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**A thankyou message from
Freda Ware**

"I would like to thank all my friends, neighbours and carers who came to my 90th birthday celebration at Slingsby Methodist Chapel on 14th November. No presents were invited but donations to The British Red Cross amounted to some £200. Brilliant!

Thank you all for your kindness and generosity.

Love Freda"

Dates for your diary

11th Dec – Christmas Bingo in V.Hall
15th Dec – Kymm Queen's Christmas decorations
17th Dec – Darts and dominoes at the Club
Until 3rd Jan – Christmas at Narnia (C.Howard)
Until 23rd Dec – Santa's Courtyard Grotto (C.H)
15th Jan – Triangle closure date
1st February 2022 – Latest order date for oil
Church and Chapel - various events - see page 8

New arrivals

1. "Welcome to Slingsby" to new arrivals Nicola Williams and her partner, Adrian. They have moved into Hollyhock Cottage, Railway Street. Formally Hollyhock and Lesmar.

2. "Welcome to Slingsby" to James and Kirsten Lawford Davies and their children and pets, who have moved into Fern Cottage, from Ampleforth.

James is a solicitor while Kirsten is Matron at Ampleforth College. Their two eldest daughters are studying at university, Anna studying Medicine at Imperial College, London and Alice studying Theology & Philosophy at Durham. Mary and Hamish are currently at 6th form doing their 'A' Levels while the youngest, Margaret is doing GCSE's at Ampleforth.

Complementing the family are young black Labrador Bronwen and black cat Sootica. Finally, it is expected that Nana will join the family when the outbuildings have been made suitable, hopefully within a year.

Kirsten is originally from California, although she has lived in the UK for many years now. James hails from Pembrokeshire and, when not practising law plays the violin.

Village Noticeboard

The Triangle has been asked how to get items posted on the village noticeboard, outside the Methodist Chapel.

Well, the job is now done by Maurag Carmichael of Porch Farm. If you push the desired notice through the letterbox of Porch Farm, just about 20 yards away from the noticeboard, they will be displayed at Maurag's earliest convenience.

Slingsby Badminton Club

Slingsby Badminton Club is a friendly group of people of mixed ages and abilities, who play badminton for fun in the Village Hall on Monday evenings – nothing too serious! New members are always welcome, so why not come along and stretch your lockdown legs? There is no membership fee, just a payment of £2 per session. We play from 7:30 to 9:00pm October to Easter. For more information, contact Janet on 628625 or Barbara on 628107.

Janet Clarke

Small Good Stuff

Are you looking for care and support in Ryedale? Small Good Stuff does two things:

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2. We help small organisations that offer care or support. We provide them with information, publicity and access to a friendly network.

The Small Good Stuff website can help you find the right care and support from passionate local people. This might include help with cleaning, cooking, bathing, dressing, trips out etc.

North Yorkshire County Council support the current micro-providers as part of the Re-imagining Homecare Project. Unfortunately, no phone number is provided but you can contact NYCC or look at the website as follows:

<https://www.smallgoodstuff.co.uk/ryedaleandearsingwold/>

Front cover

Our front cover photo by Steve Allen shows a small vesica window in All Saints Church. It is called a vesica because of its pointed oval shape, somewhat like a lens. The stained-glass window in the east wall of the south aisle depicts St. Christopher carrying Christ as a child. It is perhaps smaller than might be imagined, its actual size being 15" high by 11" wide (that's 38 x 28cm)



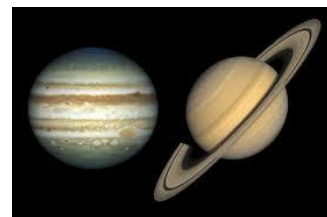
Community 'Christmas' Spirit

It's that time of year again when we think about getting together with family and friends, planning the decorations and enjoying the feel-good factor that the festive season can bring. But some of this comes at a cost, and this year with rising energy costs, shortage of some commodities and that nagging in your ear to be 'green' wouldn't it be nice to save a few pennies here and there. Here are some ideas sent in by our readers to help ease us through this festive season.

- ***For many years I have saved the old Christmas Cards, some for sentimental reasons but mostly not. The 'not' ones I use as gift tags. I simply cut round any useful part of the card, for example it might be a Christmas tree or Robin, but it must have no writing on the back. I then punch a hole through the corner and use it as a gift tag the following Christmas. This saves buying tags, which can be quite expensive for what they are, and re-uses part of the old cards. "Save a tree!" – Anon***
- *Why not get the kids to make their own crackers using cardboard tubes and some wrapping paper. Fill them with small treats or homemade sweets, a paper hat and a joke. Try and avoid using glitter which contains microplastics which are harmful to the environment.*
- ***With Christmas nearly upon us why not think of alternative ways of wrapping gifts. One of my favourite ways is to use left-over fabric by itself or with contrast fabric or ribbon. Fabric that doesn't fray and has a little stretch is best. It can look really special and won't get thrown away when the gift is opened. I collect it up from family members for another year and hope that friends will reuse for other gifts. One of my daughter's wrapping ideas developed as a broke student is to use glossy colour pages from old magazines. With a little care choosing the pictures to use this can look stunning and gets another use from something that would be thrown away. – Gill***
- *Make your own tree decorations; bake gingerbread men and stars and decorate (remember to make a hole for hanging before baking), string popcorn into long garlands, dry orange slices in a low oven then hang with bright ribbons, hang pine cones using colourful ribbons.*
- ***If you love Christmas Pudding (as I do) buy them after Christmas, when they're often giveaway prices. I once bought eight big ones from John Lewis for 50p each. They keep for several years and you can have one as a treat throughout the year. I appreciate that some strange people only like Christmas Puddings at Christmas. – Anon***



