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In 'Three Regenerative Farming Projects', Cumbrian farmers talk about how they have changed to 'rotational grazing' of sheep and cows - moving stock every day or two and letting the grass regrow - and how they now don't buy in feed or fertiliser and their farms are in profit.

In 'Local Wool and Textile Production', you can hear about the stories behind new Lake District tweeds, a British wool database for weavers and knitters and yarn making from sheep local to the shop. The videos are available at [www.northernrealfarming.org/video-resources/](http://www.northernrealfarming.org/video-resources/) and they are really worth a watch even if you don't farm yourself! Do have a look and join our farmers' network. Email us on [ellen@lessuk.org](mailto:ellen@lessuk.org) for more information or to say hello.

*Andi Chapple*

## Christmas logs - a poem

Beechwood fire burns bright and clear  
If the logs are kept a year.  
Store your beech for Christmastide,  
With New Year holly cut beside.  
Chestnut's only good, they say,  
If for years 'tis stored away.  
Birch and firwood burn too fast,  
Blaze too bright and do not last.  
Flames from larch will shoot up high,  
Dangerously the sparks will fly,  
But ashwood green and ashwood brown  
Are fit for a Queen with a golden crown.

Oaken logs, if dry and old,  
Keep away the winter cold.  
Poplar gives a bitter smoke,  
Fills your eyes and makes you choke.  
Elmwood burns like church-yard mould,  
E'en the very flames are cold.  
Hawthorn bakes the sweetest bread,  
So it is in Ireland said.  
Applewood will scent the room,  
Pearwood smells like flowers in bloom.  
But ashwood wet and ashwood dry  
A King may warm his slippers by.

*This poem was sent in by a Triangle subscriber over a year ago, however last Christmas' issue was too full to include it, so it has been held over until now as it's obviously a Christmas poem - Ed*

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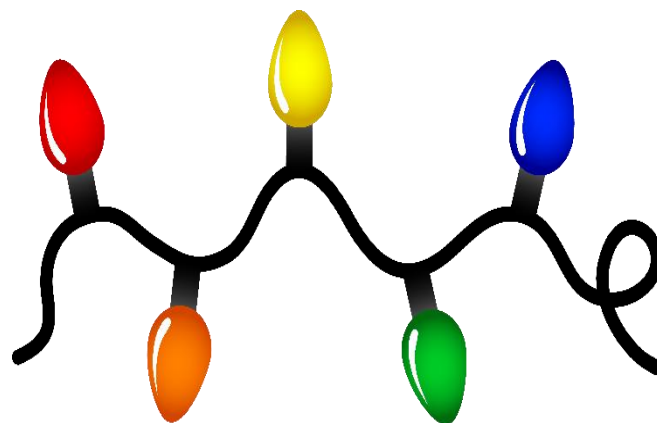
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Please remember that ALL the website and Triangle team are volunteers. Further offers of help are always welcome.

## Christmas lights switch-on



The Christmas lights in the trees round The Green and at school, chapel and the May Pole will be hung early around 1<sup>st</sup> December. Do join us by putting up your own home window lights early for the pleasure of everyone in the village. Thank you.

*The village Christmas lights team*

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We said our formal goodbye in our church on All Saints' Day, steadied by the hymns Margaret had chosen, her son Joe remembering her life and ways: that myriad of lives she packed into one. The building she loved surrounded us; with all the care she took to protect it, the stonework of the tower, its pinnacles, the roof against the lead thieves. For Margaret it was never just about the beauty and feel of the building, but its practical needs. Fund-raising; with sponge cakes and tea urns, then with Kate Giles, multiple forms applying for grants to pay those men on the roof. The stars and the moon were added to grant applications, under the guise of "community outreach", so there was money to produce guides to the village and church, the churchyard wildlife; the panels describing the castle history and the archive cabinet for village records.

Margaret's flair for helping to create new traditions kept things in order: the annual big church clean, the big leaf rake, the sowing of seeds to make a wildflower meadow, her firm response to those in the village who thought it a mess. Was she ever part of that Anglican ritual, the Flower Roster? Now I can't ask her. But had

we forgotten a rake or a broom? Of course she brought spare ones.

She understood the nuts and bolts of physical things, learnt and mastered through her architect's training. What a multitude that part of her life covered; specialist conservation skills with cruck frames and thatch, small bridges and viaducts along a disused railway, biomass heating for a listed building or the complex project at Pickering station, with ancient monuments getting in the way. None of it possible without her quiet skill in settling the conflicting interests of clients, monuments, contractors, officials from national agencies or local authorities. She could herd cats. Was it learnt through that love of horses, especially the highly-strung sort?

Her earlier life as recounted by Joe — growing up in Surrey, childhood polio that she never let blight her. Education by Belgian nuns at a nearby school ("terrifying or chaotic" she said but good for her French) then time in France and an art and architecture course. Studying architecture in Newcastle, winning two travel scholarships which took her to Europe. London next for professional qualifications, and to meet and marry Stephen. The move to Slingsby, near Stephen's home city of York, in 1978, working first at the University there, then building her own practice. The growing of children, the transformation of Wyville House, the cooking and gardening, caring and nurturing. And if a spare minute, then add drawing and painting, sewing and singing.

How could she not be in demand? She was a school governor at Malton School too, with a special brief for its buildings. The Slingsby schoolchildren will remember her stories; the Slingsby dragon, the Romans, the life of old Slingsby. Music, that constant love, but never just listening. That meant school holiday music-making in York, three orchestras three times a year; with Margaret to gather conductors, tutors, parents and children so then the instruments sang. This expertise was then

carried down the road to the Music Therapy Centre at Wath. But especially I remember her joy when her daughter Sophie took the cello out of its case and played it for her again.

At Malton Museum she devised many of the current town history tours, leading some herself but training others, she was writing the two Malton history books and if you said Yes to her ask for help, it turned into fun. As it was that morning at St Mary's Priory, a Medieval Malton talk being planned at the church: first the importance of tea urn and light switches, the last thing I'd think of, then up to the choir stalls to lift the misericords and find the owl. With a flash of a smart phone, caught for her grandchildren.

