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Come and Join the Fun!

After an absence of two years, we are pleased to announce the return of the Slingsby May Day celebrations. The programme of events will commence on Monday 2nd May at 12 noon on The Green.

In April, the maypole itself will be fully refurbished to its rightful glory and will be at the heart of the festivities. Thanks to grants from the Parish Council and AONB.

Historically the maypole was always the focal point of village dancing, but in its earliest incarnation the tradition involved no plaited ribbons. Instead the maypole was brightly decorated with spring flowers, and surviving illustrations show adult dancers holding hands in a circle around the pole. The first documented plaited-ribboned maypole in Britain appeared not on a village green, but on stage in J.T. Haine's play *Richard Plantagenet* at the Victoria Theatre, London (the Old Vic), in 1836. This new interpretation of the maypole dance was copied across the country.

The children of Slingsby Community Primary School will be learning traditional ribbon dances to perform on May Day but we also want to involve the audience. On the day we will be asking you to give it a go and learn to dance a Maypole ribbon dance. So make sure you've got your dancing shoes on!

Once again, we will be entertained by the Swinton Brass Training Band and Steve Jennings and Jenny Quigley will be playing the accordion for the dancing.



We are calling this event 'Gather on the Green' so why not come along for a fun-filled afternoon, bring a blanket and a picnic and join us on the Green as we celebrate this community day. There will be a raffle, teas and cakes, a children's corner and ice-creams and a Methodist Church Stall selling a range of items. Maps for the Scarecrow Trail will also be on sale. Parking will be restricted around the Green but available at the sports field. We look forward to seeing many of you there on the day with your family and friends.

Fingers crossed for good weather!

Maypole gets a face-lift ready for the big day!

To ensure we have a bright and shiny Maypole ready for this year's May Day Celebrations on Monday 2nd May, the refurbishment of the Maypole has been scheduled to take place between Friday 8th April and Tuesday 12th April. The project will be coordinated by John Breckon from *Slingsby Maypolers committee*. If you have any questions related to the Maypole please email slingsbymaypolers@gmail.com. The committee would like to thank both Slingsby Parish Council and Howardian Hills AONB for supporting this refurbishment.



John Breckon for the Slingsby Maypolers

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ALL the website and Triangle team are volunteers!

Ed

Change of Slingsby Website and Newsletter Group (SWaNG) Treasurer

The Triangle and Website teams would like to express our gratitude to Caroline Edwards, our retiring Treasurer. Caroline has looked after our financial interests brilliantly for several years and we shall really miss her! Maurag Carmichael has taken over where Caroline left off with immediate effect. Welcome on board Maurag!

Our next two *Royal* Triangles

In view of the Queen's forthcoming Jubilee. the next two Triangles i.e. the June issue and the August issue, will both be bumper issues. The editors have decided to do this because the Jubilee Weekend unfortunately falls just after the June issue has been delivered. So the June issue will look at the Queen's life as child and monarch using mostly colour pictures. The August issue will look at the village Jubilee celebrations, again using colour photographs.

You might well think that Elizabeth II is the world's longest serving monarch, but you'd be wrong. While Elizabeth is certainly the *UK's* longest serving, one monarch has surpassed her 70 years on the throne. Do you know who it was and which country he served? Answer on a later page . . .

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Jo Breckon

All Saints' News



At last the worst of the Covid restrictions are over and we can have music again in the church. It has been such a pleasure to have singing again accompanied by the wonderful Phillip Moore on the organ and occasionally with the Benefice Choir.

We had an uplifting service in January with Bishop John and are extremely grateful to our dedicated bank of retired clergy, who are keeping the monthly communion services going until the diocese and the wider Church Parishes Benefice debate and agree on new clergy in the area. We are also grateful that our retired churchwarden, Keith Dixon has ensured there is always a Morning Prayer or Matins service weekly in the church. Thank you Keith.

All Saints Church has been at the centre of the village for centuries and we are working hard to make sure this remains the same for coming generations. To make this possible we rely on giving, as there is no financial support from the Church of England for the upkeep of the church. It is our aim to work hard to ensure that the church stays at the heart of the village and is accessible to everyone regardless of religion or not.

We are working to make music one of the key facilities in the church and to this end have upgraded our audio system to provide enhanced sound for those with impaired hearing and a sound system capable of filling the church with music.

As you will know in 2015 we asked everyone in the village what they most wanted from the church and the response was better heating, an accessible toilet and enhanced kitchen facilities. These improvements would have helped to make the church a more accessible place, not just for worship but for many village events. Sadly the theft of the lead put back these plans but we are now in a position to move forward with this and seeking funding for these projects. Whilst we are confident of achieving funding we will have to raise some of the money ourselves.

We raise money in three ways.

- Collections and donations in services provides us with the day-to-day running costs of the church – heating, water, electricity etc.

- Fund raising events to raise money for specific projects such as The May Day celebrations, where there will be refreshments, home-made cakes and savouries from the Methodist Church School room on Monday 2nd May. Any donations of cakes please to Chrysa Apps at Orchard Cottage, Railway Street 07779 333489

- Regular giving. Regular giving in the form of monthly, quarterly or annually giving provides us with sustainable funds to maintain our lovely church. Many people who already give in this way are not church attendees but recognize the value of the church building to the village. In many cases this giving is also gift-aided, so we can claim an extra 25% of the giving from the government.

Perhaps some of you reading this would like to support your local church in this way. If so, please contact the church treasurer Chrysa Apps on 07779333489 or chrysa47@outlook.com for further details.

Chrysa Apps

Village Hall Curry & Quiz night

Saturday 30th April at 6.30 in the Village Hall

Tickets are £10.00 and £5 for children, bring your own drinks, glasses and nibbles.

A selection of curries with poppadoms and dips, rice and naan breads. Vegetarian and non-spicy options are available

There will be a raffle

Tickets from Anita Brewer on 01653489424
anita-brewer@outlook.com

or Diane Watson on 01653 628946.

