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**Weddings Celebration** A beautiful event was held in the village over the August bank holiday weekend - celebrating weddings and christenings. Dresses old and new were displayed in the Church for all to enjoy. Here are a few photos to remember it all by. Thank you to Chris Cooper for our cover shot and some of these photos.



Christening Gowns displayed around the Font. Also showing flowers on the Font in memory of long-time Church Warden Gordon Lange and his wife Kathleen.



## Slingsby Wedding Festival

Slingsby Church held a festival of love and marriage over the August bank holiday weekend.

Thirty wedding dresses, bridesmaid dresses and Mother of the Bride dresses were on display together with 13 christening gowns. All the dresses and gowns were worn by women and children either from Slingsby or who are now living in Slingsby. They ranged from an 1850 christening gown and a 1900 wedding dress, to the dress of the latest Slingsby bride married in July this year (see Sam and Richard Hindby pictured in the August/September Triangle).

The display of dresses was complemented by flower arrangements courtesy of members of the Malton Flower club who together with Slingsby flower arrangers decorated the church beautifully. Dresses, flowers and the lighting in Church created a truly enchanting atmosphere.

The weekend started with a wine and canapé preview on Saturday night. The weather was fine and over 70 people mingled inside and outside the Church. On Sunday and Monday, the Church was open to the public and there was a steady stream of visitors, boosted by the car boot sale on Monday.

On Sunday night a service of thanksgiving was held led by the Archdeacon, Dr Sam Rushton, and four couples were able to renew their marriage vows.

Money raised over the weekend will be put towards the programme of work to improve the Church facilities; which include new sustainable heating, an accessible toilet and a new kitchen.

Many thanks to all who helped make this event possible especially as this brought the Church and the village community together.

The exhibition gave an insight into the history of fashion and fabrics over the decades.

Amongst the displays there were 6 double exhibits these were:

- 4 Mother and daughter,
- 1 Mother and step daughter and
- 1 Mother and daughter in law.

Along with the dresses were photographs of the brides and their grooms. Most of the weddings were in slingsby but one was in Turkey.

Not all the dresses were white, one beautiful dress was in pale apricot overlaid with black lace and made a stunning statement.

We also had several displays of memorabilia: cakes, favours, hats, head-dresses, and shoes including a pair of white silk ankle boots.

*Chrysa Apps*



### Here are some of the stories behind the dresses

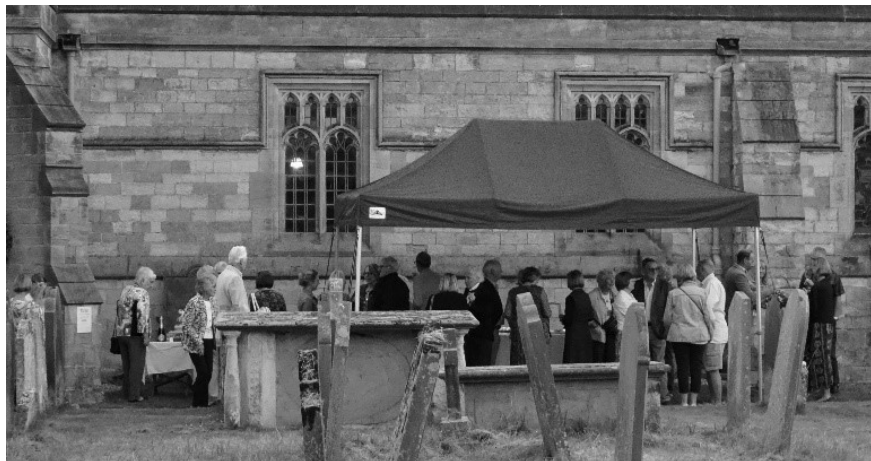
One gown was worn by four members of the same family over 3 generations. All the brides had tiny waists and the accompanying photographs displayed them beautifully. Clothing coupons had to be saved to enable the fabric to be purchased. It came from the first shipment of brocade from France after the second world war.

The oldest gown was made around 1900 and was brown silk. In times past, when a family could not afford a traditional white wedding dress women would make their own dresses. Choosing a fabric and a colour that they could wear as a best dress after the wedding. In this case the bride to be chose a beautiful dark brown silk brocade.

Wedding Festival continues on next page.../

## /... Wedding Festival continued

A lovely lace dress and peplum jacket was hand made by a bride in 1910. Very sadly her husband lost his life only 7 years later - dying in the Great War in 1917 in Northern France. Her dress remains a poignant reminder of lost love.



A happy gathering outside Church for the Preview Evening

One bride, on the birth of her firstborn, decided to cut up her wedding dress. She created a delightful christening gown worn by both her children, and a lasting memory of a happy day. A picture of the bride in her dress was displayed with the gown.

One intrepid bride took her dress, flowers, bridesmaids dresses and all their flowers in aeroplane hand baggage all the way to Turkey, for her ceremony.



## Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS)

It's been a wonderful start to the school year with smiles all around, from children, parents and the school staff. And so good to see signs of normality finally filtering through. A huge thank you to Mr Smith and his team who have worked hard to make the return a welcomed one.

We ended our fundraising for the previous school year with some unexpected but very much appreciated donations during the summer break which took our overall amount raised to over £3,100, which was in addition to school events we were able to contribute to throughout the year. This has now all been donated to school, so our sincerest thanks to all in the village who supported one or more of our fundraisers.

The FOSS AGM has not yet been confirmed but if you are interested in attending, please check our Facebook page, school newsletter or email us directly. School has confirmed that we will be able to hold our annual Halloween Party on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October from 3.45 to 5.30pm which is always thoroughly enjoyed by the children. Then we are working in earnest on our Christmas plans and hope

to update you in the next Triangle. Keep an eye out on the Slingsby Village website too.