Or one summer evening at a Looking at Slingsby walk led by Margaret and Kate. Would we like a local history group? Yes, yes, we said, and at once there was history to research, exhibitions in the Village Hall, booklets published, talks and fine days out to explore links with Slingsby further afield; to Newcastle cathedral, to Bolsover castle and Hardwick Hall. She seemed to organise us effortlessly, until the evening we found ourselves meeting without her, orphans abandoned to the storms; but Kate was declaring the Margaret legacy, (with no slacking in brackets), and the rest of the year already planned. And what had Margaret begun when home from hospital? Revising a history of Slingsby she had once co-written, Millennium year. "There was money in those days, I knew we'd get grants."

The last weeks of her life, her love and courage that this was so. Stephen making coffee to bring out to the garden. Sunlight and birdsong, as if we had all the tomorrows in the world, but then we didn't.

Her family will see her reflection as granddaughters Annie and Isla grow and flourish, and Joe and Helen, Stephen and Sophie will find themselves saying with love and laughter at something they do, "Now that comes from Miggie."

*Christine Churches*

## Local History Group update

We resumed our Autumn season with a fascinating lecture on Yorkshire dialect, followed by a real treat - an evening of gazing at 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and one 19<sup>th</sup> century map printed in colour at A1 size and on screen in high quality digital formats. We were guided by Chris Churches through the context of their creation, how they were made (rods, poles, perches measured by surveying chains) and what they showed. A gradual story of 'enclosure' began to emerge, as we saw groups of tenants getting together to swap their strips of field for more regular parcels of land, bounded by hedges and ditches. We also learned about Tithes (and Tithe pigs!) and the challenges of collecting them! Field names came and went, reminders of past inhabitants but also lost features - mills and gallows, the pott fields and quarries that sustained everyday village life.

Everyone wanted to try and work out what was on the site of their house in the maps...and this led to a lively discussion about some of the features shown in the maps (and current proposals for development, of course). We all agreed that another session, with more maps would be welcome and that perhaps we might use them as a basis for a future exhibition in the Summer.

In December, we will have our popular mince pies and coffee session in The Grapes, on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup>, where we'll look at local legends and folk customs associated with Slingsby and think about the programme of winter meetings.

The Local History Group is yet another village society where the loss of Margaret Mackinder is deeply felt. She leaves behind her a legacy of enthusiasm for our village history and sharing it with residents and visitors, as much as possible.

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## Pantomime Quiz – *Oh no it isn't, Oh yes it is!*

This quiz is based on the truly British tradition of Pantomime. Every year families of all ages enjoy these Christmas productions but, how much can you remember about the characters, stories and staging of them?

1. Who are these characters who have had their vowels removed?  
 a. Bttns,                      b. Wdw Twnky                      c. bnzr                      d. Slpng Bty                      e. Ptr Pn
  2. Who marries Alice Fitzwarren?
  3. Which pantomime was also the name of a main character in the Shrek films?
  4. In Jack and the Beanstalk what does Jack exchange for some magic beans?
  5. What are the audience encouraged to say when they see the villain?
  6. What is the name given to the role of a young male pantomime protagonist, traditionally played by a young actress in boy's clothes?
  7. Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs is a popular pantomime but can you name them?
  8. Ali Baba and the Forty Thieves comes from which collection of Middle Eastern folk tales?
  9. What is the name of the father of Cinderella and The Ugly Sisters?
  10. What does Cinderella's Fairy Godmother turn into a coach?
  11. In which pantomime would you meet a ticking crocodile?
  12. In Cinderella, what is the name of Prince Charming's friend?
  13. Who eat the Gingerbread House?
  14. What told Dick Whittington to 'turn again'?
  15. How many years should Sleeping Beauty sleep for unless her spell is broken?
- 1 - 5. Can you name these famous pantomime disguised faces?



*Quiz by Jo Breckon*



### Update from Ann Pearson

When the October/November edition of The Triangle arrived, I found on page 7 the lovely letter from Andrew Wilson about 'Memories of Ann Pearson'. I do remember Andrew as being keener on farming than on English lessons! I don't remember calling him 'Percy', but it obviously encouraged him to persevere. His farming report is extremely well-written and I'm proud of him. I hope to meet up next Spring when the weather is better and to find out more about past pupils.

I started work as a part-time supply teacher in 1981 working under the excellent Stuart Hill. I learnt a lot from him about working with a mixed-age Junior class. I also did some supply work in the Infants and worked with Jim Gavigan.

My daughter Clare started at Malton School in 1981 where several Slingsby pupils also went, including Joyce Clifford and Tim Daniels who we were sorry to see had died. We offer our condolences to their families.

I spent many happy years at the school and met a lot of lovely families. We enjoyed trips to Clarke Hall near Wakefield when we all dressed up (including the bus driver as an injured traveller) to go back in time. We also visited Nunnington Hall for more hands-on history'. We had Drama (or should I say Chaos?) in the village hall, and we put on productions of Peter Pan as well as Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. This was of course prior to Ofsted and its restrictions! I send my best wishes to anybody who remembers me!

*Ann Pearson*

## Memories Of Fryton

During WWII my father was stationed at the army camp on Bulmer Crossroads. One day he and his pal, Reg, asked two farm "lads" who were passing by if they had any eggs. Those "lads" turned out to be Vera and Dorothy Peacock dressed in trousers and their parents farmed at Wandale Farm in Bulmer. That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship with that family lasting until today.

Having kept in contact from the end of the war, in 1957 my parents took my sister and I on a driving holiday from our home in South London to Scotland. First stop though was North Farm, Fryton where we stayed for a few days. That was the beginning of my very fond and life-long connection with Fryton and North Yorkshire. I was ten years old at the time.

We were warmly greeted by Vera and her two young sons, William and Robin. Later we met Willie Baker, Vera's cousin of West Farm, Slingsby who had been helping Vera manage the farm since her husband's untimely death some years previous. At that time, it was of course, Auntie Vera and Uncle Will to me so, in keeping with that, I will continue those titles for this piece.

Being my first visit to the country proper and, as a young Londoner, everything was so very different to what I was used. Apart from the big skies, the magnificent scenery and all that fresh air, there were hens in the yard, cows, sheep and pigs I could touch and feed - plus three shotguns in a wooden rack above the parlour door. (No gun safes then). I also slept in a feather bed!