Slingsby Local History Group

The group is returning to regular activities which have already started this year with a look at some of our archive material, which is being catalogued. We also had a talk on pub names and their history on Saturday 19th March, which was extremely entertaining and informative. We are planning another meeting to look at old maps of the village in April, and have booked members of the group on a guided tour of Byland Abbey in May which is now fully booked.

Maps and deeds evening: Tues 26th April, 7.30

Venue to be confirmed by email to members and on the Village Website. This will feature documents from our collection. An open meeting in which everyone is invited to come and look and find out how the village has changed and who owned what from the late 17th century onwards.

Looking further ahead:

Jubilee Weekend: Starting Thursday 2nd June:

We shall be putting on an exhibition of Jubilee memorabilia in the village hall. If you have interesting items to contribute to this please contact David Thornley via southcott@slingsby.myzen.co.uk or 627210. The exhibition will be looked after by a rota of members and helpers over the time it is open. If you can help with this, please let us know.

Village guided walk. Tues 21st June, 7pm. Assemble outside Fern Cottage, opposite The Grapes.

A guided Village walk to the northern end of Railway Street to look at the former water mill sites and the boundaries of the medieval park and talk about things of historic interest in that part of the village. Led by Kate and Margaret.

July / August:

Group trips to Markenfield Hall near Ripon, and The Bowes Museum are currently being arranged.

Margaret Mackinder

Items for sale

Light Oak coffee table in excellent condition. Measures approx 105cm x 55cm, height 45cm £60 ono. Contact number 07925 541353



Very large but very light suitcase in MINT condition. Size 75 x 45 x 29 cm (and extendable) by Aerolite. Used only once. £10. Contact number 07935 783493 (Slingsby)

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Brickyard Bulletin

What a world we're in just now!

After a cold, dry January allowed us to get some muck spread, a wet February put the brakes on field work. (and made me question my decision not to lift the last beet until March!). The frost also initiated an experiment whereby we rolled some of our cover crops early in the morning in an effort to terminate them without using glyphosate, which worked surprisingly well! Success was a bit dictated by which species present, and how cold it was (much better below -3°) but was interesting nonetheless. We are trying to find non chemical ways to do things, while still maintaining the quality needed by our customers and yield required to keep the wheels turning. The price of chemicals rocketing is a motivator too!

Last January (2021) saw 160mm of rainfall (a 25yr high) while Jan 22 saw only 18mm. (a 25yr low) Average is about 65mm for us. February was a bit nearer normal, but comfortably above average. rainfall seems to vary quite a lot now, our annual total hasn't been far from thirty inches for quite some years, (except 2012 when we had over 40inches!) Extreme weather events are certainly more common and mother nature always seems to even up sometime. It does make farm planning harder though!

Over January and February we have been busy washing potatoes for Walkers' Crisp factory in Leicester, and this month will be moving Innovator potatoes to McCain, which will eventually finish up as fries in McDonalds Restaurants. We've also completed our usual round of winter field maintenance, gapping a few hedges and jetting a few drains.

Malc has been busy in the workshop servicing machinery and generally preparing for spring, and I've been trying to find my way through the fog of volatility that is input costs and budgeting. It's not fun right now. I bought two thirds of my nitrogen fertilizer last June at £276/t, a price that seemed expensive at the time, given the previous load had been £186/t. I bought the balance in late January for £630/t, good job too, because the price in mid March is just touching £1000/t – and shows no sign of falling soon! This is largely due to Mr. Putin's antics and its effect on the gas and oil markets. It's a good job

commodity prices are up to at least help pay such bills, and as a result I have sold some of my wheat

forward for September movement at £246/t – a record price in my lifetime.

Diesel is a contentious issue too at the moment. (at least we're still allowed to use it) This time last year, I paid 50.8ppl +VAT for 5000 litres of red diesel – today its touching a pound a litre (its risen 25ppl in the last 3 weeks) We currently use about 70,000 litres a year to grow our crops, so that's a big bill!

Through our steady tweaking of our operations, we have almost year-on-year managed to reduce our average fuel used per acre, and need to continue this trend. After our demos last October, I have committed to the purchase of a Mzuri ProTil drill, which should significantly reduce crop establishment costs this autumn. We were lucky to qualify for a DEFRA Farming Equipment and Technology Fund grant to part-fund this machine, which has sugared the pill a bit. The drill cost £1000 more than the house I bought back in 2000!

We harvested our last field of sugar beet last week, and the results thus far look pleasing – the sugar content is 18.4% which is the highest all season, dirt tares are acceptable, and yield is where it needs to be, about 36 tons per acre. Including our £2.57 late delivery bonus, we will receive £23.75/t for this beet. By contrast, in 1984, dad grew 18.5t/ac and was paid £38/t for it, and his growing costs were a fraction of today. Next year's contract looks like being a base of £27/t which will help cover the ever-increasing costs at least. Rum old times.



Some of you will be familiar with a potato process called chitting, where light is applied to potatoes to encourage dormancy break and raise their physiological age. Years ago, we used to tip a 1cwt

(50kg) hessian sack of seed out into three wooden trays and stack them all in the chitting shed by hand. We still chit a late season indeterminate variety called Royal, though nowadays we do this in wire baskets called Blackburn crates, which each hold nearly half a ton each and are handled by a forklift. The process though is the same, with lots of lights and temperature control. I envisage planting starting around the 4th of April, hopefully after we've sown the spring beans, oats, barley, and beet.

This next week we have another pig batch change, so more muck to shift and spread, spring drilling will commence, a new staff member will join us, and we'll spread some more of that expensive fertilizer! Here's to a good spring. Keep well everybody.

Andrew Wilson

FOSS

It has been wonderful to get our fundraising heads together in our first in-person meeting in almost two years, particularly in the run up to what are traditionally our bigger fundraising events. Alongside the upcoming scarecrow weekend we have several other events on the go and approaching in the coming weeks.