*Sonja Sedran*

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If you email the Triangle and do not get an acknowledgement within 2 or 3 days, please give one of the editors a ring as sometimes your message goes to Spam and we do not see it. There is always a phone number on the front of each Triangle.

### New Website Team

Well done to our Chairman, Jon Boots, for inspiring four new people to join the Website team, they will be such an asset – see page 7 to hear all about them.

### Dates for your diary:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Oct – Castle Howard Gardens reopen
- 20<sup>th</sup> Oct and 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Soupa Lunch
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Village Hall 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct – Members Night at Sports Club
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bonfire at Sports Club
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov-3<sup>rd</sup> Jan – Christmas at Narnia (C.H)

**Welcome back** - A big Triangle welcome to the village to Susan Milner (formerly Susan Prest) and husband James (who also has links to Slingsby). They moved in to Sawpit Cottage in June. After busy working lives that took them to many far-away places, they have retired to Slingsby, but seem to be busier than ever with their home, garden and new puppy Ollie, as well as helping with brother Stuart Prest's farm and holiday business in Fryton. Keen to get involved in village life too, Sue is already helping with Soupa Lunches at the Chapel and they are both enjoying quiz night at the Club.

Read more about Susan and James and their new home on page 10.

**Welcome to Slingsby** – to Maria Cartwright very recently moved to Sycamore Close (from Helperby) and already enjoying the Triangle and getting involved in village life.

### Slingsby Oil Consortium

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*Terry Baker*

### Audrey and John Gresswell

The Triangle is sad to note the recent deaths of Audrey and John Gresswell who lived in Aspen way and send our sympathies to their family.



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## Community Matters - Carol Thornley



Retail has always been in Carol's blood, having most recently worked in a jewellery shop for 12 years in the Shambles in York. She surely saw plenty of action there, as the footfall is very heavy. Having had a break from work for 4 years, Carol felt ready to take on a new challenge, however she wanted something local.

It was Carol's daughter who suggested the prospect of volunteering at nearby Nunnington Hall so Carol contacted them and found they were looking for volunteers for the shop. Not wanting to be a room guide, the shop vacancy was fortuitous.

There was the warmest welcome for Carol, particularly from the Assistant Manager, and Carol happily worked there for one or two days a week. She must have done something right because after only 6 months she was approached to go on the staff as a paid employee!

Although having to follow National Trust display guidelines, Carol really put her heart and soul into arranging the varied items for sale in the shop, which attracted some lovely customers and characters, including one very nice man who always dressed as a cowboy. Best sellers were jams, biscuits, scarves and gardening items, with local

artisans also being invited to participate in displaying their crafts.

Two and a half very happy years were spent at Nunnington Hall, until our friend COVID 19 caused it to go into lockdown closure. Regrettably, despite being a leading earner for the National Trust, the decision was taken to close the shop permanently and move the remaining stock to Beningbrough Hall and the York shop.

Although her own volunteering days are over, Carol would highly recommend the volunteer role as it helps to keep local attractions open and allows people to work in a friendly, non-competitive atmosphere. I visited the shop while Carol worked there and I usually bought something - I did once buy a scarf - seduced by the lovely display, so well done Carol!

There are several Slingsby volunteers working as guides at Nunnington, which shows that The National Trust is a charity which people enjoy and value, so thank you to you all for giving your time.

*Kay Hill*

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**All welcome**

## Welcome to the new team for the village website's 2<sup>nd</sup> decade

March 2021 marked the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the launch of the village website. Over that time, six people have worked with me, at one time or another, adding content (news, events, etc) to the website. Their contribution, whether large or smaller, has been valuable and much appreciated. More recently, offers of help seemed to dry up. Let's face it, there were other things to worry about over the past year. But that has now all changed. Having waited what seemed like the best part of a year for a new partner, I am surprised to see that four have turned up pretty much at once, just like buses on the information super-highway.

I have great pleasure in announcing that the future of our website has once again been secured into the foreseeable future. Despite full-time working and much of his spare time taken up with the Sports and Social Club, Paul Hogarth offered his time and IT skills to the website. Ryan Perry is Slingsby through and through (you know the name). He also has useful skills to offer our community. Mary Laird, whose family lives in Fryton, is studying at Durham University. She is taking this opportunity to learn useful skills on the team and keep in touch with "back home". Last to join us, but certainly not least, is Hannah Orchison, who is doing computer studies, among other things, at Malton school and, at 15, already knows much more than me in this field. We hope to start her introduction to the world of work.

The demands on the time of all of us are many and varied, so it is very encouraging to have such a broadly-based team of individuals to share the various facets of what goes to maintaining a community website. I am looking forward to working with them all.

*Jon Boots*

### Meet the new Website Team

Hi, I'm Hannah Orchison, I live in Slingsby and I'm 15 years old. I will be completing my GCSEs this year, including one in Computer Science. I'm excited to be working on the website alongside many others and I volunteered to help because I want to do something for the Slingsby community. I'm also

keen to practise and make use of the computer skills I have and to learn new ones. I'm really happy to help out on the website, and I think that it is a critical asset to our thriving village! Please make use of it :)

*Hannah Orchison*

I have lived in Slingsby all my life and attended Slingsby School when I was younger. After finishing at Malton School, I moved to London and studied at Rose Bruford College to specialise in sound engineering for theatre and live events. I've always been interested in music and played in bands and orchestras whilst at school, which led me to also work behind the scenes. I now work as a freelance sound technician and engineer, mostly in London. I also work at our family business Perry's Coaches, which is based in Malton but was originally founded in Slingsby back in 1958. I recently started to help with the village website and it's great to keep in touch with everything happening around the village, and to be part of a team who have such a passion for the village and community.