The farm was mixed and the only buildings then were the main steading and the granary (most of which still stand) plus a Dutch Barn opposite the granary which has long since gone. There were also two large chicken coups in the adjoining paddock and a greenhouse where Auntie Vera grew the most wonderful tomatoes - in sheep droppings!

At that time Fryton consisted of three farms: the Prests, the Harrisons and the Cundills, seven stone cottages and two council houses. The cottages

and houses were all occupied by farm workers among them, Ab and Zena Wright with daughters, Chris and Sas; Mr. George Wright (Ab's father) and the Skaife family. The only cars in the village belonged to the farm owners and the street was empty.

Ab and Mr. George (as we called him) worked on North Farm alongside Steven Gibb (who lived with his wife at the level crossing house down Fryton Lane) and John Knowlson from Slingsby. Mr. George was the dairy man and milked the cows each day.

So that was my introduction to farming life and Fryton. Onwards I'd then spend as much of my school holidays there as I could. My mother would put me on the train at King's Cross and over four hours later (!) Auntie Vera would meet me at York Station. With her in her huge Austin A90 would be William, Robin and as many of the village kids as she could get in it! There would be Chris & Sandra Wright, Charles "Sonny" Scaife and sister, Gillian plus Alan Wright from Balkside, Slingsby. We would laugh, joke and sing all the way along the A64 through Castle Howard to Fryton. The favourite song at the time was *Things* by Bobby Darin. The car was just buzzing with excitement.

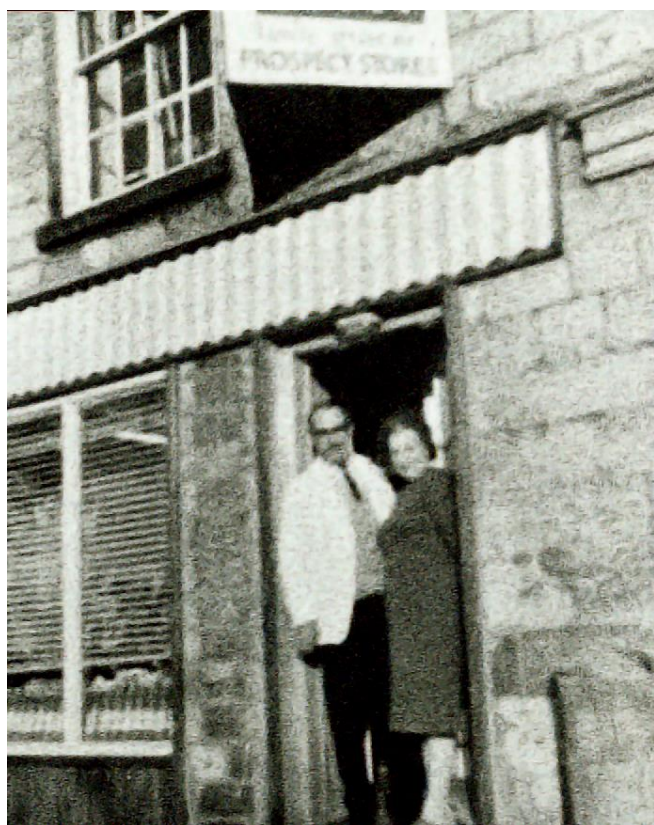
Each morning we'd go to the milking shed and, before he filled the churns to be collected from the gate at the first roadside bend, collect from Mr. George a bucket of warm, fresh milk for breakfast to accompany the eggs collected from the chicken coups earlier on. During breakfast, Uncle Will, always proclaiming: "It's been a grand day!" would sometimes bring fresh bread that he had just baked and upon which we would liberally spread the wonderful home-made butter regularly collected from Auntie Tat in Hovingham.

He would arrive from West Farm in his battered old Land Rover with 2.2 rifle slung in the cab plus sheep and gun dogs in the back. Following breakfast, he'd take us and the village kids down Fryton Lane (all hanging on to the Land Rover back, front and sides) to do his rounds of the fields, occasionally shooting the odd rabbit. All great fun for us and sometimes he'd let us older kids have a drive. Health and Safety would have had a fit!



Back to Fryton, we'd spend the rest of the day playing or perhaps, running riot might be a better description. Favourite was swinging back and forth on a rope suspended from one of the barn rafters among the haystacks (small rectangular bales in those days). Hide and seek around the steading was another favourite and sometimes we'd make a raft from oil drums, wood and baler twine to float down the beck under the bridge. At harvest-time in the summer there would always be haybale forts and stubble fights. Again, what would Health and Safety have had to say about us kids having such fun; no doubt safety belts, life jackets and crash helmets!

Interrupting all these games, would be a smashing lunch from Auntie Vera's fantastically stocked pantry. All fresh from the farm, its garden and orchard but sometimes supplemented by Mr. Foy who called once or twice a week with his groceries and provisions van. A very nice man.



*This rather poor quality photo shows Mr. & Mrs. Foy in the doorway of their shop, Prospect Stores on High St. apparently when it was for sale. Prospect House is now a private home.*

Then there were the trips to the coast. Generally, Scarborough where we'd play tennis (Auntie Vera in full flow), eat fish 'n chips and later catch Jimmy Clitheroe's show at the theatre or watch the naval

battles at Peasholm Park. Otherwise, it would be Bridlington or Whitby, but Scarborough was the favourite and often we'd take in Robin Hood's Bay and drive back across the moors. Castle Howard was also often on the agenda of course, but years prior to *Brideshead Revisited*.

Evenings, after a scrumptious tea, Uncle Will would come round in his big Wolseley to take us for a drive often Helmsley way, Cowhouse Bank, Carlton, Hutton-le-Hole or occasionally Sutton Bank. Returning, we'd spend the remainder of the evening "in't' room" (the lounge) playing Merrils before a lovely supper was served. I can't remember there being a TV. Then to the feather bed for a wonderful night's sleep, although I remember one night, a bat managed to invade the bedroom and was hysterically, yet heroically, dealt with by Auntie Vera in her nightdress armed with two tennis racquets!

A few times Uncle Will took me to market at Malton or York. Malton was followed by lunch at Bowers and York by lunch at Auntie Dorrie's in Stockton Lane, York. I don't know who the better cook was, her or Auntie Vera but they were both fantastic at it and always a great treat to be fed by them.

Uncle Will helped manage the farm until Robin took over after graduating from Newcastle University, the former later retiring from farming to a bungalow in Balkside almost opposite where his bench now sits.