This year we are running a new Spring Lamb competition to guess the number of lambs born to a flock of sheep owned by a school family. The flock of 220 sheep are in the midst of lambing at the time of writing, with £186.30 raised to date from the sale of numbered squares allocated to the total number of lambs that will be born. The entrant with the closest guess to the final number of lambs born will be the lucky winner of a fabulous Easter themed hamper! Successful bake sales and a 'guess the number of sweets in the jar' competition have been run alongside to contribute to this fundraising. The final sale of lamb-number guesses was combined with a plant stall held on The Green on the Friday prior to Mothering Sunday where a selection of spring bulbs was on sale.

The next bag2school collection will take place on Monday 4th April. Any donations would be very gratefully received and can be dropped off at the sports field between 8:30 and 9am on the 4th, but

please do get in touch at friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk if you need your donations collecting and one of the committee will do our best to help. We hold these collections a number of times a year, so if you need more time to clear out those wardrobes than available on this occasion you will be able to donate your goods at a later date – look out for more information in future Triangle editions and on Facebook page @friendsofslingsbyschool. A list of items that can be donated is available at bag2school.com as well as more information about the company and what happens to your donated goods. A payment based on the total weight of all donated items is made to FOSS following the collection.

Our main focus now looks towards plans for the return of the Scarecrow weekend which is due to be held on the Early May Bank Holiday (30th April - 2nd May). It is always wonderful to see the scarecrows positioned around the village and this year is looking to be just as exciting, with the promise of some very imaginative creations already entered. Entry forms have been given out to the school children and are available at the sports club with the closing date for entries the 1st April.

Over the weekend the trails will be available from the sports club and the pop-up cafe in the Methodist Chapel, where you can join us on Saturday and Sunday for delicious light refreshments and browse our pre-loved sale of children's toys, clothes, books and school uniform. The Scarecrow trail will continue alongside the May Day festivities on Monday 2nd May when our pre-loved sale and tombola will be found on The Green. We look forward to seeing you there!

Finally, we would like to extend a great big thank you to former Slingsby School pupil Georgina Burnett who started secondary school this year. Georgina held a yard and bake sale raising an incredible £93.01 as part of her youth award for school, with FOSS being her chosen charity! Thank you so much Georgina, we are extremely grateful for your support and generosity!

Helen Mackinder

Daphne Wilson
1926 - 2022



Daphne Lily Benson was born in York on 28th August 1926, the second child of her parents Joseph and Henrietta. She had an older brother called Joe, and the family business was 'Benson's for bikes' – established way back in 1853 on Lowther Street in York. She attended Queen Anne School for Girls.

In her late teens she met a dashing young chap called Ken Wilson at a 'do' at The Spitalbeck Inn near Barton Hill – and the rest, you could say, is history! They married in January 1948, and lived for a few years at 'Little House' which was a part of the farmhouse at Easthorpe, where Ken's parents lived and farmed.

1954 was a landmark year for the family. Ken and Daphne secured the tenancy and moved to Porch farm at Slingsby to farm in their own right. David was born that year, and with Christopher by then a toddler of 3 years old – they were busy!

Time passed, and with both of her sons settled at school, Daphne started working part time with Alf Holmes in the transport office of Henry Richardson's haulage business in Slingsby, a job she did for some years. Later, as Christopher and David started work, the family business grew and diversified into haulage, so she became more needed at home. I remember as a child watching

her studiously poring over the VAT or writing invoices at the same desk that takes pride of place in her home still today.

Ken died in May 1986, which hit grandma quite hard. She immersed herself in helping others, delivering meals on wheels, going on walking holidays with her friends, and enjoyed being a member of Kirkbymoorside Camera club. She was a keen and committed member of the Castle Howard gardening club for many years, and retained her independence by living in her home until January this year. Also, she looked after the village noticeboard until the age of ninety-two.

She passed away in her sleep, in hospital on February 13th 2022 aged 95 years. Rest in peace grandma.

Andrew Wilson

Community Spirit



Mrs Beeton's Guide to
Household Management
published in 1861 described the



"periodical cleanings" that became associated with spring. She wrote: *"There are portions of every house that can only be cleaned occasionally; at which time the whole house usually undergoes a far more thorough cleaning than is permitted in a general way. On these occasions, it is usual to begin at the top of the house and clean downwards; moving everything out of the room; washing the wainscoting or paint with soft soap and water; pulling down the beds and thoroughly cleansing all the joints; 'scrubbing' the floor; beating feather beds, mattresses, and paillasse [a straw mattress], and thoroughly purifying every article of furniture before it is put back in place."*

OK; so that bears no resemblance to today's family life but still every Spring I am sure that most of us at least start with the intention of thoroughly cleaning tidying and reorganising our house.

CLEANING: Two easily obtained ingredients can help you save the pennies and cut down on the number of products that you buy. **Vinegar** is a great natural cleaner as it disinfects, cuts through grease and deodorises. One word of warning, never use on granite or marble worktops as the

acid can damage natural stone. **Bicarbonate of soda or baking soda** is also good as a deodoriser and is great as a scrubbing agent. When bicarbonate of soda is mixed with vinegar, the acid breaks down the soda, releasing carbon dioxide gas that can help lift dirt from the surfaces being cleaned. The addition of essential oils to the ideas below help mask the smell of vinegar but if you have pets, avoid using them.

- **Windows:** mix equal quantities of white vinegar and water in a spray bottle and use as an effective window cleaner, No need to rinse just use a dry cloth to wipe over your windows leaving them gleaming and streak free.
- **Toilets:** Spray white vinegar liberally on the toilet seat, lid and bowl. Leave for 5 minutes then add a small handful of bicarbonate of soda to the bowl and scrub with a toilet brush
- **Drains:** Clean drains from food and soap gunge by pouring a little bicarbonate of soda down the plughole, leave for 20 minutes then run hot water to clear.
- **Burnt on food:** Sprinkle a layer of bicarbonate of soda over the bottom of the oven or pan, lightly spray with water and leave for an hour. Use a scouring pad to wipe away and lift off any burnt-on residue of food.
- **Kettle:** Simply fill the kettle with half water and half white vinegar and leave to sit for 30 minutes. Once the time is up, boil the kettle, empty and rinse thoroughly. Before reuse boil again with just water and discard.
- **A multi-surface cleaner** can be used to clean many surfaces: kitchen and bathroom cupboards, the inside of the fridge/freezer, kitchen and bathroom surfaces (not marble or granite), carpet accidents and some appliances. Mix, 1 cup distilled water, 1 cup white vinegar, 1/2 lemon juiced (optional) and 15 drops of your preferred essential oil. Mix in a spray bottle. Keep in the fridge due to the lemon.