*Ryan Perry*

I'm currently an undergraduate going into my 3<sup>rd</sup> year at Durham University, studying Theology and Religion. I have lived in Fryton for 12 years, having moved from Stokesley, to be closer to Ampleforth where I went to school. I love coming back to Fryton in the uni holidays to spend time with my four brothers. I have recently been accepted onto Teach First's training programme for next year where I will be teaching RE at a school in London. I'm looking forward to being part of the website team and staying connected to life at home.

*Mary Laird*

I have lived in the village since 2014 when I met and moved in with my wife Rachel who has lived in Slingsby virtually her entire life. Originally from New Marske, near Redcar, I work for the NHS as a manager with a Mental Health Trust having joined in 2008 as an IT Trainer. Apart from my involvement with the website team I am also the chairman of the Sports and Social Club and enjoy playing cricket with Slingsby Cricket Club. Away from the Sports and Cricket Clubs my other passions include the outdoors, particularly running and walking (when time permits!).

*Paul Hogarth*

## Slingsby Ladies Group

Well, we finally managed to arrange our first meeting after 18 months of COVID restrictions. It was lovely to see everyone, to catch up with each other and have some sense of normality.

Our speaker for the evening was Christine Pietrowski with a talk entitled Granny's Postcards. Christine told us how, twenty-two years ago, she had found envelopes full of postcards which told the story of her grandmother, Mabel, and her family. Mabel was an avid collector of postcards and we followed her as she celebrated holidays, birthdays and even sent messages via the post, just as we may use texts or emails to communicate today. It was a fascinating piece of social history and Christine reflected how lovely it was to have something permanent to pass on to successive generations in contrast to the temporary nature of today's communication methods.

Our next meeting is at 7.15pm on 12<sup>th</sup> October and our speaker is Angus Ashworth from Ryedale Auctioneers, Kirkbymoorside. Members are encouraged to bring along items for Angus to take a look at and potentially value.

If you would like to join our Group, why not come to a meeting at The Methodist School Room and see if it's something you might want to join. You would be most welcome.

In the meantime, take care and see you on 12<sup>th</sup> October.

*Liz Senior*

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- amplify live music or song.

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to find out how to borrow/hire the equipment.

*John Breckon*

## Slingsby Farming Book request

Hi to the triangle team and Triangle readers. I am Ray Clifford and was brought up in Slingsby. I have been keeping in touch with the village, reading the triangle which I think is great. I have also purchased the special editions (by the Local History Group), all but the farming one. I understand that this is out of print now and there are no copies left. This was my era - my father was a farmer - and I have special memories of that time. I am hoping that someone may have a copy they no longer want which I could purchase from them. If you do have one, I would love to hear from you.

You can email me on: [l20ray@live.co.uk](mailto:l20ray@live.co.uk)  
Or contact me via one of the Triangle editors.

*Ray Clifford*

I remember you Ray – you used to live in Balksyde – it's good to hear from you and I hope someone can help – Ed



## Sports Field Play Area

Now that we are able to get out and about again, and the weather has (occasionally) been fine, it's been great to see how much use is being made of the Play Area by families and visitors. We have had our annual inspection and the equipment is holding up well with no repairs required. Once again, we are grateful to the Sports Club to whom our Sub-Committee currently reports, for providing us with the leeway whilst fundraising and grant applications get going.

### What can you do to help us?

Please can you remember to take your litter home with you, and if you let your children use the Play Area unsupervised, please remind them to do the same.

Please support upcoming events, such as the Bonfire Night, where we will have a stall. But please also let us know if you can help especially if you are a family/parent - we need more support from the people who are using the play area to help us maintain and develop it. Please contact Anita Brewer if you can help us.

### What's next?

We have secured some limited funding which we must spend on a new shelter by January. This is likely to provide a roof and perhaps a little protection from the rain, but will need to raise more serious funds if we are to replace the sheds and add the zipwire and baby play equipment/spider climbing frame we have been told families would like.

We will also need compelling evidence to support this and will be circulating all the children in the school to ask them to tell us what the Play Area means to them, what they would like and what difference it would make. Please send us your ideas and thoughts. We'll be working on proposals and applications though the Autumn.

For further details please contact the Play Area Committee Chair at: [anita-brewer@outlook.com](mailto:anita-brewer@outlook.com)

*Kate Giles*

## Ryedale Festival 2021 – live and in-person

The pandemic period has been a difficult time for everyone, not least the self-employed. Musicians and all those in the creative sector were caught up in it, but, understandably, they were scarcely uppermost in people's minds.

Yet music is balm for the troubled soul. Mindful of this, and the struggle that creative people were going through, the Ryedale Festival, in its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, took the bold decision to stage a full festival, live and in-person, with a total of 40 events, in its usual second fortnight in July. Planning which would normally have taken place in January and February did not get into swing until June. The details of social distancing, audience flows, face coverings, sanitiser stations, acceptable audience capacities, non-contact ticketing, etc, were hammered out in an intensive period leading up to the first concerts on 16<sup>th</sup> July. Since concerts had to be run at something under 50% capacity, for essential safety reasons, it was decided to have a repeat performance of most events, so that no one felt excluded.

Given all the additional difficulties and precautions, and the lateness of the necessary venue visits by the planning team, the number of different venues was reduced, which partly explains why Slingsby's All Saints Church did not get to host an event this time.

After all the work, it was very gratifying to hear performers telling us how pleased they were to be back doing what they do and feeling the energy of live audiences to enhance their performance. Audience members and volunteers likewise were glad to be back with friends and enjoyed the events with renewed passion.