Free Christmas magic for the kids - On Monday 21st December, Jupiter and Saturn will form a double planet in the sky for the first time in 800 years. The two gas planets will come so close together they might appear to look like a huge Christmas star. The event's called a 'great conjunction' and the last time a similar one was visible was way back in 1226. Cloud permitting, the spectacle should be visible low on the horizon for an hour after sunset. The BBC's Sky At Night site has a full guide to observing it. – Jo



- ***Impress your friends with your own Festive St Clements Punch. Ingredients: 1 lemon, juice and zest, 1 orange, juice and zest, 1 litre ginger ale, 1 jar mulled wine spices. Simply heat these to a boil, turn off the heat and allow the flavours to infuse for at least ten minutes. Serve hot. The whole family can enjoy.***

continued

Community Christmas Spirit continued:

You can recycle Christmas trees, free of charge, at all household waste recycling centres. Real Christmas trees are shredded and composted. They should be placed in the garden waste skip. Artificial Christmas trees can be placed in the small appliance, scrap metal or plastic reuse container, depending on what they are made of. Remember to remove all tinsel and decorations and any pots or stands. Unwanted trees in good condition may be accepted by charity shops for re-sale and re-use.
– North Yorkshire Council.

I hope you have enjoyed reading some of our readers' festive suggestions and hope that you might give some of them a go. Please send in your ideas for next time to share with our readers. Email to jobreckon65@gmail.com

Jo Breckon

Slingsby Ladies' Group

Our speaker at the October meeting was Angus Ashworth from Ryedale Auctioneers. Angus is also known as TV's Yorkshire Auctioneer and he gave us a very entertaining talk about antiques in general and also his experience of filming The Antiques Roadshow and The Yorkshire Auction House.

Using various items brought to the evening by our members, we learnt the difference between silver and silver plate, explaining how hallmarks were first introduced. He also told us how important it is for him to keep abreast of new regulations with regard to what he is licensed to sell. For example, one item brought in by a member was made of ebony, which he believes will soon need a licence to sell.

When asked what is currently popular in auction terms, he mentioned that wood is having a resurgence, particularly the work of The Mouseman and his pupils. Teddy bears and oriental ceramics are also very popular.

Finally, Angus chatted about his TV career, which started four years ago with The Antiques Roadshow. There are also two new series of The

Yorkshire Auction House to appear on our screens over the next few months. It was a really informative and engaging evening which everyone enjoyed.

We have decided to start our meetings afresh in the New Year with our usual lunch in January at The Worsley Arms, Hovingham. In the meantime, we wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.



Liz Senior

Slingsby Local History Group

We are keeping groups small at the moment and limited to our regular membership who we will continue to contact by email. We are organising a series of evening meetings to look at some of our archive material over the winter months and a programme of other events in the spring, which we shall advertise more fully then.

In the meantime, if anyone wishes to be added to our regular email contacts' list, please email Margaret on margaretmackinder@gmail.com

Margaret Mackinder

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Terry Baker

Maurice Woollons

The Triangle is sorry to announce the death of Maurice Woollons, who lived on Railway Street, Slingsby with his wife, Shirley for very many years until Shirley's death a few years ago. Maurice was a real gentleman, and well liked in the village. He had been living in a nursing home since Shirley's death. It is possible that his family may want an obituary in the next Triangle.

Maypole Makeover April 2022 – UPDATE



With the support of our Parish Council and the Howardian Hills AONB, the Slingsby Maypoles have secured 100% funding for the project and we have appointed the contractor. The intention is to have a

bright and colourful maypole ready for mayday 2022.

John Breckon

Treasurer – Slingsby Maypoles

Items free but donation to Church would be appreciated

All Saints Church has 10 small chairs for sale : by donation to All Saints Church. To view please contact Kate Giles kategilesslingsby@gmail.com or Chrysa Apps chrysa47@outlook.com

Free to a good home : pair of cream lined brocade curtains to fit 72" by 80" window dry cleaned. **also** 2 antique mostly red patterned Asia rugs, recently cleaned. Any donation to All Saints gratefully received.
07779333489

Another year has gone by so quickly. On our plot we've had plenty of success as well as our usual share of failures. The greenhouse is the most productive part of the plot, and the one least affected by my failure to get on top of the weeds. We've had a great crop of tomatoes and have just finished our last few for lunch in the second week of November. We also have plenty of roasted tomatoes in the freezer to use through winter in lots of different dishes. As I said last time, we've had a good crop of peppers. We took the last two down to our daughter in London last week and she tells me that the long red and yellow varieties might cost up to £2 each down there. Unfortunately, we've had to share some with a shrew that has found a way in to the greenhouse and this animal is not content to just eat one pepper at a time but is determined to try several each day and waste them. Quite a loss at £2 a go. I'll have to tackle this before next summer.

At the moment we are still picking carrots and leeks and hope they will last us to Christmas and beyond. The carrots have been excellent with hardly any sign of carrot fly probably because we've grown them for the first time in raised beds with insect proof netting. Our parsnips are in similar beds and we are hopeful for a good crop in the next couple of months. The flavour is supposed to improve if they get frosted in the ground before you start to harvest them. I'm not sure whether this is the case or indeed if we will ever get significant frosts again.

We should be harvesting brassicas at the moment but I explained last time we haven't got any on the plot this year. The empty ground should make it possible to get a good clean start to the next season. We've been making a few more raised beds because this seems to be a good way to make it easier to net against insect pest.