During this time Robin had met Liz, a farmer's daughter working at Castle Howard. They married and had three children. The farm still remains in the family so my family and I are still very lucky to be able to visit and enjoy the wonderful hospitality and surroundings that North Farm has offered nearly all my life. Long may it continue.

*Peter Davis*

Carshalton Beeches  
Surrey

*Our thanks go to Peter for his recollections of Fryton, which he sent in to The Triangle some months ago. If anyone else has similar stories The Triangle would love to hear them. The photograph was found by the editor in Slingsby's photo archive and added to Peter's story - Ed*





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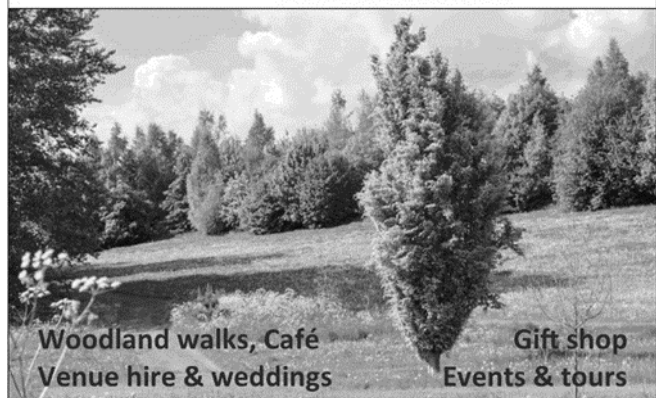
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1<sup>st</sup> November and 1<sup>st</sup> December.

2022 has been a difficult year for oil consumers with soaring prices and difficult delivery schedules. As I write this we are still waiting for news of how (or if?) oil users are going to get the £100 help with their costs from the government. I understand the plan is to pay this through your electricity supplier in a similar way to the £400 given to all households to help with energy costs, but I have no information about when that might be or if you have to claim it or if it will be paid automatically.

Running the consortium inevitably means we are committed to ordering in the days after the deadlines above. This makes it impossible to pick times when oil prices come down or avoid those times when prices are high. Bulk buying with the consortium does allow the suppliers to give us a discount and in normal times I'm sure we benefit from the large orders we generate.

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*Terry Baker*

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## Allotment news

It's early November as I write this. At the moment we're picking various brassicas, cabbage and broccoli in particular. Our Brussel sprouts look as though they might give us a bit of a picking before Christmas though they're very small plants because they never really established properly with the extremely dry weather after I'd planted them. On the other hand, our purple sprouting broccoli looks very good and hopefully will be in full swing in December. We have parsnips just about ready though last year they were completely hollowed out by some small rodent which only left the outer skin and central core of the plants. I'm hoping to eat some myself this year before they get ruined again.

In the greenhouse I've just picked the last of our tomatoes. I'm not sure British varieties are bred

for the very hot weather we had this summer and so they didn't do as well as some years but they've provided us with fresh fruit for more than 5 months, together with roasted tomatoes, frozen for cooking with for the rest of the year. I've also picked the last of our peppers. You would expect that with the summer we've had that we should have had lots, but the mole that has been running along the bed in the greenhouse has prevented that and set them back so much through the summer. They set fruit much later as a result and so I've picked lots of green peppers. I will have to sort that out next year. I may grow them in growbags like the tomatoes, to confuse the mole.

It's only taken us 10 years, but we've finally got a shed on the plot and it immediately looks much better and organised. As usual we battled with weeds throughout the summer, though the horsetail continues to defeat me. It is impossible to dig it out since it runs underground with much of the plant more than a metre below the surface. I'm resigned to having to live with it. Other plots don't seem to have anywhere as much as we have here.

We have a lot of woody prunings from the site. These come from the soft fruit and the apples and pears. It's often difficult to know what to do with these because of the restriction we have on fires on the site. We are experimenting with a 'dead hedge'. We've installed 2 rows of vertical supports and are putting our prunings between them. The idea is that over time these will break down and we'll be able to put them back into the soil.

If you are interested in having a plot on the site, please get in touch with our chairman Brian Clarke on 01653 628625.

*Terry Baker*

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## Slingsby Allotment Vacancies

We have a couple of **half size** plots coming vacant from 1<sup>st</sup> January. If you are interested, or know of someone who may be interested, then please contact Brian Clake on tel. 628625.

If there is no interest from residents in the Parish then we will open it up to others from outside the Parish, so it is important that you get in touch as soon as possible.

Many thanks



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**News from All Saints**

Christmas is approaching and there are lots of lovely events planned, including services and carol singing with our friends at The Chapel.

We are holding our second Parish Christmas Lunch on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December at the Village Hall at 12:30 - Drink on arrival, Christmas lunch, choice of pudding. Bring your own drinks and glasses. Adults £15 and children £5.

The second Christmas Tree festival in the church from 15<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> December. The theme is 12 days of Christmas, featuring a knitted display 'if you go down to the woods'. Admission by donation.

Our annual Christmas concert is on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 5:30 featuring Terrington Singers and our wonderful Slingsby singers and musicians. Tickets £5 on the door.

Tickets for the lunch in advance from Anita 07935830476, Chrysa 07779333489, Diane 07557850383 or Liz 07841417007.

Christmas Eve Crib Service at 4pm in All Saints.

Christmas Day Eucharist at 10:30 am in All Saints

*Chrysa Appa*



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## Village Hall bookings for Dec 2022

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Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup>	School Xmas play rehearsals	9:00-12:00
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas bacon butties	10:30 onwds
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup>	School rehearsals. Badminton.	9:30-3:00 7:30-9:00pm
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup>	School rehearsals. YOGA with Tracy	9:30-3:00 6:45-8:45
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	School rehearsals	9:30-3:00
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup>	School plays	10:00-8:00
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Fit	9:30-10:30
Sat 10 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas Bingo	7:15 start
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup>	P.C.C. Christmas Lunch	12:30 start
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	7:30-9:00pm
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sowers & Growers with Kym Queen. Tickets from Janet on 628625	7:00 start
Thurs 15 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Fit. School Xmas Party. YOGA with Tracy	9:15-10:15 1:30-6:30 6:45-8:15
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup>	Keep Fit	9:30-10:30
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup>	Badminton	7:30-9:00pm

**Village Hall prices:** Main Hall £10/hour

Kitchen £10 per session, Committee Room £5/hour.