We heard performers such as Jess Gillam, Abel Selaocoe, Carolyn Sampson, Isata Kanneh-Mason, Miloš, the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment, the BBC Big Band, Kathryn Tickell and Tenebrae, as well as Poet Laureate Simon Armitage – and many more.

What will 2022 bring?

*Jon Boots*

## Susan and James Milner and Sawpit Cottage

As many of you will know, Susan was born at Castle Farm, Slingsby and a few years later, the family moved to Cherrygarth Farm, Fryton. Both Susan and her elder brother Stuart went to Slingsby primary school under the tutorage of Miss Grice and Mr Hill

Abu Dhabi and the World Cup stadiums in Qatar, ready for the FIFA World Cup next year. They married in Slingsby church in 2000 whilst both were working in Singapore; Susan's mum, Honor Prest happily being left to do most of the arrangements, with Susan and James pretty much just having to turn up on the day suitably clad!



School photo approx. 1972.

Susan is front row 4<sup>th</sup> from the right. I wonder how many of the other young people Triangle readers can recognise? Several still live in the village.

James was born exactly a month earlier at Westow Croft and grew up at Acklam, moved to Norton then finally Malton. After sixth form, he moved to Preston then Bristol and finally London starting his career as a quantity surveyor.

Susan and James initially met at Malton school in 1980 when they studied for their 'A' levels. They subsequently re-met at a friend's wedding in Hovingham in 1996 and started communicating with each other via airmail. After a few meetings, Susan, who had trained as a nurse in Edinburgh, and a midwife in Newcastle, gave up her current job as a practice nurse at Derwent Surgery, and went to join James in Vietnam in 1997.

They were both ably qualified to travel the world, working and enjoying an ex-pat lifestyle in the Far East and the Middle East. James worked on many prestigious projects including the Grand Mosque in

The wedding photos below show Susan with her mum, Honor (sadly no longer with us) and dad, David Prest, who still lives in Fryton; and Susan and James in the porch at Slingsby Church.



It was always Susan and James' intention to return to Yorkshire to be near family and when Sawpit Cottage came on the market, they jumped at the chance to purchase a

house in the heart of the village which holds so many happy memories for them both. James' Grandmother (Elise Milner) lived at Fern Cottage (opposite the pub) for many years and he has happy memories of running amok through the house with his two sisters, Jennifer and Amanda.

Sawpit Cottage has since undergone a major renovation which mainly due to covid, has been a lengthy process, and been closely followed by many of Slingsby's regular dog walkers. Susan returned last March, days before the first covid lockdown, to



oversee the construction and spend many months in a pair of overalls getting covered in paint, being closely monitored by James via daily zoom calls!

Much interest was generated by the arrival of the drilling rig for the bore holes which form part of the ground source heat pump system. For those with technical interest, two bore holes, each one 135m deep were drilled which contain a pipework loop that absorbs low grade heat into a closed water loop system.



Close up of the drill and one of the boreholes

A heat exchanger extracts the heat which is harvested to generate hot water for the underfloor heating system and domestic hot water.



Drilling equipment on site.

They both officially moved into Sawpit Cottage at the beginning of June and have since completed the landscaping but plans for having a showcase garden are currently being hampered by the arrival of Ollie, a cocker spaniel puppy who has taken a liking to nipping off any flower heads she can get her teeth around!

### **What was the hardest part of renovating Sawpit Cottage?**

Lockdown difficulties, and Brexit which caused supply issues, particularly with timber. It was also

hard for Susan making all the decisions about things such as which tiles to have when James could only see them via zoom calls!

### **What was most important in deciding what changes to make?**

Whilst we wanted our home to be modern and work for our lifestyle, we wanted to be sensitive to the home's past as well. We were also keen to embrace green technology. It is a bit early to tell how effective the heating system is, but the hot water works well. Wiring is also in place so an electric car charging point can be installed in future.

### **What is your favourite part of the house?**

It has to be the garden room – we seem to spend most of our time in there.

### **What are you most pleased about?**

Being able to incorporate mum's old kitchen dresser – Susan says: I stripped and re-painted it and it is very useful in my pantry as well as being a lovely reminder of mum.



Photo showing Sawpit Cottage as it is today

**Thank you** to Susan and James for allowing the Triangle to peep inside your lovely home – certainly a 'Grand Designs' contender!

Triangle co-founder, Keith Buck, and his wife, lived at Sawpit Cottage for many years before moving from Slingsby to be nearer to family. I believe they still get the Triangle so hello to you both, and it must be strange to see your old home changed so much, but hopefully you approve and are glad to see Sawpit Cottage continuing to be enjoyed by a younger generation.



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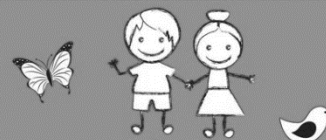
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## Golden Wedding Celebration – 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021

In this 'wedding event' edition of the Triangle it's very appropriate to be able to include a significant wedding celebration.



The photos show Geoff and Denise on their wedding day in 1971 and earlier this year at a favourite spot, on holiday in Spain



Geoff and Denise Brooks married on 28<sup>th</sup> August 1971 at Whitkirk Church, Leeds. They moved to Slingsby in April 1977, living first in Wyville Lodge then moving to their present house the following year. Geoff worked for over 40 years in the social housing sector while Denise is still recognised by the many customers she met while working in the 1980's and 90's in the now closed Malton Branch of TSB. Geoff also played for Slingsby Football Club between 1977 and 1991. Both were founder members of Slingsby Sports Club when it opened in 1988.