Both white vinegar and bicarbonate of soda can be purchased in supermarkets in small volumes or buy in bulk online to save money. Reuse your old

spray bottles for mixing or buy reusable glass ones online.

ORGANISING: Take the opportunity to sort through your clothes. Remove everything from your drawers and wardrobes in turn. Wipe over surfaces with surface spray from idea above. Sort into three piles:

1. **keep** ~ is it comfy, useful, worn often, mendable? Put back in drawers etc.
2. **donate** ~ not for you but someone else might make use of it? Take to charity shop, clothes swap with friends or sell on such sites as Vinted, ebay and many more.
3. **recycle** ~ beyond repair, worn, unuseable? Old t-shirts make great cleaning rags. Can the fabric be used for craft projects? Take rest to recycling centre.

Send us in your cleaning tips. All suggestions to jobreckon65@gmail.com please.

REUSING: great ideas sent in by Gill Baker:

It's hard not to want new things for the home, garden or to wear, but all take resources to make and other things will be thrown away. Why not repurpose something you already have? I've got an Ikea pine cabinet which used to be on my son's bedroom wall. When he didn't need it any more, I added legs, painted it white, stapled fabric behind the glass doors and moved it down to the sitting room. I'm now about to paint it again in a dark colour. I will also cut out some of the back panel to access electric sockets behind so we can plug in the TV/Soundbar and DVD player and keep all the wires tidy – a bonus is that because it's old I don't mind cutting it up a bit. Annie Sloan chalk paint is very easy to use. Harrison Hargreaves in Malton sell it and a tester pot is usually enough for a small project.

If I really can't use something anymore and it's not broken, I put it on Gumtree and advertise it for a small amount or free.

Also, the Triangle can be used free of charge to **private** subscribers for selling or giving away unwanted items.

Local photographer Neil Jackson's Svalbard trip

Long-standing Triangle subscribers will remember a previous article by our own resident professional wildlife and event photographer, Neil Jackson. Neil has kindly sent us this brilliant article about his trip to Svalbard in 2019. Neil can be contacted on neil@njphotographic.co.uk or on 01653 628894 – Ed



As the world continues to gradually open back up, the prospect of travelling begins to become a more real possibility. This all feels like a good time to revisit the last of my longer wildlife photography expeditions, a trip to Svalbard in July 2019 – which feels almost like a lifetime ago now!

Svalbard is a Norwegian archipelago between mainland Norway and the North Pole. A remote landscape, dominated by glaciers and frozen tundra – and one of the northernmost human-inhabited locations on Earth. And, of course, a mecca for iconic wildlife species.

July is high summer in Svalbard and a truly surreal and magical experience to witness. Whilst the sun is slowly beginning to head towards the horizon, in time for it to go down again towards the end of August (albeit for only a few minutes), daylight is a constant, 24 hours. The diversity of wildlife is greatest in summertime when the migratory birds return. The biggest challenge for the animals is finding enough food to survive and breed. Endemic species spend the summer and autumn building up large reserves of body fat to ensure survival throughout the year. During the wintertime, the tundra is covered by ice and snow. This makes it difficult for them to find enough food, so they are forced to deplete stored fat until the snow melts in the summertime.

Our plan was simple; board an ice-breaking ship for 10 days and head out to see what we could find, with polar bears at the very top of our hit-list! Our guides' vast collective experience meant that we were not sailing blind but the nature of the environment up there meant that the sea-ice was an ever-changing, dynamic element that would shape where we could go and when. 24-hour daylight meant sightings could be at any time, day or 'night'.

It felt like our heads had barely hit our cabin pillows when the ship-wide call came out to head up on to the deck. Humpback whales! A group spent an hour or so around our boat, the infamous Arctic Ocean like a glassy millpond. An encounter I'll never forget.

The trip would continue in the same vein, as we came across new species, jaws-dropping as we collectively had our first sightings of one iconic species after another. Walrus, Svalbard reindeer, Arctic fox, Ivory gull...we scheduled our sleep around lengthier forays to known wildlife 'hotspots', the ship smashing and crunching through the ice as we nodded off, then waking up in anticipation of which new polar wonderland we would be feasting our eyes upon next.

We would reach 84 degrees north (GB being at 53.5 degrees and the North Pole at 90 degrees) but after several days, still no polar bears. Thankfully, that afternoon, our eagle-eyed guides (you try spotting a very distant, creamy-white bear in the Arctic!) spotted a female bear and her very young cub. We had the privilege of following them, on and off, for the next two days, experiencing first-hand how incredibly tough life for the bears is but also



just how remarkably well adapted they are to that life, in the far North. Whilst some trips up to Svalbard can garner 20+ polar bear sightings, we 'only' had those two days **but** to see a cub so young and to spend so much time with them both, was special indeed. We were exceptionally spoilt by other sightings, a group of ten Blue Whales being a particular highlight for me and a lifelong dream realised.

One of our guides was the world-renowned zoologist, Nikita Ovsyanikov. A man who has a case for spending as much time in the wild with polar bears as any other person on the planet. As senior research scientist on Wrangel Island, he spent over 20 consecutive seasons living amongst and studying the bears and foxes there. Sadly, his unique insights only further highlighted the plight the bears face, not only from climate change affecting the ever-dwindling sea ice they so desperately depend upon but from legal hunting quotas to meet demand from the fur trade. Countries around the world agree that polar bears are in trouble but a polar bear fur rug can fetch upwards of \$15,000 – a macabre status symbol and a reminder of the prehistoric 'traditions' that stand in the way of the survival of many of world's endangered species and the ecosystems that we and the rest of the world rely upon.