We're even going to try growing raspberries in a raised bed since this might make them more successful as I hope they won't get as waterlogged over winter. If this doesn't work I'll probably give up on raspberries because they can't tolerate the winter wet on our plot. Gardening always has the promise and hope of better things to come.

Terry Baker

Stephen's Farming Column

As the harvest hymn reminds us "All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin." That is certainly true this year. The cereal harvest went well, with some very good crops harvested in pretty good conditions and the price of cereals is very high at present, which is an added bonus. The potato harvest also went well and again there were some excellent crops of good quality potatoes. The autumn livestock sales have also been very successful with good prices for both sheep and cattle.

The only sector that is struggling at the moment is the pig industry and because we are told there is a shortage of butchers and meat processing staff the pig market is a bit depressed. But don't worry we are assured that there will be plenty of turkeys for Christmas! On the down side, because of the crisis in natural gas supplies, fuel in general, fertilisers and chemical prices have increased very substantially, so the cost of producing next year's crops will be greatly increased.



Heron hunting along the stream bank, by Stephen.

Regarding conservation work, one pleasing thing I have noticed recently is that there are some quite good coveys of partridges, both English and their French cousins. One of our ongoing problems is the crime of poaching, where gangs of men from who-knows-where come out into the countryside with greyhound-type dogs and go hare coursing and even chase deer. A farmer at Barton le Street had a gang of poachers on his farm recently and when he went to investigate, he found two dead deer apparently killed by the poachers and their dogs and just left in the field.

Stephen Prest

Slingsby Christmas Events and Services in Chapel and Church

Sunday 5th December 12:30pm - Parish Christmas Lunch, Village Hall. Tickets £8 adults, £5 children from Chrysa Apps 07779333489 or any church member. 2 courses with pudding of choice, coffee and mince pies. Bring your own wine or beer.

Any proceeds for this and the Terrington choir concert go our ongoing fundraising for facilities in the church to provide heating, a kitchen and an accessible toilet.



Thursday 16th - Friday 17th December - Christmas Tree Decorating – all welcome. Christmas Trees on display throughout the festive period. Individual families and businesses encouraged to donate a decorated tree.

Thursday 16th December from 6pm - Carol Singing around Sycamore Close, Porch Farm Close, Green Crescent and The Grapes courtyard. Meet on The Green. Carol sheets provided, ending at The Grapes (outside singing).

Saturday 18th December 4:30pm - Terrington Choir Concert. Our usual Christmas concert is back with the wonderful Terrington Choir. Tickets £5 on the door - mulled wine, coffee and mince pies.

Sunday 19th December United Carol Service 4pm, Chapel. Followed by tea in the Schoolroom.

Christmas Eve Crib Service Friday 24th December, from 4pm, All Saints Church

First Service of Christmas, Friday 24th December 8pm communion, All Saints church with the Rev Douglas Robertson

Chrysa Apps

Slingsby Village Hall 90th Anniversary

To celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the building of Slingsby Village Hall the village hall Committee held a coffee morning on Saturday 23rd October and are pleased to say that an amount of £222.40 was raised, which, taking into account the current Covid situation was very pleasing.

A big thank you to all who attended and contributed to this amount. The next fund-raising event is on Saturday 11th December which is our Christmas Bingo. Eyes down at 7.15pm.

Hope to see you there.

Janet Clarke



Photo shows Sue Carr, Janet Clarke and Angie Hindby getting ready to sell the many delicious cakes. We should point out that there were many other helpers out of shot, serving the drinks & cakes, books & jigsaws and operating the tombola. Photo below shows just a few of the visitors



Freda Ware – Happy 90th !

Freda celebrated her 90th birthday on Sunday 14th November, firstly by attending the Remembrance Day service in All Saints' Church Slingsby. Freda's father served in the First World war so she was very keen to attend the service, which was very meaningful.



After the service Freda and many of her friends shared a birthday lunch in the Methodist Schoolroom, a place where, many years before, Freda spent many happy hours as Sunday School Superintendent, teaching large numbers of village children all about Jesus and the Christian faith. Donations were given for the Red Cross, which Freda and Raymond supported.

Geoff Bishop presented Freda with a cape, so she can go out in her wheelchair even when it is raining to keep her dry, especially on her way to Chapel. Audrey Foster also presented Freda with an arrangement of flowers on behalf of the Chapel.

We all enjoyed a wonderful lunch provided by Diane and her family, it was a very special and happy occasion.

Stephen Prest

FOSS

It was wonderful to have the return of the Spooktacular Halloween party for the school children this year, who put great effort into their fancy-dress outfits for the occasion. There were lots of fabulous and imaginative entries into the annual pumpkin carving competition, with Libby claiming the prize for her entry not only carved but grown by her too. We are extremely grateful for all involved in the planning, set up, and running of the event including the teachers who volunteered to help on the day.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's **Christmas raffle**. There are a host of fantastic prizes generously donated by local businesses, including a £150 voucher for The Star Inn at Harome, The FOSS hamper packed with locally sourced goodies, The Talbot Yard hamper, a Ryedale dog field voucher and many more. Tickets are £2 each or 3 for £5 and are available through any family with children at the school and via FOSS directly at Hovingham market on Saturday 4th December, or email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Plans are in place for the FOSS Christmas party to be held just before the end of term. The children are already very excited and we hope they have a wonderful time after a long term of hard work.

You can help to support FOSS by raising **free donations** if you chose to shop online. In the lead up to Christmas, it's a great time to support us and help raise more money for school. It's simple and only takes 2 minutes to join, plus, for a limited time only 'easyfundraising' are running a special event, once you've raised your first £15 – 'easyfundraising' will match it! Sign up now using the following link :

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Wishing you all a very happy and healthy festive season from all the FOSS team.