They have a son Duncan and a daughter Sally both of whom attended Slingsby School, and 4 grandchildren. Despite Covid making meeting up difficult, all the family managed to get together in Slingsby for the Golden Wedding anniversary celebrations, which included a meal out and a get together with everyone at the Sports Club where both have Life Membership.

**Many congratulations from the Triangle to Geoff and Denise.**

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## Community Spirit

The past 18 months saw a wave of community togetherness sweep across the nation. Here in Slingsby residents pulled together to help their neighbours and it is probably fair to say that, everyone's life was changed or affected in some way or other. Research from The National Lottery Community Fund suggests that the pandemic could be a step-change moment for the UK, leading people to make lasting changes to how they live their lives and the connections they build with friends, family and the wider community.

With this in mind we are hoping that *Community Spirit* will become a new, regular feature of the Triangle. Bringing together a sharing of hints and tips on how to live a more sustainable, greener, healthier and community-based lifestyle.

So... we are looking to our readers to share with others great tips new and old to save money, live a greener life, reduce waste and generally feel good about doing something to help others and the environment. They don't need to be life changing or dramatic, perhaps you have a useful tip for reusing or recycling something. A small change that you've made might inspire others to follow suit.

For example, I enjoyed discovering the local produce often found for sale around the village, encouraging us to eat fresh and eat local. Tomatoes, eggs, preserves and even bread can be found when out on a walk. Reducing food miles and getting fit in one go! During lockdown like many others, I turned my attention to my garden. Building some new raised beds and attempting to grow my own veg. I wasn't planning a 'Good Life' scenario just hoping that I could produce anything edible. In fact, we enjoyed many meals of home-grown broad beans so objective reached! With my well-being levels topped up and sense of achievement boosted I now plan to increase my repertoire.

One for the kids, search:

[www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/make-a-bird-feeder-from-recycled-materials](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/features/make-a-bird-feeder-from-recycled-materials)

Fun for the kids while doing their bit for recycling and, food for the birds in the Autumn and Winter months ahead.

We look forward to hearing your ideas and hopefully printing them in the next feature. Email to [jobreckon65@gmail.com](mailto:jobreckon65@gmail.com)

*Jo Breckon on behalf of Triangle Team*

## All Saints Church

### Future events planned for later this year

We are hoping to stage a pre loved (nearly new) fashion show and sale in November of designer and retro clothing. If you have good quality clothing you would otherwise take to charity shops, please let us know.

In December we hope to welcome Terrington choir back for a Christmas concert, they were much missed last year. Also, in December we are planning a parish (community) Christmas lunch in the village Hall and finally a Christmas tree festival for anyone to donate and decorate a tree in the church. Finally, we are planning to put the church on social media as information can be spread more effectively.

More details of all these functions will be available later.

*Chrissa Apps*

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#### **Handbags and Glamrags** (with apologies to Rod Stewart)

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for further details please contact

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Sale by admission of £5 to include wine and canapés and the opportunity to try on items.



## Slingsby Chapel News

As I write this article we are in the month of September. We will soon be thinking of Harvest Festivals, and probably by the time you are reading this we will have had our service, how time flies! Rev Manchester is planned for the service, so I'm sure there will be much to write about next time.

Our Sunday services are going well. We take many of the services ourselves, which is a great help to the circuit. Now that we have access to the internet, this will certainly broaden our opportunities. It gives us chance to sing along to big orchestras like 'All Souls', or listen to new songs. We can hear speakers from all over, as we did on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, when we listened to the Chair of the District, Rev Leslie Newton, speaking on the amazing 'Grace'. Our two 'technology' men working the computer/internet are doing great things already, well done.

We are now able to serve coffee after the services, albeit following guidelines, it's good to share fellowship with one another again for those who feel comfortable to do so.

As Rev Ken has now started his new appointment in Devon, our circuit Superintendent Rev Peter Sheasby, will be the pastoral Minister for Slingsby for the time being. It was good to have Peter taking one of our services not too long ago and also sharing Holy Communion together.

The 'Open Air' service on 8<sup>th</sup> August sadly had to be an open 'Indoors' service. Joining with our friends from Parish Church, and Hovingham, we had to have the service inside chapel. Even though the weather was not good outside, it did not dampen our spirits inside!

After the summer break, Soupa Lunch will have started again on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> September. There are many people in the village who look forward to their soup, sandwiches and a pudding. This is all thanks to our dedicated team of helpers in every way – Thank you.

As we move forward, we trust God will continue to guide us in all we do. We thank God for His faithfulness and for His many blessings. To God be the Glory.

*Audrey Foster*

## Soupa Lunch

Yes, Soupa lunch is up and running again. We started in September with Home Delivery and we shall continue on 20<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November and give people the option of either Home Delivery or folks can come to the Chapel Schoolroom and have it as a group together.



Many people have said how they have missed getting together for bit of fun and chat as well as the lovely food.

It is mainly for the elderly and those who live on their own so do get in touch if you would like to be added to our list, you will be warmly welcomed.

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## Brickyard Bulletin

A busy season! Firstly, a harvest update. We started harvesting winter barley on 26<sup>th</sup> July in decent conditions, and crops which yielded a normal average of about 3.3 ton/acre, and much more straw than anticipated. The variety was a new one for us this year, Gimlet – it's yielded well, but grain quality was nothing exciting, and due to it breaking down to disease in other parts of the country, it will be replaced by Boston for 2022. Next came winter wheat, which although areas flooded off last winter held some crops back a bit, it still produced a smidge over 4 tons per acre, which is very pleasing. Varieties Skyscraper and Parkin were the best performers. The wheat and barley are both grown for the animal feed market, and given that there are nearly a dozen feed mills within 30 miles of here, serves a local market. Due mostly to serious weather issues in Australia and Canada, prices are the right side of average - although notoriously volatile.