Neil Jackson



Urgent repairs to All Saints' west window

When you next walk past All Saints' church and the Sports Field, take a look at the large west window covered by a grille in the lower part of the Tower. From the exterior, it may not look much, but take a quick look inside the church and you will see a lovely stained glass window by the firm Clayton and Bell, one of the most prolific and proficient English workshops of stained glass in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.



The window is dedicated to Charles Hardwick, archdeacon of Ely, who was born in Slingsby but died tragically in a mountaineering accident in 1854, aged just 38. This window was also paid for by the 6th Earl of Carlisle's Trustees. It features images of the Venerable Bede, St Jerome and St Augustine and is one of the gems of the church. However, the window is at risk, owing to problems probably created by the rather experimental painting and firing techniques used by companies such as Clayton and Bell in the mid-19th century, the impact of over a century and a half of prevailing west winds and weather on the glass and stonework and a few footballing injuries over the years, which led to the fitting of a protective grille to the exterior of the window.

For the past couple of years rain has been coming in through the window, streaming down the sill and into the tower. This has resulted in substantial loss of painted detail and the accumulation of surface dust and dirt on the window surface. Urgent repairs are now needed to clean, consolidate and protect the window to ensure it survives through the next century. Together with our advisor and craftsman Martin Johnson, we plan to remove the window, clean and consolidate the painting and replace the current grille with protective glazing, which will enhance its appearance, internally and externally.



As you can imagine, this is not a simple or cheap process! Overall, it will cost in the region of £30,000 to complete the stonework and glazing repairs. We have now received permission to undertake the work and will start the hard work fundraising and applying for grants. We would, of course be very grateful for any donations or fundraising ideas you might have to help us over the next few months. In the meantime, we are also revisiting the designs and costs of our much-needed heating, kitchen and toilet facilities. We'll provide an update on these plans in a future edition of the Triangle.

Kate Giles and Margaret Mackinder

Slingsby Methodist Chapel

The crocus and daffodils are out, the leaves are bursting out green, and Easter comes with the news of resurrection. In Slingsby, in Ryedale, life goes on: on the farms, in the school, in the churches and down your road. Yet not so very far away life is a struggle: for the refugees from Ukraine, for those on the front-line and for all the world as government leaders try to work out what to do for the best. It will, undoubtedly, like Covid, mean hardships for people everywhere, as the costs of living go up and we worry about the future.



Slingsby Methodist Chapel, Easter 2021

The message of Holy Week is that even God's own son did not have it easy. Acclaimed by the crowds one day, he is so soon betrayed by one of his closest disciples, arrested, mocked and ultimately crucified. His death, was not the end, either for Jesus, or for his message of faith, hope and love. Through his death we have life, through his resurrection we have hope, through our faith we can face anything, for God is with us. In Ukraine Christians (70% of the population) will be celebrating Easter because Jesus is their Saviour, and no guns, bombs or bullets can kill faith.

Here, all that can seem so remote, like a war film rather than real life. But here, too, we each, in our own situations, need to know of new life for us and for our family and friends: in the midst of sickness, bereavement, anxiety or despair. So take heart from the glimpses of Spring, as the natural world comes back to life, and find hope at Easter as the spiritual message of new life in Jesus is celebrated once more. God bless

Rev Peter Sheasby,

Superintendent Minister, Ryedale Methodist Circuit

Chapel events

3rd April 10:30am Worship, Rev Andrew Foster

10th April 10:30am Palm Sunday Service

17th April 11:00am Easter Day Service, with Rev Peter Sheasby (PLEASE NOTE THE TIME!) (Easter Day Breakfast from 9:30am in the Schoolroom)



24th April 10:30am Worship Service, Audrey Foster
All are warmly welcome.

Diary Dates

20th April Soupa lunch 12 noon. In The Schoolroom or Home Delivery. Excellent soup, sandwiches & a pudding. It's free, (but donations welcome.) Please let us know if you think of other people who would appreciate it.

20th April (Wed) We invite you to share with us in An Hour of Prayer in The Chapel Schoolroom at 7:30pm. An informal time of Caring, Sharing and Prayer.

18th May Soupa lunch as for April. Contact Stephen & Rachel Prest to book or for enquiries. (628277)

2nd May (Mon) From 1pm May Day events including Chapel Stall on The Green. Gifts of cakes, produce etc greatly appreciated. Contacts are Liz (628514) or Audrey (628643)

Prayer for peace in Ukraine

Holy and Gracious God, We pray for the people of the Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.

We pray for all those who are afraid; that your everlasting arms hold them in this time of great fear. We pray for all those who have the power over life and death; that they will choose for all people life, and life in all its fullness.

We pray for those who choose war; that they will remember that you direct your people to turn our swords into ploughshares and seek for peace.

We pray for leaders on the world stage; that they are inspired by the wisdom and courage of Christ.

Above all, Lord, today we pray for peace for Ukraine. And we ask this in the name of your blessed Son. Lord have mercy. Amen

Platinum Jubilee Plans

Plans to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee are continuing to be developed, with a lot of exciting events planned over the course of the bank holiday weekend in June, which starts on Thursday 2nd June. Thanks go to everyone who has shared the views and ideas following the circulation of the questionnaire regarding the planned events.

A beautiful flower display is planned for over the 4 days of the bank holiday weekend and will be on display in All Saints Church. There will also be an exhibition of Royal Memorabilia on display on the Friday (3rd June) and an afternoon tea to be held in The Village Hall.

The Saturday (4th June) will be focused around the Sports Field with a fun sports day planned with lots of throwback fun and activities (welly throwing, sack race, tug of war etc). There will also be a fancy dress competition and a competition to judge the best dressed house in the community! Later in the afternoon and evening there will be music and entertainment with a series of bands playing at The Sports Club.