Helen Mackinder

Let's brighten up Slingsby village in December !



As a child visiting grandparents in London, one of the greatest thrills at Christmas was to catch the 77a London Transport double decker bus which drove down Oxford Street. There

the excitement of the amazing Christmas lights permeated the whole being with joy.

How about bringing similar pleasure to many by putting simple lights or an Advent scene or a star in your window to counter the dark and dreary winter evenings? Last year the Village Hall committee pioneered a very successful 'star' theme and church and chapel encouraged Advent scenes in windows. For the first time, all the trees on The Green were lit up to the enjoyment of all the school children and those passing by.



The suggestion this year is that around 1st December, as many people as possible join in the fun and joy of lighting up the village and their own home in every road by adorning windows with fairy lights or an Advent scene or a star. Why not keep the lights going for as long as you like into January.

If you are elderly and would love to join the fun, do ask a neighbour or friend to help. Battery lights can last a long time and are inexpensive. Many have timers. Thank you.

By a representative of a cross-section of village people and social groups



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Slingsby Village Hall, a bit of history

Slingsby Village Hall celebrated 90 years of existence in October 2021, with the help of old minute-books and other documentation. What follows is a brief history of those 90 years.

On 18th January 1927 a public meeting was held in Slingsby Schoolroom to discuss holding a fete, with stalls, a cricket match, tennis, a whist drive and dancing. The proposal was carried for this to be on June 30th 1927 and was to be from 2:30 – 6:30pm in Slingsby Hall grounds, admission 6d (2½p) then to move into the rectory grounds for the evening (admission a further 6d). On Dec 30th there was to be a Whist Drive with a dance orchestra and refreshments, dancing from 8 until 2 am! (Admission 1s 6d). These were just a couple of the many events held to raise money to build the much-needed Village Hall. A committee had been formed to oversee this project, with the Revd. Arthur Brooke as chairman, Mr Terry (Co-op Manager) as secretary, Mr Smithson (a Co-op employee) as the treasurer, plus a committee of 14 ladies and gentlemen. The ladies' committee knitted, sewed, baked and held other events over the year to sell their wares. Various visiting theatrical companies came and lantern shows were held and a whole range of other entertainments. At one event a draw was held with tickets sold at 3d each. The first prize was a live pig! - not as bizarre as it might seem nowadays, as lots of villagers kept a pig and hens and grew their own vegetables then.

In 1928 the funds stood at £300 (approx. £20,000 in today's money) and Lady Aurea Macleod, sister of the Honourable Geoffrey Howard, was approached with a view to gaining permission from the Estate and moving forward with planning, siting etc. After viewing several sites Mrs Hardy's garden, on Church Lane, was chosen. The committee was very pleased to receive a letter from Lady Aurea, saying that she and her brother were willing to give the land to the Village Hall Trustees. The template for the design was taken from Amotherby Village Hall and tenders were invited for the building work, the contract being awarded to Mr. Frank Lumley at a price of £1,112. There was now £650 in the bank and a grant of £166 was acquired from the Carnegie Trust. The remaining £250 was a loan from the National Council of Social Service, with nine guarantors of £25 each (£1,600 at today's value) securing the loan.



The Hon. Geoffrey Howard laying the foundation stone in October 1931

The foundation stone was laid by the Hon. Geoffrey Howard on October 31st 1931 and building commenced. The following month decisions were made on fireplaces, toilets, doors, wall colouring, stage etc. Also, Miss Lascelles donated painted shields to decorate the walls. Lady Aurea was invited to open the Hall on Easter Monday 1932. A caretaker was chosen from eight applicants, with Mrs Myers chosen and paid 2s 6d per week with 10s for spring cleaning. The deeds were drawn up in September between Lady Aurea and the Trustees, which stated amongst other things that the hall was not to be used as a butcher's shop or slaughterhouse; no intoxicating liquor was to

be sold or bought on the premises; no betting, gambling or cardplaying for money was to be allowed.

So the Hall was up-and-running and was being much-used by the village. The Minutes Book for April 9th 1934 states the debts were all cleared and there was a balance of £23 14s 10d – most satisfactory. In 1935 a further piece of land was acquired to the left of the building, rented from Castle Howard at 1s per year.

With the outbreak of WWII in 1939 the hall was requisitioned and in Sept 1939 an agreement was made between the secretary (still Mr Terry) and the War Department to take possession of the hall. The Yorkshire Dragoons arrived on Sept 22nd and stayed until Nov 5th after which four tables were found to be missing, also the stage extension and eight chairs were broken. The Duke of Wellington's Regiment then took over, but by 1940 there was more damage, including burnt floors, damaged walls, broken windows etc. Lots of correspondence passed between Mr. Terry and the War Office asking for compensation, but to no avail.



Picture shows Lady Aurea Macleod standing, with Revd. Barney adjusting his glasses on the left. The other two ladies are not known.

In 1944 the secretary requested that the hall be returned to the village, as it was no longer being used by the forces, but this was refused. In 1946 this was rectified and the committee asked if they wanted to take on the cookhouse, which was a big tin shed with stoves and sinks etc. They declined as it would be no use to the village. In July 1946 the members met in the committee room, the first time since Sept 1939. In this period meetings had been held in the rectory. A claim for dilapidation was made and a sum of £337 7s 11d was received from the War Dept. Tenders were received for repairing the damage and the work was awarded to Mr. Stanley, the joiner. By December 1946 the hall was repaired, decorated and cleaned and a New Year's dance was held from 9pm until 1am at an entry charge of 1s 6d. The Slingsby Dance Band was to play, consisting of drums (Phil Calvert) violin (Christine Smithson) and piano (Dot Reed). Mr Snowball was put in charge of decorations and allocated £1 to spend if necessary!