We cater for events, small parties, funerals etc.

## Chapel news

There is so much planned for the time leading up to Christmas and you will be getting details posted through your door. We hope that this Christmas time is a really happy and blessed time for everyone.

Soupa lunch continues to go very well, with many people coming to the Chapel Schoolroom to enjoy good food and good company! Others who are less mobile have everything delivered to their door. Our Christmas Soupa lunch is on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12noon and, as well as food with a Christmas flavour we will be having some carols and other items. We invite you to join us and If you haven't been before give us a ring - Stephen & Rachel on 628277 or Geoff & Karen on 628055 so we have an idea of numbers. Our January Soupa lunch is on 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Regarding services, we are now having occasional Café Style worship, which we hold in the Schoolroom. It is a very informal style of worship, with music by our Worship Group and a short Gospel message. We enjoy extra refreshments part way through and enjoy chatting and discussing topical items. The next one is on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 10-30am and will be led by Stephen & Rachel.

If anyone would like to be kept informed of services and other activities, please get in touch with Stephen on 628277 or e-mail [stephenprest@outlook.com](mailto:stephenprest@outlook.com) and we will add you to our e-mail list, or add you to our mailing list for our Methodist bi-monthly plan.

Happy Christmas everyone! *Stephen Prest*



## A message from Karen

...I love the season of Advent; that special time, anticipating once more our celebration of the coming of Jesus - God's amazing invitation to know Him and walk with Him through life.

Beautiful music floats through the darkness of winter, reminding us to listen again and hear afresh His message of deep hope. Humanity certainly needs that now as much as it ever did! May we all listen and hear Good News....

*Karen Bishop*

## ITVX is coming!

This is not intended to be an advert but a warning. If you are one who streams television via the internet, and particularly ITV, you might like to know that ITV Hub will shortly change its name to ITVX. This will be done automatically, so there's no need to do anything. Please don't be scammed into thinking there is!

## Slingsby Chapel Christmas events

**Sunday 18 December at 10-30am United Village Carol Service in the Methodist chapel.**

Followed by light refreshments.

**Wednesday 21 December at 12pm Christmas Soupa Lunch in the Methodist chapel**  
Contact Stephen and Rachel Prest 01653 628277

**Wednesday 21 December Village Carol singing. Meet on The Green at 6pm.**  
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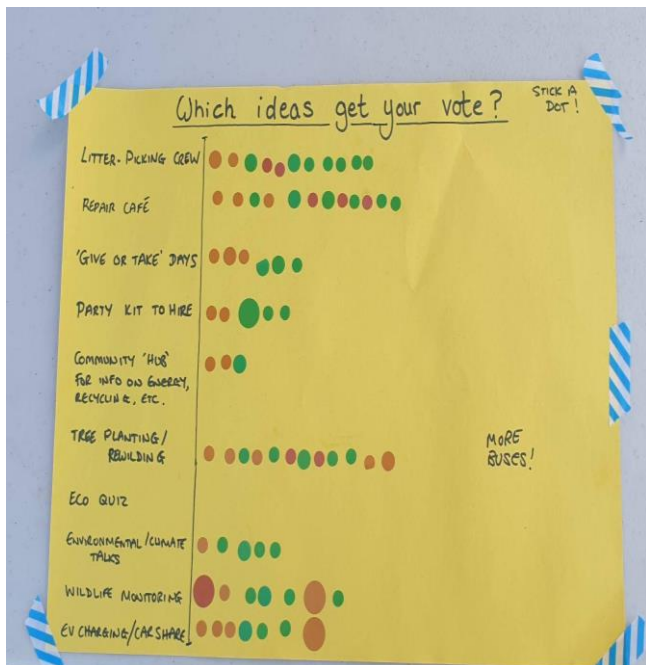



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## Introducing the Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Environmental Group

The Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Environmental Group is a new group in the parish, bringing together like-minded individuals who have an interest in sustainability, the environment and its application locally.

### Hearing your thoughts



Above: Which ideas get your vote?



Above: The Ryedale Environmental Group Stand at the Slingsby Duck Race

We had our first meeting in the summer of 2022 and attended the Duck Race joining the Ryedale Environmental Group

(<https://ryedaleenvirogroup.co.uk/>) stand (see pictures). We used the event to collect residents' ideas on what people thought the Slingsby 2030 vision should be and which events/ideas people wanted the group to focus on (see photos). For those of you who completed the Parish Survey, you will also have noticed that it contained a section on the environment. We'll be using all of this to plan our events and activities over the coming years.

**At the moment we're focusing on three main events/activities:**

*A Give or Take Event* - date to be confirmed - this is a great way to encourage everyone to keep more things in circulation rather than throwing them away. It's a bit like a bring-and-buy sale but with no money involved - you can donate unwanted items and take away useful things from other people, all for free. Every item we buy and use as consumers represents energy and materials taken from the natural environment so when we avoid sending unwanted items to landfill, we can reduce energy, waste and cost, with less pollution for our local area. Recycling materials is a good start, but reusing an item is even better so that it doesn't have to be reprocessed into something new.

*Slingsby Sports Club Quiz Environmental Takeover* – 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 - The normal Slingsby Club Quiz but with an environmental twist. All the normal rounds and fun, but with an environmental theme.

*A community litter pick* - date to be confirmed (probably late March when the weather gets a bit better) - The parish council has requested and received litter picking equipment and we're going to use this to do a community litter pick. The event will be family/child friendly and, as well as cleaning up the parish, it will also give us a good idea of the type of litter and problematic locations so we can act to tackle this issue in the future. After the litter pick, we plan to gather for some hot drinks to continue the conversation around local environment issues.

### Sharing information and resources

We'll be regularly contributing to The Triangle and want to use our section to share useful information (please do let us know if there is anything you . . .



would like to see).

In this issue we wanted to highlight the excellent Ryedale Environmental Group GREEN GUIDE (<https://ryedaleenvirogroup.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Ryedale-Green-Guide-Spring-2021.pdf>). The green guide has local information on recycling, insulation, energy efficiency, community kitchens and much more.