Propino spring barley disappointed a bit this year, only just managing 2 ton/acre, though it was no worse than the trial of Diablo we grew, so looks to be around for a while yet. Some of the straw was baled into small bales by Brian Clifford, and packed into bigger bundles of 14 bales by Tom Hoggard from Howe Bridge, in a bit of an experiment for our long-standing customer at Skipton. We also baled 200 bunches with our 1948 Welger baler, which once again performed faultlessly. These are used on the face of a short term stored potato heap to keep the cold out and preserve fry colours.

Spring milling oats performed well in the end, even though some were flat on the ground after the storm in July. Interestingly, the earlier sown ones on the lighter land were fine. After discussing this with my agronomist, we've concluded that the later sown oats on the heavier land struggled in the cold dry April and didn't get hold of the fertilizer until the wet May, resulting in luxury stem elongation and ultimately, weak straw. Very similar reasons are attributed to very variable maturity in the spring barley, and the diabolical spring wheat – about which the only good thing was that it wasn't affected by ergot, unlike spring wheat in other parts of the country.

Winter beans were decidedly poor, having not enjoyed wet feet last winter, and as I write this in mid-September, the spring beans are still to harvest, as are potatoes and sugar beet.






My regenerative potato trial is an interesting one, and I'll go into more detail next time once it is harvested, but there's quite a bit of difference visually between the plots. I was fortunate a few weeks ago to be part of an initiative for Pepsico (Walkers Crisps parent company) called an icrop tour – We visited three Yorkshire farms (including ours) looking at various ways of feeding a potato crop with digestate from an anaerobic digestion plant fed by waste from crisp production.

Our stewardship plots look great this time – we have some wild bird food and pollen and nectar plots and some long-standing grass margins by water courses. These provide a practical way of protecting water courses and providing habitat for a whole manner of things. We also have lots (and lots!) of over winter cover crops, and some in-season pollinator strips, mostly on unplanted headlands of potato fields.



Photo shows cover and sunflower wild bird food crop

Back in July, Keith Thomas of Fryton asked me if he could place an electronic bat detector in a position

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Small Mammals		Birds	
	47 records 3 species		110 records
Other species			
	5 records		

in the North West corner of the farm. His findings surprised me, and are illustrated above.



## /Brickyard Bulletin continued...

### Rules, rules and more rules...

Earlier this summer the Environment issued an update to the Farming rules for water, which have caused much turbulence and concern to livestock farmers (us included). I'm still trying to get my head around the rules (typically impractical and bureaucratic) but suffice to say that it's going to affect how we feed the soil and our crops. Our heavy land doesn't carry traffic well in spring normally, so we apply muck (rotationally) in August, before sowing a nutrient capturing and soil structuring cover crop, ahead of direct drilling spring oats the following March, which as a result, receives very little fertilizer. By the new rules, this won't be possible. Just in time muck before spring root crops won't be affected, but I foresee a mass scramble for muck spreaders on 1<sup>st</sup> March (in spite of what may be a dry February) when the rules are lifted. It is chaotic, but we'll find a way through the fog somehow!

The Brexit/Covid effect is snowballing, and is now affecting pig movements, machinery parts supply, transport, and just this week, fertilizer manufacture. CF fertilizers (largest UK producer) have shut their UK plants, apparently due to rising gas prices which is a great concern for next season. The knock on is a serious shortage of carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) gas (a by-product of fertilizer manufacture) which affects everything from fizzy drinks to hospitals.

It sometimes feels like my job is more akin to that of a circus juggler than a farmer at the moment but suffice to say it's never dull. Let's hope for a kind back end to sow winter cereals and harvest root crops...and some bureaucratic clarification!

Keep well everyone

*Andrew Wilson*



## Update Following Bilsdale Fire and loss of TV and Radio Channels on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Our TV signal disappeared after the Bilsdale fire and it has been quite difficult to find out what is going on to restore the service especially for people who don't have access to the internet. The company who run the site, Arqiva, say they are working 24/7 to restore the signal. The main work is putting up a temporary mast near to the original at Bilsdale. Whilst this will only be 80m tall rather than the original 314m structure, the company say that this, together with work to relay a signal from other transmitters, will restore the TV signal to 90% of homes. Hopefully this includes us in Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton.

If you have been unable to receive the TV signal for more than a month you should be able to get a refund on your TV licence. However, this doesn't apply if you have access to BBC iPlayer via the internet, as you are still able to access BBC programmes. The form is on-line, so you may need to ask a relative or friend to help you with your refund application. The website is:

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

Of course, you don't pay for ITV, Channel 4 etc, so no refund is due there.

### Allotment news

We have the best crop of peppers from our greenhouse this year. I sowed them very early in the year and despite the weather not being great we are picking quite a few fruits (red and yellow) every week. Large sweet peppers are very attractive and the colourful shiny fruits made a big difference to my basket of produce at the village show.

I have been digging the last of our potatoes and they are riddled with slug holes. Together with my usual Charlotte potatoes, I have grown an old variety called Pink Fir Apple for the first time, but its knobbly shaped tubers make hunting for the slug holes quite demanding.

We didn't sow our brassicas this year and had an empty area so planted a pumpkin and there are a few nicely ripening pumpkins for our grandchildren to have at Halloween.

*Terry Baker*

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## Stephen's Farming Column

Another corn harvest is almost complete and on the whole it has gone well. The crops recovered remarkably well after a slow start in spring with that cold dry month of April threatening to seriously damage our crops. In the end the rain came just in time for most crops and the rest of the growing season has been pretty good and the end result is that crops particularly of wheat have yielded very well and been gathered in well.