The hall carried on fundraising and holding day-to-day activities. In 1949 central heating was installed by Yates of Malton, the boiler lasting 30 years. The village celebrated the Coronation in 1953 in style, with decorated cars and fancy dress and a splendid tea in the Village Hall, which the Boys' Club had trimmed up. The same year the hall was approached by the County Health Committee regarding use for one day per month as a state clinic at £1 per session, later increased in 1974 to £2.50. The local doctor came and weighed the babies and checked over the young children, and Mrs. Rosie Bean gave out dried milk and orange juice. There was also a chiropodist came once a month. These services carried on until the late 1970's/early 1980's.

Various classes were held and groups met, upholstery, knitting, wine-making, badminton, indoor bowls to name a few. The village also enjoyed country dancing. There was a good following under the leadership of Mrs. Trueman and participating in Whitby Folk Festival was an annual event. In 1973 a Winner's Cup was triumphantly brought home to Slingsby. Over the years fundraising has been ongoing and with hiring fees and some grants, the general upkeep and improvements have been continuous.

In the 1980's a new kitchen was installed, the main hall floor replaced, a new ladies' toilets installed and the hall completely reroofed, replacing the old asbestos tiles. The very severe winter of 1996 caused substantial frost damage to the heating system, which had to be renewed. The curtains were made for the Millennium by a team of six ladies. They depict village scenes and the ducks and stream representing the Duck Race were cut out by the schoolchildren, who also signed their names on the leaves of the Mowbray Oak.

In 2004 it became Law to have disabled facilities and access, so it was necessary to install disabled toilets and work out suitable access, as the front steps were a problem. Negotiations with Ryedale Council resulted in the purchase of part of the garden of 8 Green Crescent. They agreed to sell on condition that the Village Hall paid for all the alteration work and upkeep of the path and that it was **not** to be used as a shortcut to the kitchen or a right of way to Church Lane, but only used as access when the Village Hall was in use. The following years saw the re-rendering of the outside walls, fitting of double-glazing and a new kitchen, to name just a few ongoing improvements. The present committee is resolved to keep the Village Hall in good repair and up-to-date for future use, as an asset to the village. Fundraising and repairs are still ongoing and at present, issues with the roof are being attended to.

Cynthia Fell (Chairperson) and Angela Hindby (Vice-chairperson)

Nov 2021.

P.S. Between 1953 and 1976 the Minutes Book and Correspondence are missing, so events are scant. Does anyone know of their whereabouts please?

Brickyard Bulletin

What a nice, kind back end!

For all the end of September and early October teased us with showers, we've had a kind autumn (for once!) which has allowed us to harvest root crops in decent conditions and have all our winter cereals sown too, unlike 2019 & 2020.

The spring beans were combined in late September, and were the best bean crop we've ever grown, producing 2.7t/acre, which is a good 40% above our average. They made the grade for human consumption and it's particularly pleasing that the bean price this year is also better than it has been for some considerable time.

Potato harvesting started in the last week of September and dragged on a bit until early November – we were either tapping along nicely or constantly rained off, but we've got them all safely in store now.

Movement is a bit frustrating, due to a mixture of staffing issues, transport and serious IT issues in the factories. Nearly all customers are running at least a fortnight behind normal at the moment. We installed a fridge in one of our potato stores this summer, and it's been very busy – it's difficult pulling temperatures in store down from 12 to 7.5 degrees when it barely gets below double figures outside at night! Stores need careful monitoring to avoid rots or sprouting issues, so hopefully it will cool down soon.

We lifted the first field of sugar beet on the 24th October, which has done very well. It has yielded 32t/acre at 17% sugar, which is very good for a late drilled crop and an October harvest – the benchmark is now set for the next two fields! Unfortunately, Newark beet factory is suffering serious reliability issues, so movement has been very protracted. Look out for Silver Spoon sugar and the Red Tractor kitemark – that means it's British grown beet sugar, as opposed to imported Tate & Lyle cane sugar.

If you're familiar with social media, you might have spotted a promotion called #biteintobritish, inspired by some pig farming friends of mine near Driffield. Kate & Vicky Morgan have done a tremendous job of promoting local British food and highlighting fresh local British produce. Note

that the Union Jack flag only means packed in the UK, not produced here. The little Red Tractor logo is the one to look out for.

The bacon factories are running at about 80% capacity at the moment, mostly down to Covid and Brexit related staffing issues and a shortage of CO2. Pig producers contract to them to supply a set number of pigs every week, which keep growing even when the abattoirs cannot take them. This creates serious problems with housing, feeding and financial pressure. Its tough out there.

Fertilizer and fuel prices have multiplied in the last few months. Nitrogen fertilizer, £270/t in July, is now nearly £700/t. Gas oil (red diesel) which was 56ppl in July, hit an all-time high of 73ppl about a fortnight ago (its 67ppl as I write this in late November). With an average annual use of 70,000 litres this makes quite a difference to our operating costs. The ever-decreasing armoury of agrochemicals is rising in price, with availability of some becoming difficult. One must ask "What's next" - We live in rum old times!

On a more positive note, slowly but surely we're making changes to our systems so that we can farm with less inputs, while still producing viable crops of quality British food. This autumn we have had a couple of demonstrations of strip till drills. These machines are staggeringly expensive but reliably avoid the need to cultivate before we sow a cereal crop, which should help improve soil health, reduce establishment costs and increase productivity, thereby assisting us in being fit for whatever the future throws at us! We tried two drills on demo in adjacent fields, then they both drilled some in a third field, which we finished using our existing kit, by means of comparison. There is a clear leader at the moment, but the jury is still out!