We also wanted to use this space to remind residents what they can and can't put in their Green, Black and Blue recycling containers as annoyingly many things that can technically be recycled can't be recycled by Ryedale Council (in the kerbside bins at least). The table below details what can and can't be

recycled in each container. If you can't recycle something in the kerbside collections, other locations may be available for recycling and can be found on the Ryecycle 'Find a recycling facility' webpage

(<https://www.recyclenow.com/recycling-locator>) and there are even further locations in the green guide above!

Finally we'd like to invite you to join us! If you're interested in joining the group please get in contact. Please e-mail Kate Stansfield [katestansfield26@gmail.com](mailto:katestansfield26@gmail.com) who will add you to our mailing list.

*Victoria Wells*

<b>Green recycling container</b>	<b>Black recycling container</b>	<b>Blue recycling container/blue bags</b>
<b>Yes please:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Any plastic bottles from the kitchen, utility or bathroom</li><li>Drinks and food cans, biscuit tins and aerosols</li></ul>	<b>Yes please:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>All glass bottles.</li><li>All glass jars.</li></ul>	<b>Yes please:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Newspapers</li><li>Magazines</li><li>Junk mail</li><li>Catalogues</li><li>White papers</li><li>Telephone directories</li><li>Cardboard boxes</li><li>Cardboard food packaging</li><li>Greeting cards</li><li>Kitchen/loo roll tubes</li><li>Envelopes with plastic windows removed</li><li>Paper and card</li></ul>
<b>No thanks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Yoghurt pots</li><li>Plastic bags</li><li>Polystyrene</li><li>Cling film</li><li>Food trays</li><li>Pots</li><li>Paint tins</li><li>Cutlery</li><li>Large metal items</li></ul>	<b>No thanks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Window glass</li><li>Crockery</li><li>Ceramics</li><li>Pyrex</li><li>Vision ware e.g. spectacles</li></ul>	<b>No thanks:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Wallpaper</li><li>Beverage cartons (tetra paks)</li><li>Polystyrene</li><li>Plastic bags</li><li>Cling film</li><li>Cardboard with food on it</li></ul>

## SIMPKIN - Slingsby's Lost Apple

At my home at Coulton Mill I have tried to gather together every known Yorkshire variety of apple ( and a few more besides...). Each one has a unique heritage and distinctiveness which I think is worth preserving for future generations.

My searches have taken me to Tasmania, Sydney, New York State and the Himalaya of Uttar Pradesh in northern India. There are a few apples which are now lost but I thought at least I knew their names.

It was with some surprise then, that I recently found out early interest in historic Yorkshire orchards was first raised publicly in an article in the May 1986 edition of *The Dalesman*, written by a man from Stonegrave, George Morris. In his article Mr Morris lists several names of apples which are well known to me. One, however, was a complete surprise - Simpkin, or 'Simpkins Pippin', of Slingsby. George describes it thus,

*A similar puzzle lies behind the apple – Simpkin, or Simpkin's Pippin, all we know is that it was named after Edward Simpkin of Slingsby near Malton, who died in 1811, aged, so they say, over a hundred.*

*His apple was last recorded in 1864, but round Slingsby, they say it was exhibited at a produce show in 1950 or thereabouts.*

*What did Simpkin's Pippin look like? And who was Edward Simpkin – just another of the unknown figures who helped to make Yorkshire a land of orchards?*

To hear mention of a previously unknown Yorkshire variety was surprising but to find it came from Slingsby was remarkable. The Northern Fruit Group had tried to find George Morris' home in Stonegrave but with no luck. Legendary apple expert, Ernest Oddy, is reported to have found the apple in an orchard in Slingsby. Unfortunately, when he found that tree, it was a dead stump.

At that point the trail goes cold. That is, until I saw a copy of *The Triangle*, while sitting contemplating apples in *The Grapes*.

Does anyone know who George Morris was, where he lived and anything about him? Is it possible that someone might have a recollection or family story about the lost Slingsby apple? It's too much to think that a surviving Simpkin apple tree might be out there . . . or is it?

*Nick Burrows*

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## Coneysthorpe snippet from 90 years ago

November 1932. One topic overshadowing all others is the terrible epidemic of typhoid fever in Malton. "Thank God, Coneysthorpe has so far escaped." By December the number of new cases reported is lessening and so far Barton has also escaped. The Benefice is collecting for the Malton Relief Fund and Coneysthorpe raised £12.6s and promised more.

Submitted by a Coneysthorpe subscriber

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## How to make a good cup of Yorkshire Tea, or Yorkshire for beginners!

Nah then, tha wants t'empty t'owd watter aht o' kettle and fill 'er up wi' fresh watter afoor tha puts it on 'ob.

Get taypot reet nicely warmed an' dry insahd, an' then get thi tay in.

Nah, soon ast kettle comes reet on t' boil an' not a second afoor or aftah, get watter poored in 'pot. Dooan't furget! Allus tek pot to kettle and not kettle to pot.

Lerit mash a fair wahl an' then girrit a stir afoor tha pooars it aht.

Nah, thez summas puts milk i' fust and summas puts tay i' fust.

To oor way o' thinkin, th' important thing is to mek certain tha's med plenty fur second elpins!

Anon



## Stephen's Farming Column

Winter is well and truly upon us and although it remains unseasonably mild, we are certainly getting plenty of rain. However we know that it will need a really wet winter to fill our reservoirs.

On the farm, following a good and very dry harvest, the sowing of autumn crops i.e. winter wheat and barley and the oilseed rape all went very well and, with the increased rainfall, the crops are growing very well indeed.

It is a very challenging time for farmers with so much uncertainty, not helped by a government that is having great difficulty making up its mind what it wants farmers to do. How do we balance care for the environment and protection of wildlife with the need to feed the nation? The war in Ukraine has had a tremendous impact on us all and, for farmers it has pushed up fuel and fertilizer prices to record levels and reduced the number of seasonal foreign workers, who are so necessary to help with harvesting many crops. Also, Avian Influenza is an ongoing threat. It is a very serious disease killing many domestic and wild birds and it is having serious effects on egg and poultry production. Have you bought your Christmas Turkey yet? They could be in short supply!