We are now onto harvesting potatoes and they also look very promising with very good yields and good quality.

The price for wheat at the moment is quite strong at around £180 per ton and with weather conditions around the world so unpredictable and so many extreme weather events, stocks of grain are likely to remain very tight so prices will remain high and the price of bread etc will probably increase. There shouldn't be any shortage of potatoes and prices are pretty average at the moment so the price of your chips or baked potato should be okay.

Whilst we in this area are mainly concerned with the cereal harvest not far away on the North Yorks. Moors and into the Yorkshire Dales their main harvest are the sheep and cattle sales which take place in September and October every year. Locally Malton still has some big autumn sales and there are special sales on Wombledon Airfield when sheep from the Moors are sold. Lambs born in the spring are sold to lowland farmers who feed them over the winter and then sell them fat next spring. Also, draft ewes are sold which are breeding sheep no longer strong enough to be kept on the moor but are all right to breed on lowland farms where weather conditions are a bit kinder.

In the market towns like Skipton, Hawes and Bentham up to 20,000 sheep can be sold every week and going as far as Devon in the south to Aberdeen in the north. Sales of suckler calves are also very popular and thousands of young cattle are sold for fattening over winter. Prices this year are very good for both sheep and cattle, fine for those selling but not so good for the buyers!

*Stephen Prest*



Photo shows first prize Mule gimmer lambs sold at Bentham Auction Mart this autumn for £580 each, a very high price indeed



Photo shows Malton Sheep Fayre taken about 50 years ago which shows a line-up of Rams being judged before the auction sale

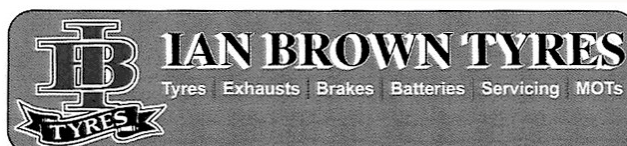
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## Castle Howard News

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CASTLE HOWARD

All Friends Members of Castle Howard will automatically have their membership extended for the period that the House is closed. The Gardens will re-open on 9<sup>th</sup> October, in time for some Halloween fun with the Skelves at Skelf Island!

During the filming don't forget the Farm Shop, Garden Centre and Coffee Shop are open as normal and for the first time, we will be running a **pick your own pumpkin patch** at the Garden Centre, opening on the 9<sup>th</sup> October. Also, **Christmas in Narnia** from Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2021 will go ahead as planned.

## Sowers and Growers

After what seems like a long, long break, Sowers and Growers is finally up and running again. In July we met at Diane and Ray Watson's for an informal chat and general catch up. We welcomed our new member Rebecca Clarke who is by far our youngest member.

August saw "Safari Gardens" starting again at Ray and Diane's house, followed by a tour around Pat Thompson's maturing garden (we last saw it when she had newly moved in). We finished our stroll out in Sycamore Close, first at Rebecca and Joe's, then refreshments hosted in Janet and Brian's delightful garden. We had the obligatory Chocolate Courgette cake as we were then at the height of the glut.

On a beautiful late summer evening in early September, we visited Manor Ridge Barns in South

Holme. Charles and Clare (and the children) showed us around their amazing outdoor space. Those of us who remembered the site at South Holme, and especially the dilapidated barns, were in awe of what has been done. The vision and hard work have certainly paid off and just showed what can be achieved from a former derelict site.

The future plans if Boris allows are as follows:

- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> Oct - make/bake and eat.
- Tues 9<sup>th</sup> Nov - John Foxton making a posy and time for some questions.

Both above are at 7pm in the Village Hall Committee Room.

- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec - Kymm Queen will be with us once again to help us make our Christmas greenery into something respectable. More details will be available later. Look out for posters or flyers.

Any questions contact: Janet 01653 628625 or Fiona 07738012117

*Fiona Dean*

## Slingsby Sports and Social Club

Nearly back to normal and some fantastic events over the summer

### Dave Calvert Memorial Cricket Match

Following the sad death earlier this year of former Sports Club and Cricket Club chairman, Dave Calvert, it was agreed that the most fitting way to pay tribute to his years of service would be to hold an Annual Memorial Cricket match. The first of which took place on the Sunday of Bank Holiday weekend and was an incredible success. Former Slingsby CC players returned to form a Dave Calvert XI that played against a current Slingsby CC XI. In a game that was played in an excellent spirit the Dave Calvert XI prevailed to take the honours and hold aloft the Dave Calvert Memorial Cup.



Cricketing action - the First Dave Calvert Memorial Cup Match  
Photo by C. Cooper

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### **/Sports and Social Club continued...**

The family would like to thank Dave and Belinda from Bristles Chimney Sweep for their very kind donation towards the cost of the Cup which was much appreciated.

A raffle and collection buckets raised £663.15 which was donated to The Yorkshire Air Ambulance in Dave's memory.

### **Car Boot Sales**

We have managed to run a number of car boot sales at the later end of the summer and they have proved incredibly popular. The August Bank Holiday Monday Car boot sale was particularly well attended, as the photo below shows.



### **Play Area**

The play area has been very busy over the summer which is always fantastic to see. We are continuing to work with the play area group regarding some exciting new developments on the play area, including a covered area for use by parents when the weather isn't perfect. See also the article from Kate Giles on page 9.

### **Tennis Courts**

It has been great to see the tennis courts well used over the summer and we are always delighted when the school are able to make use of the facilities. Remember that all of the facilities at The Sportsfield and Club are free for members of the community to use and enjoy. It is our mission to provide Sports, Play and Social Facilities for the benefit of the local community.