Winter cover crops are a bit of a mixed bag this year, but on the whole not bad really.

The photo below shows (left to right) Winter vetch (already showing nodulation), oats, Ethiopian mustard, and Discovery radish. These are chosen to build fertility, protect the soil from heavy rainfall, improve soil structure and reduce nematodes.



I have yet to collate the data from my regenerative potato trial, but it is harvested and has produced some interesting results. If nothing else, it has identified the Achilles Heel of regen (potato quality) and showed that there is a need for compromise. That said, we try to farm by the mantle of 'There is always a better way' (of doing everything) so time will tell. I'll illustrate my findings soon but suffice to say that we'll be running a similar trial next season, on a slightly bigger scale, once I've identified which elements have the most potential going forward.

Bureaucratically, the farming rules for water debacle rumbles on (I hope we get some clarification soon) and DEFRA have announced a

round of grant aid, looking predominantly at water quality and water storage for flood alleviation.

I'm not sure much came out of COP26 that was much use – lots of high-powered hypocritical politicians flying around in their private jets while vilifying the very farming that feeds them wasn't something I found very inspirational to be honest!

This next month will see us washing Triple7 and Opal potatoes for delivery to Seabrook's crisp factory in Bradford, and loading Royal for McCain in Scarborough. We'll also lift some more beet, service some machinery, and generally get ready for spring. Before that we have our annual Assured Crop inspection – which is about as much fun as it sounds!

Is that jingle bells I hear in the distance . . . ?

Keep well everybody.

Andrew Wilson

Poisonous toadstool!

Staying on the countryside theme, Les Clay sent in this photo of a toadstool. Taking a photo like this takes dedication! She would have had to lie face-down on the ground to get this angle. But beware! This toadstool is thought to be the variety Fly Agaric. It looks like a fairy-tale mushroom but it is a **highly poisonous toadstool**. The message here is NEVER eat any fungus unless you are 100% certain what it is.

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Manor Ridge Barns, South Holme

Charles and Clare Saggars are both originally from the Ryedale area but had been living in London for a few years with their young daughter, Olive. As Olive neared school age they decided they would prefer to leave the big city and head back to Ryedale to begin her education. They still have family nearby so stayed with them while they looked around for a house in 2014. Despite several visits, even after about six months they could not find what they were looking for.

Charles is a developer by trade so eventually decided to look at Manor Ridge Barns at South Holme, which already had planning permission to be converted into six holiday cottages. The property and surrounding land, which was owned by the Tate family of Muscoates since 1952, had been on the market for about six years with no sale or progress. On viewing day the sun was shining and cows were wandering around contentedly, so Clare and Charles say they were somewhat seduced by the idyllic situation and decided to investigate further, even though they had no thoughts of taking on a huge project.



The site was occupied at the time by several listed buildings which were originally the farm buildings for Manor Farm House next door. Charles described the collection of buildings as fascinating because of the wide variety of building materials used on the brick milking parlour plus byres and stalls, the stone granary, which has a slate roof and the threshing barn, which originally drove the threshing machinery and are built of brick. The wheel house has stone walls and clay tile roof. At the time of their viewing there were trees growing through the roof and it was being used to store

straw. A further complication was that Pipistrelle and Long-eared bats, which are protected, were known to inhabit the granary.

Clare says that a lot of imagination had to be used! Nevertheless they bought the property and surveys began in late 2014. It then took about a year altogether to get planning permission for the designs they wanted. Their son, Pip was born one year after they moved back to Yorkshire.



Working with the Council Conservation Officer eventually led to an agreed design. Apart from one long building, which was way beyond redemption and had to be demolished, the rest of the design used the original footprint of the existing buildings. Charles' brother managed the project and an old friend, who is a qualified architect, took on the design.

The design of the foundations had to be adequate to cope with blue clay. It seems that one of the few places around where blue clay exists is South Holme. Blue clay dictates that the foundation trenches have to be particularly deep, so they are two metres, and that's a lot of digging! Considering that parts of the house are only about three metres high this initially seemed excessive but apparently was necessary, especially with large trees nearby, also taking up large quantities of water.

Eventually, marking out and digging commenced in September 2015. Immediately planning permission was obtained they had to apply for the bat licence. This had to be completed before the end of October as you are not allowed to disturb bats when they are hibernating between October and May. A new bat loft had to be built first, supervised by ecologists.

Local contractors were used for all the work except the glazing, which turned out to be a

nightmare! The buildings have a lot of large windows but the company, from Kent, worked a few days and then disappeared, tuning up again a week later. Then one day, when the glass roof was installed and finished there was an almighty bang. Clare and Charles were in the kitchen and were shocked to see that the glass roof had shattered, but being laminated safety glass, it did not come down on them!



The final straw with the glazing company came when a crane was lowering the new glass roof into position and they dropped all one-and-a-quarter tonnes of it onto the roof of the house, causing the house to shudder and missing the crane man by about a foot! Apparently the suction pads on the lifter had been incorrectly set up and therefore had failed. The glaziers were told to leave and not come back. Rather than a *third* glass roof panel a solid panel was decided on and installed.

The steel frame was by a Malton firm, as was the cladding. Having a brother for contract manager and an old friend for an architect proved valuable assets but nevertheless the whole project took three or four years.

By April 2017 they were able to move into the granary, which is now used as Charles' office. In October 2017 they moved into the main house when all the heavy machinery had gone from site.