On a happier note, I want to tell you about a farm near Leeds called Crag House Farm, which is the base for a Christian charity called 'Caring For Life'. The charity has a team of people who go out to help the most vulnerable folk in society and to people referred to them by the local councils in and around Leeds. The CEO of the charity tells us this is what they often find. "Chaos, as people struggle to put food on the table; struggle to pay the bills and try to keep the home habitable. Chaos as they fear harm from neighbours and family members; chaos as they struggle with addictions; chaos as they live with the haunting effects of childhood abuse and ongoing abuse from those who would still do the harm; chaos with their broken minds."

On Crag House Farm there are all kinds of livestock and poultry, as well as a horticultural department and a very good café and farm shop, so where

possible, people are brought on to the farm to help with all the many and varied activities. This

gets them away from situations of abuse, deprivation and neglect and gives them a new perspective on life. Working with animals and out in the gardens is very therapeutic as well as helping them to make new friends and build new relationships. The image below shows horse riding lessons.

You can check out the charity website on [www.caringforlife.co.uk](http://www.caringforlife.co.uk)



*Stephen Prest*

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### Jo's Pantomime quiz answers. No cheating!

Characters are:

- Buttons, Widow Twankey, Abanazar, Sleeping Beauty, Peter Pan,  
2. Dick Whittington, 3. Puss in Boots  
4. His family cow. 5. He's behind you!  
6. Principal Boy, 7. Bashful, Doc, Dopey, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, and Sneezy  
8. 1,001 Nights (or Arabian Nights)  
9. Baron Hardup 10. A pumpkin  
11. Peter Pan 12. Dandini  
13. Hansel And Gretel, 14. Bells of London  
15. One hundred

Famous faces are:

George Bush, Jennifer Aniston, Bernard Cribbins, Wayne Sleep, Wendi Peters

Thanks to Jo Breckon for setting the pantomime quiz.

## All Saints Slingsby

As many of you will know, this Autumn we lost one of the most dedicated and determined supporters of All Saints' church, Margaret Mackinder. It is impossible to put into words what Margaret has done for the church over the years, from over 40 years of faithful service on its PCC in various roles, to keeping a watchful eye on day-to-day maintenance, fabric and the necessary Faculties and fundraising that goes with looking after a Grade II\* listed building. It feels incredibly daunting to try and follow in her footsteps, but we will try. Our first priority is the conservation of the west window, about which we wrote in the last Triangle. We have had some grant success and a generous donation, but we still have about £15,000 to raise. Please do support us if you can at our upcoming events over Christmas, and thank you for your support during the Autumn at our wonderful Harmonia concert and Italian nights.

We would also warmly welcome offers of help, across all areas of our activity, as we find our way back from COVID. People may still feel nervous about volunteering, or unable to offer help because of the pressures on living costs, but we would like to know if people would like to help us, and how they would like to be contacted. At the back of church on the noticeboard you will therefore find a list of possible activities or roles which we would love help with, from supporting us with a bit of churchyard maintenance. Maybe joining our cleaning or flower rotas, helping at events with running raffles, or simply being willing to offer a raffle prize or a bit of baking occasionally. We are also looking to re-establish our sidesmens' rota (welcoming people to our services and handing out hymn books), for which we can offer training and support. Please leave your number and/or contact email, or pop them through Kate's door (Holly Cottage, Church Lane).

As we head into the New Year, we will be updating our electoral roll (a list of people of 'good standing' (as the guidance has it!) in the community, who both support the church and are entitled to vote at our annual parochial council meeting. It doesn't cost anything to be a member, but it is important as we make big decisions about the future of the church and our mission and ministry here in Slingsby. Again, ask Kate ([kategilesslingsby@gmail.com](mailto:kategilesslingsby@gmail.com)) for an application form and please do let us know if you would like to set up a regular donation via a covenant.

## Update on the Christmas services and Interregnum from churchwarden, Ray Watson.

We are still without a Rector, but being very well supported by our fantastic retired clergy and by lay-led services (quick advert here for Keith's wonderful Matins on the first Sunday of the month, which can be followed by a bacon butty in the village hall - what's not to like?!)

It's been great to welcome the school back into church for a lively Harvest festival, classroom visits (how many crosses can you find in the church?). One of our recent highlights was the Remembrance service where Slingsby schoolchildren read the stories of some of the 'sons of Slingsby' who gave their lives for their village and community during the wars. They read beautifully, with additional help pointing out the war memorials and adding some dramatic flourishes which brought the service to life. We were very proud of them.

We look forward to the joy of the Christmas season and village favourites - our winter concert, parish Christmas lunch, our joint carol service with chapel, carol singing around the village and our very special crib service - which we will try to move back into church this year. We are also hosting the Benefice Christmas morning service at 10.30am and will be surrounded throughout the festive season by our Christmas Tree festival. Church will be open every day, so please bring your friends and family to look at this very special festive experience (for free!)

We have - finally - been told that we can begin to put together our parish and Benefice profile to advertise for a future Rector, who will be what is called a 'house for duty' clergy person serving the Street parishes. They will be offered accommodation but be unpaid and part-time, so 'selling' ourselves to the right person will be really important, and will take time (probably about a year!) The Diocese intends to sell the Rectory in Amotherby. We won't receive any income from its sale but it is currently a bid of a financial burden because it cannot be let due to not meeting current energy efficiency criteria for tenants, yet we are still paying to look after it. In the longer term, there are plans to amalgamate with parts of the Howardian benefice (Huttons Ambo, Welburn, Bulmer, Terrington), who are about to get a new clergy person - and we'll be looking to find ways of working with that person closely as soon as they are officially appointed.

*Kate Giles*





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## Slingsby Sports and Social Club

It has been another busy period at the Sports Club, culminating with a very successful bonfire night and fireworks event. The bonfire in particular was spectacular and created a fantastic backdrop for the fireworks. Once again we were able to host a smaller, quieter display for younger children before the main fireworks event. Thankfully, the weather, which had been poor, improved sufficiently for everyone to enjoy the display.

Events such as bonfire night take a huge amount of work to organise and run and we are indebted to all the fantastic volunteers that helped out preparing for the event, helping out on the evening and then clearing up afterwards. Our thanks go to everyone for giving up their time to put on a fantastic event.

At the time of writing we are starting to look forward to the excitement of the Football World Cup. Although it is unusual to have it at the time of the year that it is, it still provides an opportunity for us all to cheer on England and hope that they can go one better than the euros and emulate the Lionesses and win another major trophy. All of the England matches will be shown on the big screen and everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the atmosphere.

