladies to join the committee; F Ware, D Stephenson, H Prest, Q Wright, M and K Wentworth.

1977 included the first raffle, with a £2.00 box of produce as the prize. After some suspicions and rumours, the 1978 Show included a new ruling that 'All Produce must be grown by the Exhibitor'. Admission to the show was 5p for adults and 2p for children.

In 1979 it was agreed to hold a Pumpkin and Chrysanthemum show in October. Both this and the Produce shows were successful however 1980 was a poor summer and the agricultural section was dropped from the schedule. Nevertheless, The Produce Show and the Chrysanthemum and Pumpkins Shows both continued in the early 1980's, successfully generating a small profit each year.

Problems continued with enforcing the rule that 'All produce entered in the Show must be grown by the exhibitor'. 1986 and 1987 were poor summers and although the Shows went ahead, small losses were reported. But 1988 was a bumper year with 450 entries in the Produce Show. In 1989 the children's classes were particularly successful. For the first time Mr Wormald gave a display of his Old Village Photographs to support the Chrysanthemum and Pumpkins Show.

1990 summer was one of the driest on record. Despite this another successful show took place with Mr Wormald again supporting the Pumpkin Show. Concern was expressed about the reduced number of committee members and efforts were made to recruit new committee members. In 1991

Mr Stephenson retired as Chairman, having reached the age of 84. He was one of the founder members and had been chairman since 1978 – Mr Raymond (Bunny) Ware was appointed the new Chairman.

By 1992 Miss Lascelles had reached the venerable age of 101 and no longer lived in the village so it was agreed to appoint Mr Willy Baker as President. However, both Mr Baker and Miss Lascelles died in 1993 and Trudy Jerrams was elected President.

In 1997 it was unanimously agreed to continue with the Produce Show but, for a trial period, that the Produce Show and the struggling Chrysanthemum and Pumpkin show be amalgamated and one show only be held called the Slingsby Produce and Pumpkin Show. For 10 years the Show continued with reducing numbers of helpers so the Secretary raised concerns as to how long the show could continue. It was decided that efforts must be made to recruit more helpers!

In 2008, in an effort to increase income, it was agreed to sell off all the donated produce at the end of the show and to 'beef up' the raffle. This resulted in a handsome profit of £743.95 and the Committee were able to donate £200 to the Youth Club and £300 to the Village Hall. Later in the year £200 was donated to All Saints Church Tower Appeal and £100 to the Adventure Club.

2009 saw the amalgamation of the positions of president and chairman and Mrs T Carr was elected to the joint post. More effort was devoted to circulation of posters, advertising and schedules and this resulted in a successful show on 12<sup>th</sup> September, where it was agreed to continue with the enhanced raffle which had been such a success on the previous year. The financial result of the show meant that a donation of £200 was made to the Village Hall. In 2010 record entries were recorded. Following a very successful show, £300 was donated to the Village Hall Kitchen Fund. 2014 was the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the resurrected Produce Show.

2017 and 2018 again showed a reducing number of helpers and the show was on the verge of being wound up. Fortunately, this resulted in a new batch of helpers, unwilling to allow the demise of such a

long-standing institution, and the show continues successfully to this day.

Over more than 40 years the show has encountered many difficulties, too wet summer weather, too dry summer weather, Covid-19, and sometimes falling off of interest, but fortunately a huge number of very willing people, committee, exhibitors, judges and helpers have recently rallied to the call and to the show's continuing success.

Make a guess at the number of entries which have been exhibited over 40 years. An average of 300 entries per show makes some 12,000 entries and that's just a modest guess! Plus the entries for the Chrysanthemum and Pumpkin show for 22 years from 1974 – 1996. An incredible number of vegetables, flowers, plants, cakes, preserves etc, so you can say that a significant amount of leisure time in Slingsby was devoted to planting, growing, making and baking.

We would like to thank Trudy Carr for her assistance in compiling these records.

*David and Carol Thornley*

See Page 17 for information about this year's Produce Show

## Allotment News



Gardeners on the allotment site have had difficult weather to contend with so far this growing season. Not least the damaging late frosts which have devastated my fruit blossom. To cheer me up this was the blossom in April 2020.

*Terry Baker*

## Dingbats – Answers:

Excuse me; Good for nothing; Back and forth

## The Cairn of Hope Pictures

The fully decorated Cairn



Some of the beautifully painted pebbles in close up



Pebbles from the now dismantled Cairn displayed outside the Church



What a lovely job has been made of the new fencing at the playing field. The Triangle understands that the Sports Club arranged for contractors Paul Beecroft from Pickering to do the work. Also, how nicely the grass is always kept with regular mowing by John Baxter and Andrew Popek. The village is very lucky to have this facility and we all appreciate it and send a big thank you to the Sports Club and the volunteers.

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A very weary mum? She was spotted one sunny morning at the Baxton Howe pig farm



The School Duck Race is planned for Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> July. Further details will be available on the School's Facebook page and on the Slingsby Village website.



A super picture to end this Triangle sent in by Lesley Carr. She says it was taken on 17<sup>th</sup> April at 8.45am when the balloon came over the field near the gatehouse then over Slingsby towards Slingsby heights.