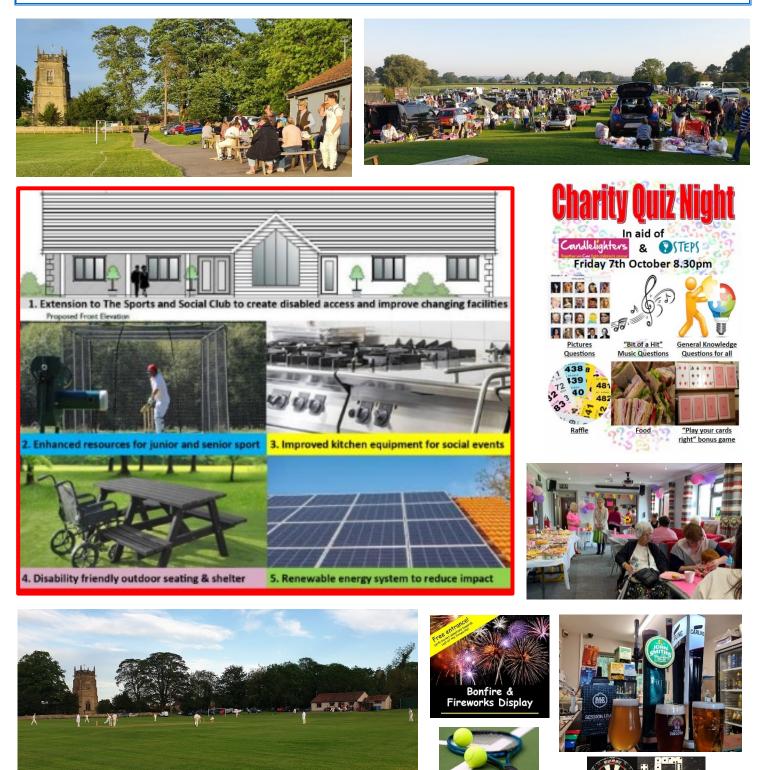
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By the time the Triangle is delivered, most will have heard of the exciting plans proposed for our sports field and club areas. Our front page shows these proposals together with pictures of the some of the many things that happen on the field and in the clubhouse. Enjoying summer evening sunshine, car boots, quizzes, parties, fundraisers, cricket, tennis, darts and dominoes, children's play, bonfire night, and of course football. See Chairman, Paul Hogarth's, article about the proposals on page 17.

One from the Album - From approx 2000 - Schoolchildren enjoying new equipment just installed on the



school lawn. The year group was a large one and left a hole in school numbers when they moved on to Malton school. This was in the days when pupils at Slingsby school hovered around the 30 mark!

I wonder where these children are now and what they are doing? The Triangle would love to hear. I know at least one of them is living and working abroard. Many of them have their own children now too. Perhaps some even attend Slingsby school - Ed



Lots of things are happening at the Village Hall in the coming months – see page 23 for more posters

Thank you to the Triangle reader who spotted Slingsby in The Telegraph newspaper (and to local photographer Charlotte Graham)

### **Herd mentality**

The Clifford Family move their flock of 96 sheep to new pastures on higher ground in Slingsby, North Yorkshire, after excessive rain across the county. *See Weather* 



Charlotte Graham for The Telegraph

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We are happy to announce that the normal hand delivered subscription cost will be £5, due in April 2023. This is a £1 less, as the Triangle Team has decided after reviewing finances that it is able to make a small reduction to the subscription for this year.

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#### A Pint anyone – or a haircut!

Found online – a story published in the Yorkshire Herald newspaper in April 1950.



Ask for a haircut in the average public house and you take a chance on kindly hands propelling you gently but firmly to the door.

But not at The Grapes village inn at Slingsby, near <u>Malton</u>.

A haircut in a pub? Few requests are less likely to excite comment, to raise the eyebrows of the customers in pained surprise, or to lull the buzz of conversation



around the bar. In Slingsby, reaction would be casual; merely a courteous direction down the passage to the Dart Room.

There, every Thursday night, ex-Able Seaman Arthur Wright, from the neighbouring village of Fryton, gets to work with scissors and comb on the heads of male villagers.

What may well be a unique service in a North Riding hostelry is The Grapes' darts room-cumhairdressing saloon, where Arthur Wright dispenses a trim and short back-and-sides, or any haircut to your taste.

And where, should you wish it while waiting your turn, there is congenial company in which to discuss over a friendly glass the prospects of the village soccer team or other topics dear to the men who meet in the mellow atmosphere of a country inn - until Arthur whips his sheet from the neck of the smartly-shorn customer and calls "next please".

A fascinating piece of social history and very apt as we say farewell and celebrate the life of Arthur Wright who died in December 2022. At 98, he may well have been the oldest person in Slingsby and, except for the war years, he lived all his life in our parishes. See page 8 for his obituary.

#### **For Sale**

Small upright freezer. Details from 07779 333489. No charge but donation to All Saints Church would be appreciated.

#### **Chapel News**

The next Soupa lunches are on 15<sup>th</sup> February and 15<sup>th</sup> March. Do come along and join us for delicious soups, tasty sandwiches and amazing puddings. Also, it is a great social occasion. It is at 12 noon in the chapel schoolroom.

#### Warm, social space being offered

In addition to Soupa lunches, we are offering a warm and social space in the Chapel Schoolroom on the first Wednesday of the month from 2pm to 4pm. There will be light refreshments free of charge, free wi-fi, Food Bank drop off point and opportunity to play board games /cards etc. This is in association with the Sports and Social Club who are also offering warm spaces etc.

We are starting on  $1^{\text{st}}$  February and also on  $1^{\text{st}}$  March.