We are also looking forward to the festive season, with lots of plans in place over the course of December. We will be having our usual first Friday of the month charity quiz night on 2<sup>nd</sup> December before looking forward to the traditional Christmas Darts and Dominoes games night on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December.

In the Christmas week we will be holding the annual Christmas draw on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 have live music on Christmas Eve and, as is the tradition, the club will be open on Christmas Day afternoon for drinks. We will then see out a remarkable year with live music on New Year's Eve.

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 very happy 2023.

*Paul Hogarth*

Chairman, Slingsby Sports and Social Club

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## Slingsby Ladies Group

At our September meeting, we welcomed Christine Pietrowski, who gave us a very interesting talk, Black Cats and Broken Mirrors.

Just as Christine started to talk the door into the hall opened on its own, very spooky..... even more so when she told us that when she counted us all up, we had the right number for a witches' coven, so was the devil joining us?

Christine told us that the top 5 superstitions are:

- 1st - Touch Wood
- 2nd - Walking under ladders
- 3rd - Putting umbrella up indoors
- 4th - Broken mirror
- 5th - Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

Christine went on to tell us in more detail about these superstitions and what they mean. Many of us didn't know why we do these things and how they began. A really interesting and informative talk.

In November we had lunch at The Worsley Arms and then settled down to watch the film, The Duke. A very enjoyable way to spend a dark and rainy afternoon.

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.

We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas.

*Liz Senior*



## Ghosts at Nunnington Hall

Nunnington Hall is a small manor house on the banks of the river Rye. There has been a house on the site since the 13<sup>th</sup> century however the present hall consists of a 16<sup>th</sup> century part, a 17<sup>th</sup> century part and 20<sup>th</sup> century additions. Many people have therefore lived and died here for over 400 years so it may be expected that the house is haunted.

Many unexplained experiences abound, from bumps and crashes in the night, turning on and off lights, doors slamming, floating balls of light, children's laughter and footsteps echoing on empty corridors. All have been experienced by staff, volunteers and visitors over the years. Let us look at some of the ghost stories.

The Stone Hall is the first that visitors enter these days. This was a kitchen in the 17<sup>th</sup> century, the servants' domain. At the end of the day, when the work was done, they would sit by the large fireplace, resting. Not long ago an old man and women, dressed in old-fashioned clothes, were briefly seen sitting by the fire, until they faded from sight.

The Smoking Room was Lord Preston's bedroom in the 17<sup>th</sup> century. Adjoining it is his private Sitting Room. Lord Preston was a supporter of King James II, the king who was deposed because he was a Roman Catholic, and Lord Preston almost lost his head because of his support! He is thought to be still plotting to return King James II to the throne until the end of his life at Nunnington and would entertain fellow conspirators in his private Sitting Room. Sometimes furtive whispers can be heard coming from this room – perhaps he is still plotting!

The Oak Hall is the largest room in the house and it was often used for parties in previous centuries. It has been known that sounds can be heard from behind the door in the corridor outside, talking, laughter, clinking glasses, music etc. but of course there is no one there. Also, all the owners of Nunnington Hall have kept dogs and the sound of dogs' claws clattering along the landing and down the stairs into the Oak Hall have been reported.

Behind the east wall of the Drawing Room used to be the manager's flat and sometimes, in the night, the sound of a musical box playing could be heard coming from the Drawing Room, although there is now no musical box there. However it was discovered in the mid 20<sup>th</sup> century that two musical boxes were kept in that room.

Mrs Fife's bedroom has a small Dressing Room attached. This room has a group of pictures on the walls, all mezzotints of Joshua Reynolds portraits. These have been known to tilt out of true of their own accord. This has occurred again after they have been straightened up. Also, occasionally in this room, visitors have reported feeling a hand gently touch them on the shoulder.

The Oak Bedroom is the old, Tudor part of the house. It has dark panelling, a small window and very uneven floorboards. A door leads to the next bedroom and the small, brass doorknob has been seen to turn by itself. In Tudor times tobacco had just been discovered and it was beginning to be used in clay pipes. The occupants of Nunnington were probably no strangers in the use of tobacco and sometimes there is the distinct smell of pipe tobacco in the Oak Bedroom.

The Panelled Bedroom is another room in the Tudor part of the house and this is where a ball of light was seen floating across the room. Visitors and one of the guide volunteers witnessed this in broad daylight and one of the visitors actually photographed it – very spooky! This room was a guest room in the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, but no guest wanted to sleep there, as ghostly happenings always occurred during the night. One day some years ago the general manager was showing a new staff member round the house. When they came to the Panelled Bedroom the door wouldn't open, a rolled up rug had been pushed against the door on the inside. Now this room has no other exit than this one door, and window has bars, so no exit that way is possible. No one was in the room, so how did this happen?

Finally, there is an apocryphal story, as there are no names or dates to verify it, of a widowed mother who was left with a stepson and her own, younger son. It is said that she secretly murdered the stepson in order that her own son could inherit the Hall and her late husband's estate. Unfortunately her own child was killed by falling from a second floor window, whilst searching for his step-brother. The Panelled Bedroom was perhaps hers. Children's laughter can sometimes be heard coming from the second floor corridor, late in the evening. Are the two brothers still up there, playing together and are they causing much of the mayhem in the Hall? Who knows?

*With apologies for not recording the author of this piece, which was sent in some three years ago - Ed*

## A Fairytale Feast for the eyes



Once again, Castle Howard have put on an amazing Christmas extravaganza. This year they take you into the magical world of the Fairytale. 'Into the Woods' skilfully blends together characters such as Little Red Riding Hood, Jack, Hansel and Gretel and Sleeping Beauty, to name but a few. Their magical worlds are interwoven into a narrative that weaves you through the intricately, detailed themed rooms.

A Christmas tree, cut from the Castle Howard estate, stands proud in the Main Hall representing the Gingerbread House. Here, Rapunzel awaits in the gallery above with her golden hair tumbling down, waiting to rescue the characters from the evil Witch. The journey ends with the characters meeting up at the wedding of Cinderella and Prince Charming.

The atmosphere is enhanced by the innovative use of sound and lighting, especially the amazing ceiling light show that spreads through the whole of the long gallery. It definitely gets you into the Festive spirit with something for all ages.

*Jo Breckon & Jon Boots*