The main house heating is by a biomass boiler, which uses woodchips, so Clare and Charles planted three thousand trees on their newly purchased field! They say it was good to involve the children on this project. Although the trees will take several years to grow sufficiently, the plan is to then use the trees on a twelve-year rotation system. Eventually they hope their own trees will provide sufficient fuel to heat the whole house but for the moment they buy in the chips from a local supplier. They have recently added a wood drying

shed, built specially to support solar panels on its roof. Clare jokes that they may not be able to face cutting the trees down to make woodchips, so might end up with a lovely forest!



Since moving into the house in 2018 work has shifted focus to landscaping and raised bed gardens. They have planted thousands of new plants and now, after two years the gardens are looking more mature.



Finally, Charles is pleased that their house has just won the Royal Institute of British Architects' (RIBA) Yorkshire Award for the development, which is awarded for the architectural design of 2021.

*David Thornley with considerable help from
Charles and Clare Sagers*



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Occasional inspections around Slingsby

In the early 1960's the railway lines in parts of North and East Yorkshire came under the jurisdiction of the local District Traffic Superintendent who was based in the Tanner Row offices at York. Every so often it was deemed important that the outlying stations were paid a visit by officials, the idea being to carry out detailed inspections of various locations to ensure everything was working smoothly, and that staff morale was not unduly affected by rumours of a so-called Beeching Plan which was about to decimate train services and staffing levels alike - not a particularly easy task under the circumstances.

The mode of transport was a steam engine hauling or propelling, depending on the reverse movements required on the journey, a saloon coach which conveyed the inspection party. A full day was generally planned, involving a stop for lunch provided by on-board catering staff. Not forgetting the occasional cups of tea and biscuits. Some railway staff described it, enviously, as a bit of a "jolly".

A rare visit of this type was paid to what was loosely termed as the Ryedale lines on the 16th January 1963. A timetable was produced, a copy of which accompanies this article. It can be seen the special stopped at all the stations and level crossings on the two branches (Malton - Hustwaite Gate, Gilling - Kirbymoorside), including three in the Slingsby parish, namely Slingsby Crossing (known locally as Slingsby Gates), Slingsby Station (there wasn't a "Box" as such, simply a ground frame with the token machines in the office), and a misspelled Fryton Crossing (Fryston is near Castleford). With his type of special having to stop in the various block sections it was signalled by a specific bell signal on the instruments - 3 pause 5 pause 5.

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York	9 10 a.m.	Gilling Stn & Box	11 53 a.m.
		"	12 WQ
Malton	9/40	Ampleforth Crossing	12 14
		"	12 19
Scarboro ^o Rd Box	9 43	Coxwold Stn & Box	12 26
"	9 50 Propel	"	1 40
Pyepitta Crossing	9 53	Hustwaite Gate Stn	1 44
"	9 58	" & Crossing	1 54
Pasture Lane Crossing	10 1		
"	10 6	Gilling	2/ 9
Broughton Crossing	10 8	Harome Crossing	2 16
"	10 13	"	2 21
Swinton Crossing	10 15	Helmsley Stn & Box	2 25
"	10 20	"	2 40
Amotherby Stn & Box	10 22	Pockley Crossing	2 44
"	10 34	"	2 49
Appleton Crossing	10 39	Nawton Crossing	2 52
"	10 44	"	3 2
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"	10 57	Kirbymoorside Stn	3 13
Slingsby Crossing	11 0	"	3 23 Propel
"	11 5	Helmsley	3/37
Slingsby Stn & Box	11 8	Gilling	3 50
"	11 20	"	4 0
Fryston Crossing	11 22	Scarboro Rd	4 35
"	11 27	"	4 37 Propel
Hovingham Spa Stn & Box	11 30	Malton	4/40
"	11 42	York	5 10
Cawton Crossing	11 45		
"	11 50		

No doubt Fred Wright, porter-signalman at Slingsby, would have been tactfully instructed, like his other colleagues who came under the Gilling Station Master's control, to ensure everything was tidy and "shipshape"! I recall that at Gilling the slot holding the (old) pennies for access to the toilet, for the first time for many a long year (probably since regular passenger services ceased ten years before), was to be emptied. It produced the princely sum of 3d, which had to be accounted for in the monthly return as a separate line of entry as, not surprisingly, Lavatories.

It will be seen that lunch was taken at Coxwold. One wonders if the Station Master and porter-signalman there were invited to participate - unlikely. The symbol WQ at Gilling meant that water had to be taken at one of the two water cranes if required. Records show that the special departed Gilling for Kirbymoorside running 45 minutes late, reduced to 34 minutes late on its return. One consolation for Fred at Slingsby was that he was able to claim signalman's rate of pay for the day rather than the lower amount for a porter-signalman as he was in block for over half his then standard eight hours twenty four minutes Mondays to Fridays shift; indeed he might have had a few minutes overtime as well, given the special was running late.

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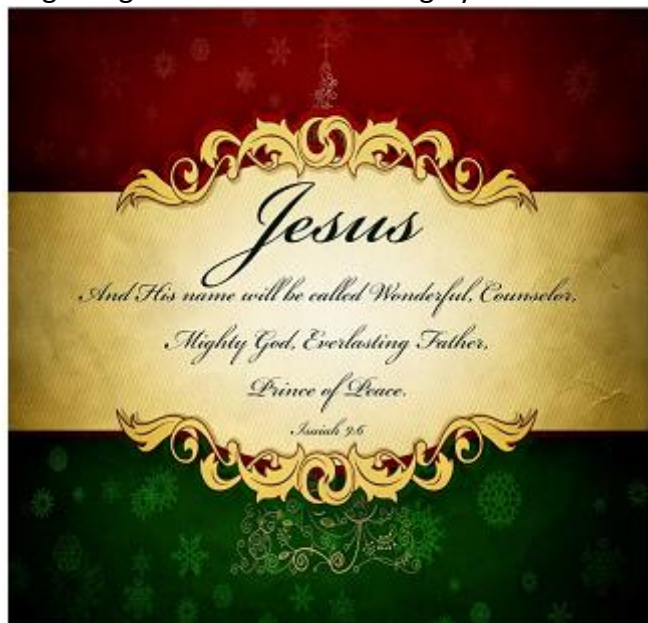
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Chapel News