The main commemorative event will be on the Sunday (5th June) and will start with a service in honour of The Queen being held in All Saints Church. There will then be a street party on the Sports Field, which will be a great opportunity for all of the community to come together and enjoy the social side. Commemorative memorabilia will be handed out to the children of the village as keepsakes to remind them of the event.

All of the activities will be free to members of the community. This is a great opportunity for all parts of the community to come together and celebrate together after a challenging few years and we are looking forward to a fantastic weekend. As plans develop more information will be shared on The Village Website, Social Media, the notice board on The Green and through flyers to be distributed.

We would like to thank everyone who is giving up their time to support the organisation of the weekend and to all of the different organisations across the community for the events they are organising. Hopefully the weather will be kind (although contingency plans will be in place) and the whole community to come together to celebrate the amazing achievement of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

Paul Hogarth

Sports & Social Club

With the improving weather we are starting to look forward to the Cricket Season and the recommencement of always-busy car boot sales (see elsewhere in the magazine for dates).

We are continuing with our ongoing development of the club, have increased the range of craft beers that we have available and continue to work with our friends at both Brass Castle and Bad Seed Breweries in Malton, who produce amazing beers.

The club is, and will always be, a fantastic community resource and we are looking forward to playing our part in the fantastic celebration weekend planned to commemorate The Queens Platinum Jubilee (see article elsewhere in The Triangle)

Slingsby Cricket Club are looking to build upon their success from last season where they were Feversham League champions, as well as winners of the top 4 play-off cup. They are also very keen on building up the junior side of the club and are planning a range of activities to work with juniors in the village. The season starts with a home game on the 13th May against Lockton.

The Sports and Social Club is also looking forward to a packed summer with plenty of events. We are also looking at opening more frequently, hopefully on Saturday afternoons during the summer and, as always, we are incredibly grateful for the time freely given by our bar volunteers, which means that we are able to offer high quality drinks at low prices.

In addition, we have our regular events over the course of each month with the ever-popular quiz night on the first Friday of every month continuing to raise a fantastic amount of money for a range of different charities. There is also the fun games night on the third Friday of every month.

Once again, I would like to thank everybody connected with The Sports and Social Club for all of their fantastic effort and hard work, without which there would not be such a wonderful resource available for the community to enjoy.

For more information of what we have planned keep an eye on the village website, The Sports Club Facebook page and the notice board at the entrance to the sports field.

With best wishes for a wonderful summer ahead.

Paul Hogarth

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Eileen Joan Bowman

Eileen Joan Bowman of Banchory Cottage, Railway Street, Slingsby passed away peacefully at home on 27th February 2022, aged 77 years.

A service of celebration and thanksgiving for the life of Eileen was held at Slingsby Methodist Church on 14th March 2022, followed by a private family burial in Slingsby cemetery.

The family would like to thank everyone who sent cards and messages of condolence, all who attended the service and the generous donations received for church funds. Heartfelt thanks to the Rev. Ruth Duck for an uplifting and love filled service, to the singers Liz, Karen and Audrey, to Sue, Barbara and Anne for all of their help and finally to Rachel and Stephen for their kind assistance.

Helen, Jim, David and Hannah

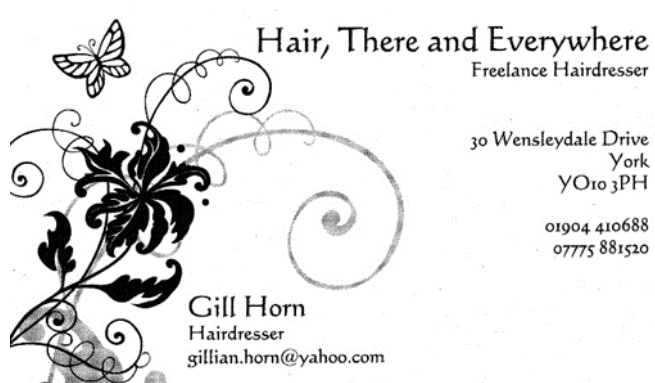
Oil Consortium suspended

I've been talking to BATA and they are not taking any bulk orders for oil from any consortia due to the rapidly changing prices on the oil market. As you will have heard on the News, heating oil has gone up dramatically. However, they are still taking orders from individuals so you should be able to order any oil you need directly. I cannot see the likelihood of things changing in the short term so won't be asking for orders for the early April. I'll see where we are in May and hopefully we will be able to begin again for the June 1st order.

Terry Baker



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See website for more details)

1st April onwards: Endangered British Birds – The Red List. Artist Jayne Ivimey casts rare birds in clay in a bid to raise awareness for 29% of UK birds currently on the RSPBs Red List. Booking not reqd.

9th – 25th April: Join Yorkshire Wildlife Trust's Detective Trail around the gardens. You'll be provided with a trail map and an explorer pack! Booking not reqd.

7th April, 10th June, 16th Sept: Heritage Hedgerows Tour. Join the Sloemotion Team as they uncover some of Castle Howard's Heritage Hedgerows, followed by a gin tasting session. Booking required.

1st May onwards: From Brideshead to Bridgerton. A unique display of Castle Howard on camera. Get up close to original props and inspired costumes from period features.

21st & 22nd May: Festival of Dogs. A celebration of all things canine.

17th June: Duran Duran. An outdoor show at Castle Howard.

26th June: The Chemical Brothers, have announced a special outdoor show at Castle Howard.

22nd, 23rd July: Triathlon. The Race Series is back

19th August: Café Mambo Live.

20th August: Castle Howard Proms

21st August: ABBA Symphonic concert

Home Sweet Home

Ryedale Carers Support Quilt Exhibition
'A community project in a challenging year'

All Saint's Church is delighted to be able to exhibit these quilted wall hangings during the Slingsby May Day celebrations. They are the collective work of 20 local ladies in conjunction with Ryedale Carers Support. Two of the contributors live in Slingsby and Pat Thompson took on the massive task of sewing all the squares together. They are an uplifting reflection of Ryedale life during the COVID pandemic.