### **Social and Bar Facilities**

We are always looking at the range and price of the drinks we offer behind the bar and are delighted to be able to serve beers from two outstanding breweries from Malton. Brass Castle and Bad Seed Breweries. Both produce absolutely superb craft

beers and each week we seek to ensure that we have at least one beer on from one of the breweries. Why not pop along and see what options are on each week. In addition, we offer a good selection of wines sourced by a member of The Society of Vintners.

We focus on ensuring we keep the prices in the club low to make socialising accessible for as many people as possible and we are indebted to the amazing volunteers who help out and help us maintain those low prices. We are continually looking to improve the club and welcome new volunteer bar staff. A big hello and thank you to Lee Turner for The Balk and David Wells for Railway Street, who have offered to help out with the shifts behind the bar.

### **Looking forward**

There is lots to look forward to in the coming months. The first Friday of the month quiz nights will continue, and the third Friday of the month games nights will also continue.

We are holding a Members' Night on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October when we will have the superb singer Chris Berry appearing which promises to be another excellent night.

### **Bonfire Night**

We are all very much looking forward to hosting another bonfire night on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November. As always, the event is free for anybody to attend, although donations on the gate towards the cost of fireworks are very much appreciated.

### **Keeping up to date**

Remember you can always keep track of what is happening at the Sports Club via our Facebook Page, The Slingsby Village Website or by having a look on the new notice board at the entrance to the Sports Field.

Or, you can just pop along to the club on one of the days we are open and have a chat with whoever is volunteering to run the bar that night, there are normally a couple of committee members in who can answer any questions you might have. New members are always welcome with membership costing just £5 for 2021/22.

*Paul Hogarth*



## Slingsby Cricket Club

As the 2021 cricket season draws to a close everyone connected with Slingsby Cricket Club is able to reflect with pride on an outstanding and successful season. The club has developed significantly in the past 12 months both on and off the field and is embarking on an exciting journey to develop the club even further over the coming years.

On the field the season was an outstanding success. Often with a very young side the club managed to perform very well and in a very close finish to the season managed to win the last 3 games to end in a 3-way tie for the league championship alongside Farndale and Lockton, with Glaisdale finishing 4<sup>th</sup> in the league. At the end of each season there is a play-off competition between the top 4 sides in the league and it was agreed that whoever got furthest in that competition out of Slingsby, Farndale and Lockton would be awarded the league title. With Lockton getting beaten by Glaisdale in their semi-final the league title came down to the game between Slingsby and Farndale and Slingsby prevailed in a low scoring contest at Farndale to reach the final of the top four knockout cup and therefore win the league for the first time since 2010.

To cap off an excellent season Slingsby then had to play Glaisdale in the final of the knockout cup (which was played at Glaisdale). In an outstanding game of cricket, which for much of the match had Glaisdale on top, Slingsby held their nerves to win a very tight game by 3 runs.

Off the field the club development was just as impressive. Thanks to the efforts of the volunteer groundstaff the club has improved the quality of the pitch significantly and will continue to invest in the development of the surface over the coming years. The improvement in the quality of the pitch was illustrated by the fact that Slingsby was asked to hold two of the four Feversham League cup finals this year, including the prestigious Countess of Feversham Cup.

We also started all age practice sessions on Wednesday nights which proved extremely popular (although frequently impacted by the weather). We

have recently been in conversations with the local Cricket Development Officer regarding what steps we need to take, and how we can be supported, to establish a junior cricket team in Slingsby.

As well as looking at the potential of inspiring more juniors to take up the wonderful game of cricket the club are also working on the production of a five-year development plan which will help structure the progress of the club.

As part of this the club is delighted to announce that local business CubTech has agreed to become the team sponsor next year. We have also developed further marketing and sponsorship opportunities for next season, including match day sponsorship. We are also keen to research the history of the club in more detail having recently discovered minute books and accounts dating from 1933 which are a fascinating insight into the history of the club. We are collecting photos of previous teams and if anybody has any photos, old scorebooks or other historical information connected with the club we would be interested in hearing about them.

### Special mention goes to

- Captain Ben Corner who has led the club exceptionally well over the past season, managing the difficult balance of having a side that is competitive and successful whilst giving young players the opportunity to be part of the team and develop.
- Seb Trolle and Zach Turner. Zach's development over the course of the year led to him bowling incredibly well in the cup where he opened the bowling and bowled a very tidy 3 over spell aged only 11.



Zach bowling in the cup final

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### /Slingsby Cricket Club continued...

It is a very exciting time for the cricket club and we are looking forward to the 2022 season. If anybody would like any more information about the club, is interested in getting involved either as a player or volunteer then just get in touch with me either via email ([phogarth1976@hotmail.com](mailto:phogarth1976@hotmail.com)) or give me a ring on 01653 628219. Many thanks.



The Cup winning Slingsby team

*Paul Hogarth (Chairman, Slingsby Cricket Club)*

### A successful Produce Show

What an excellent turnout we had for our 48<sup>th</sup> Produce and Pumpkin Show! It was such a joy to be able to bring the village hall back to life again after all this time. The social distancing worked very well, as it was possible to hold the refreshment seating and raffle outside under the gazebos.

The delicious home-made cakes went down a treat and it was so nice for our Slingsby residents and visitors to meet up again and have a chat. Our committee members were delighted with the number of entries we received, so thank you to everyone, including the many helpers on the day, for making such a big effort and keeping our village tradition well-and-truly alive.

Thank you to the generosity of people giving at-the-door donations and buying raffle tickets we have had a very successful and profitable show and helped secure the show's future for many years to come.

The photos on the right show how varied and colourful the event was. *Carol Thornley, Treasurer*