We have had a very busy year at The Chapel with quite a lot of improvements carried out to the buildings. Some years ago we were told by English Heritage that The Chapel was being put on The Heritage At Risk Register because of the state of the roof so we have now had the Chapel itself re-roofed and quite a lot of re-pointing done. We have also replaced our old oil-fired boiler by a much more efficient one. Hopefully we are in good order now for many more years of service and witness here in the village.

Christmas is fast approaching and we are looking forward to celebrating a bit more freely than we did last year even though the Covid Pandemic is still with us and continues to be a serious problem in many parts of the world. We are planning many different events leading up to Christmas. You will be getting details of these through your letterbox.



When you receive this copy of the Triangle we shall be into the season of Advent, a time of preparation, a time when we start to think about the coming of Jesus as a little baby. We shall all be making lots of preparations for Christmas, buying presents, going to parties and other celebrations, planning the Christmas dinner etc. Let us also prepare once again to receive Jesus who came as a little baby but who also became God's special messenger bringing hope, the promise of a better life to all who accept him as Messiah and truly worship him. When Jesus was born an Angel appeared to some shepherds on the hillside above

Bethlehem and he said to them "Don't be afraid! I am here with good news for you, which will bring great joy to all the people. This very day in David's town your Saviour was born – Christ the Lord." After the shepherds visited the baby Jesus they went back to their sheep 'singing praises to God for all they had seen and heard!'

May Hope, Joy and Peace be God's gift to you this Christmas and beyond.

Stephen Prest

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Lottery Scam

This is a scam we are seeing occurring regularly in North Yorkshire. Lottery fraud occurs when criminals use fake messages and calls to convince a person that they have won a lottery or a prize draw. The victim is then informed that they will need to pay an advance 'fee' in order to receive the winnings. Victims are commonly asked to pay these advance fees by purchasing gift cards and relaying codes to the fraudster. In some instances, victims have reported being asked for personal and financial information in order to obtain their 'winnings'. Some victims reported providing their bank details thinking they would be sent a small payment to verify the account. In reality, criminals use these details to steal the victim's money.

CHALLENGE: Could it be fake? After all, you can't win a prize in a competition you didn't enter. Remember, it's ok to reject, refuse or ignore any requests. Only criminals will try to rush or panic you. Be wary of unsolicited callers instructing you to pay fees or fines using a gift card or voucher. Legitimate organisations would never do this.

PROTECT: Contact your bank immediately if you think you've fallen for a scam and report it to Action Fraud.

Slingsby Sports and Social Club



Photo above by Chris Cooper

It has been a busy and exciting time at The Sports and Social Club recently, not least with organising and running a very successful Bonfire Night. The number of people attending Bonfire Night far exceeded any estimation and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The evening started with a smaller, quieter firework display for the younger children, which was thoroughly enjoyed before the bonfire was lit, in line with tradition, by club legend John Baxter. Many members of the village will have seen John and Andrew Popek, buzzing about the village with tractor and trailer collecting fuel for the fire. This year the bonfire was particularly impressive.

This year also saw a Guy Fawkes burned at the top of the bonfire, again in line with the tradition of bonfire night and we are grateful to the Turner family (Lee, Lou, Ash, Zach & Quinn) for their efforts in putting the Guy together. We then had the main fireworks display which was a great success with lots of amazing sounds and colours to excite all who saw them.

Events like Bonfire Night take a lot of organising and need plenty of volunteers to run the event safely and effectively and this year we were fortunate to have more people come forward to volunteer than ever before. It isn't possible to thank everyone who helped out individually in this article but without each and every one of the volunteers it would have been difficult to run the event, especially considering the unprecedented number of people who attended.

With Bonfire Night over we are now looking forward to the festive period with excitement. We have a packed festive schedule throughout

December, with the regular First Friday of the month charity quiz night kicking things off at the start of the month.

Later in the month we will have the traditional friendly Christmas darts and dominoes competition on Friday 17th December. Members, non-members and guests are more than welcome to join us for the evening, which is an important part of the annual social calendar.

We also have the club Christmas draw on Sunday 19th December. There is always a wide range of excellent prizes and a square on the board costs just 50p. Feel free to pop into the club any day it is open and put your name on the board to stand a chance of winning a prize.

We will be having live music on Christmas Eve and will also be opening the club on Christmas day for anybody who wants to pop along and enjoy a Christmas drink.

We have live music again on New Year's Eve with an excellent singer guitarist called Oliver Joseph providing the entertainment for the evening.

Looking into the New Year we are going to be starting a mini darts league in January for residents of Slingsby and the local area on a Sunday evening. Initially the number of places will be limited to eight players who will play against each other over seven weeks. If you are interested just pop into the club or let Paul Hogarth know that you are interested using phogarth1976@hotmail.com.

We are also moving forward with our plans to start a junior cricket team next year. More details in the next edition of the Triangle.

Remember, if you want to keep in touch with what is happening with the club, either follow us on Facebook or pop along and have a look on the notice board at the entrance to the sports field.

And finally, everyone connected with Slingsby Sports and Social Club would like to send our very best wishes to all of the community in Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme and wish you all a great and very happy 2022.

Paul Hogarth

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