This is a free event, so please take the opportunity to pop into the church when you have a few spare minutes.

Barbara Jameson

Slingsby Ladies' Group

We resumed our meetings this year and, after the AGM in February, welcomed our first speaker of 2022 in March.

We were joined by three members of The Scarborough and Ryedale Mountain Rescue Team plus their lovely trainee rescue dog. There are 53 such teams across England and Wales and they are on call 24 hours a day, with each member committing to 150 hours per year. The teams are solely made up of volunteers and rely totally on donations from the public, legacies in wills and fund raising. Scarborough and Ryedale, which covers 2100 square miles, had their busiest year yet in 2021, with 124 call outs. It was a really interesting and informative talk and we were all delighted when, at the end, we had a demonstration from their search dog.

Our next meeting is 12th April when our speaker is Dr Tony Nicholson. Tony first visited us in November 2019 when he gave us a talk about a Victorian lady whose personal items were found by workmen in his attic. April's talk is the second instalment of this fascinating story.

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.

Liz Senior

Car boot dates

Although all car boot sales are subject to the weather, we are aiming to hold car boot sales on the following dates:

- Sunday 24th April
- Monday 2nd May
- Sunday 22nd May
- Sunday 12th June
- Sunday 3rd July
- Sunday 24th July
- Sunday 14th August
- Monday 29th August
- Sunday 11th September

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Stephen's Farming Column (Kindly written by Rob Hicks)

The conflict in Ukraine has triggered a humanitarian tragedy. Our thoughts are with all those coming to terms with the devastating effects of the conflict. Whilst it is those in the warzone who are suffering the most the effects are set to spread to many other countries and most certainly to other continents than Europe, such is the nature of international trade.

Some basic facts to start with highlight the potential dangers. Around 30% of world wheat exports come out of Russia and Ukraine with this mainly going to the Middle East and Africa and so there will be shortages in these countries. It is the forthcoming harvest which will take the hit and so this issue will likely run for several years ahead. For sunflower oil it is closer to 50% of exports.

Farming inputs of fertiliser, energy and labour have all come from Ukraine to the UK and the resultant shortages are not just forcing up prices, they are actually at risk of running out.

When we look round this corner of Ryedale it is important to think about the impact to the food produced in this parish. For even though this is a mixed farming area, with use of farm yard manure to enrich soil nutrients, there is a major need for nitrogen-based fertilisers to optimise yields so farmers will be making difficult decisions about if they can obtain, afford and justify paying 3 times previous prices.

There are large volumes of potatoes grown in our fertile soils with many going to McCains or for crisp manufacture. These processors are currently looking to find alternatives to sunflower oil which is usually used for manufacture of chips and crisps. It is hoped the markets will still be there for these potatoes and farmers are doing budgets to see if the risks are worth taking of spending the massive increase in fuel costs for crop establishment and husbandry.

For pig and poultry producers, in addition to energy and labour, it is the unsustainable feed costs which make their plight perilous. Such is the nature of these industries with animal reproduction it is not that simple to stop production however this would be the better option for many growers, who are currently losing money on each animal sold.

All this means food prices will have to go up. Since the second world war we have gradually spent a smaller proportion of our income on food but unless certain foodstuffs increase in price their availability will dry

up. During that time our self-sufficiency has reduced to 60%. That means that at this point in the year we have already used up over half of our own food production.

Back in wartime the Government realised farmers needed to be supported to ensure we do not run out of food and so action is needed now to prevent crisis. It is essential that farmers meet environmental standards but proposed future policy is to take land out of production. This feels morally wrong to me.

Farmers are proud to do their job of feeding the nation. We see this all around us and within our local parish they produce milk, beef, sheep, chickens, pigs, potatoes, wheat, oats, barley and oilseed rape.

And as ever we are the mercy of the weather and it is to be hoped the conditions allow yields to be maximised, for all our sakes.

Rob Hicks

Tuesday night is fish 'n chips night. **Chippy's fish and chips**

Every Tuesday a small crowd of us gather outside the Methodist Church in Slingsby at about 6:15 pm waiting for the fish and chip van to come round the corner. We chatter, catch up on village news and welcome new-comers. It can be cold, wet, and windy but it is worth the wait - the fish and chips are delicious, hot and freshly cooked. Not only fish and chips, there are scampi, chicken, sausages, and vegetarian options available. We queue, move to the van, order and pay by cash (not sure about cards) stand back and wait for about 15 minutes while the orders are cooked. Then home to enjoy.

Orders can be phoned in on 07932088952 or emailed to chippyvan@gmail.com If by some misfortune the van can't make it, a notice is put up on the telegraph pole outside the Methodist Church asap.

Pat Thompson

Snippet

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6. Franz Joseph, Austria (67-year reign)
7. Ferdinand III, Sicily (65-year reign)
8. Victoria, United Kingdom (63-year reign)
9. James I, Aragon (62-year reign)
10. Hirohito (Emperor Shōwa), Japan (62-year reign)

*When France's King Louis XIII died at the age of 41 on May 14, 1643, the monarchy passed to his eldest child, Louis XIV, who was just four years and eight months old. With the new king too young to rule over his 19 million subjects, his mother, Anne, served as regent and appointed Louis XIV's godfather, Italian-born Cardinal Jules Mazarin, as chief minister. Mazarin served as a surrogate father to his godson and taught the young king about everything from statesmanship and power to history and the arts. Louis XIV was 15 years old at the time of his coronation in 1654, but he did not wield absolute power over France until seven years later when Mazarin died. (After the death of Louis XIV, history repeated itself as his five-year-old great-grandson, Louis XV, succeeded him.)



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All Saints Church - Sounds interesting!

Here at All Saints Church we are really excited to bring our latest news to you.

Following a recent demonstration of our existing Sound System by Keystone Sound Systems to another local church we were so impressed with the Sound production quality of our system having added a CD player/media with Bluetooth (for the demonstration) We have decided to enhance our system to take advantage of the Wonderful Acoustics in our lovely building.

Our PCC have approved the installation of the CD/Media player system (which is now installed). Not only this but we decided to go further and totally amend our sound system to include a high-quality camera which will enable us to Live Stream events such as Festivals Church services, Baptism's and Weddings to name a few! This will be further advanced by providing the facility to play music / services etc to an outside speaker point in the Church Porch.

To enable all this to work we will also install a Wi-Fi Broadband system which will also give us the opportunity to join Zoom Meetings etc for many different occasions.

All this is subject to us receiving the necessary permissions from the Archdeacon (with the exception of the CD/Media player which doesn't require permission)

We are very hopeful that all will be installed for our upcoming involvement with this year's Ryedale Music Festival.

Ray Watson
Church Warden

The Mobile Post Office

Some people have noticed that the Post Office Van has been missing for the last fortnight of March. The Triangle has not been able to find out why, however it is scheduled to return Monday 4th April, so by the time you read this it should be back!

Allotment News

In February I said the allotment site had been drier than usual this winter. I decided to use this opportunity to start to dig a pond in one of our growing areas with the aim of improving the fauna diversity on the plot in the hope of natural pest control. As you might expect the rain then started and the hole for the pond is only partly dug but full of water. I was hoping that it would be ready for the amphibians to use it for spawning this spring but it won't be ready for that now since we will have to wait for the water to drain before digging out the rest - and will have to wait another year for them to eat all my numerous slugs.

My peppers have germinated at home on our windowsill and are waiting for pricking out. I've just sown my tomato seeds and they usually germinate very quickly. These two crops are our mainstays in the greenhouse but this year I'm planning to try a cucumber plant. I haven't grown cucumbers for many years but have bought seed of a variety that produces mini fruits. Our grandsons are fond of cucumbers for lunch and so will get them to help with harvesting. Tomatoes and cucumbers really need quite different growing conditions and so the cucumber will have to make do since tomatoes are more important to us.

The news is full of stories about the cost of fertilisers and food and so making maximum use of our plot is ever more important. April is the key time to get going with planting and sowing and as always, the start of the growing year is full of excitement and hope.

The allotment society had its AGM last week. This is the first we've had in the village hall for 2 years. There was very good attendance and lots of ideas and discussion.

If you're interested in putting your name down for a plot (or half a plot) do get in touch with our Chairman, Brian Clarke on 01653 628625.

Many thanks

Terry Baker

Philip Roberts, 1928 – 2022



Our father, Philip Roberts, formerly of Sycamore Close and husband of the late Margaret, died peacefully at home in Scarborough on 25th February aged 93.

A funeral service was held at Woodlands Crematorium Scarborough on Thursday 17th March. A Thanksgiving service will be held at All Saints Church, Slingsby at a later date at which all will be welcome. Details in a later Triangle.

Mum and Dad moved to Slingsby in 1987 from Sheffield, on retirement. They embraced village life and were welcomed into the heart of the community. Dad was Church organist for many years at All Saints and was a member of the Street singers. He loved his dogs, Pippa, Sandy and Jenna and always had an extra strong mint for Betty the horse!

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A new and exciting class for children has been added to the schedule - who can grow the tallest sunflower at Slingsby School? Seeds etc will be provided. In addition there are the usual classes

for children's
hand-writing
and art.



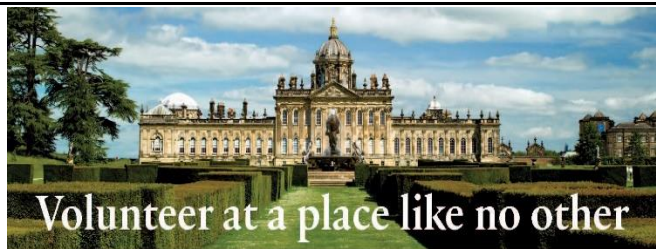
So now is the
time for sowing
and planting
and knitting
and sewing and
crocheting!

There are also
classes for

baking, jam-making, wheat, eggs, vegetables, flowers etc.

A lovely traditional village event not to be missed – Saturday 17th September. Full details in future Triangles.

Carol Thornley



Volunteer at a place like no other

Could you help us to preserve this extraordinary family home as a national treasure for future generations? We are looking for volunteer Room Stewards to share the stories of Castle Howard's rich history, bring to life our amazing collections, and help our visitors enjoy their time in this special place.

No specialist skills or previous experience are required and we have opportunities available throughout the week. To find out more and apply for roles, visit www.castlehoward.co.uk/get-involved/volunteer

Castle Howard, York YO60 7DA



CASTLE HOWARD



Castle Howard reopens on April 2nd.

SLINGSBY VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE

ARE HAVING A

BREAKFAST BUTTIES MORNING

ON

SUNDAY 10TH APRIL 2022

AT 10AM

IN THE VILLAGE HALL

TO RAISE FUNDS FOR

THE

UKRAINE UK AID MATCH

SAUSAGE or BACON or EGG

AVAILABLE

£3.00 PER BUTTIE TO INCLUDE

A CUPPA, TEA / COFFEE

Slingsby Village Hall



**On Saturday 16th April in
Slingsby Village Hall**

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits provided

Eyes down at 7.15pm

Proceeds for Hall funds

FUTURE DATES FOR BINGO :

16th April, 18th June, 27th August, 10th

December, all at 7:15 in the VH



**Slingsby Village
SCARECROW
Weekend**

**Saturday 30th April -
Monday 2nd May 2022**

**Follow the trail, solve the clues - hand in
your completed trail & enter the prize draw!**

Pop-Up Cafe

**SATURDAY & SUNDAY
10AM - 4PM
METHODIST CHAPEL**

**SCARECROW TRAILS
AVAILABLE FROM
Pop-Up Cafe in the Chapel and
Slingsby Sports Club**