The Womens World Day of Prayer are holding a meeting on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March at 2pm in Slingsby chapel.

#### Stephen Prest

#### Dear Friends,

As I write this at the beginning of 2023 it is both Veganuary and Dry January. After the excesses of Christmas, the encouragement is to hold back on your alcohol intake and eat more healthily. When this appears in the Triangle covering February and March, we in the church, will be beginning to look towards Ash Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup> February) and the start of Lent.

Lent actually meaning "lengthening" as in the northern hemisphere the daylight gets longer. So, the days lengthen out and there is more time for activities. But many people associate Lent with giving up things. Over the years my wife and I have gone through Lent without eating meat and chocolate. I'm not sure which is hardest!? We do it as a discipline, more than as a health kick.

More recently the church has suggested that rather than give something up, people might take something up. That could be a brisk walk or run every day, a new hobby or interest, making new friends or being more in touch with old ones.

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#### /Chapel News continued....

There has also been a focus on being more charitable, so to use the money from whatever you give up to benefit someone else, in this area or across the world.

Lent is primarily a spiritual discipline. "...all Christians are invited to keep these days carefully, to take to heart the call to repentance, to receive the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel, and so to grow in faith and devotion to our Lord." (Methodist & Anglican Lent Liturgy). But it can also focus the mind of anyone who wants to be more disciplined in their own life; whether that is something major like stopping smoking or having a break from technology, or simply eating more fruit or fewer cakes. So, I invite you, whether Christian or not, to observe this season of Lent, by self-denial and charitable giving; by self-examination and repentance; by reading and prayer. It could be good for you and can be good for others around you.

This credit card size reminder was used in the Methodist Church a few years ago to carry in your wallet during Lent.



God bless, Rev Peter Sheasby. Superintendent Minister. Ryedale Methodist Circuit

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#### **Slingsby Ladies Group**

Firstly, on behalf of the Slingsby Ladies Group, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy and Healthy New Year.

At the end of 2022, we enjoyed a fun afternoon at our December Christmas party with a beetle drive, although one table seemed to have special powers producing most of the winners!

We then kicked off 2023 with a delicious New Year lunch at The Worsley Arms. It was good to see everyone in such good spirits after the Christmas festivities.

We have a full programme planned for the next twelve months. 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.



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#### Arthur Wright 1924 - 2022

What can I tell you about a man who was part of this world for nearly a century? Allow me to share with you a bit about my Grandad and what made him special.

Grandad was born on the 24<sup>th</sup> June 1924 in Fryton, travelled the world, and finished his life 1 mile away in Slingsby. He was one of 5 children born to George and Mary Wright. He was a brother to Stan (who also lived in Slingsby until his death in 2015), Ab, Lil, and George - all still live locally.

I have no doubt that at that time my Grandad's childhood was tough, but I know as a family we loved hearing his stories. I remember him telling me about Slingsby getting its first cars. I struggle to comprehend that time when there was no TV, no cars, no central heating. Grandad saw huge changes in his life.

The woods and surrounding landscape around Baxton Howe were a significant place throughout his life. He told us how he would go into the woods with his brothers and their dogs for hours rabbiting, once staying up there so long they had to carry the dogs back home as they couldn't walk another step.

Grandad did not love school and would have rather been anywhere else, I know there were days he would try to skip school and was pleased to leave school at 13. He was a house boy for a while before going to Harrogate living with his aunt whilst learning his trade and becoming a barber.

As war broke out Grandad chased adventure doing his bit by enlisting joining the Royal Navy and volunteering to become а submariner.

Photo shows Arthur in his Navy Uniform outside Prospect Stores in Slingsby



In order to join up grandad had to lie about his age as he was too young. He then had to get a friend to take his swimming test as he wasn't a strong enough swimmer to get through the tests.

Being a Barber also helped his application. On one occasion his submarine was deployed for 60 days rather than the usual 30. When they surfaced people were astounded how well presented the crew were, Grandad had ensured all of them had had haircuts and shaves before getting back.

Despite Grandad's jovial stories, the adversity he and his fellow submariners faced was unimaginable, but of course he took it in his stride. He slept between 2 torpedos; he was on one of the first submarines into Pearl Harbour after the Japanese attack in December 1941; whilst on active duty, he didn't see his family for 4 years.

Grandad often joked about seeing the world 'all under water'. However, he did get rest breaks in exotic places like Australia and Algiers.

After arriving back from the war Grandad worked in the woods and building houses, no trip through North Grimston was complete without pointing out the house 'he built'.

He then took on a role at Ben Parlor's Barbers shop in Malton, later taking on the shop on his own without initially mentioning it to his wife. Our family often meet people who remember Grandad as the barber who cut their hair when they were younger.

Grandad fell in love and married my Nana (Joyce Wilson) in April 1952 this was the beginning of a wonderful marriage that lasted 67 years. Married life started in High Street Slingsby with my Nana's family. They moved to their newly built house in Balksyde in 1954 and Grandad continued to live there for the rest of his days, Nana sadly died in 2019.

Grandad and Nana welcomed two much loved Children, Pauline and Dave. I know they were a very happy family and very loved. Some of the special times they shared were the holidays in Great Yarmouth and walks in the woods. What can I tell you about my Grandad's character?

- He was very stubborn There was no changing his mind once it was made, well unless Nana asked me to ask him something. She always said I could change his mind.
- He hated cats no cat was welcome in his beloved garden.
- He was hugely realistic He knew how the world worked. He knew there were hard times and good.
- He was kind and loving and family orientated. Whether it was flying a kite with my dad, walking in the woods with family, or playing hide and seek. He spent hours with the family.
- He loved a wind up and a joke. He once dressed as a woman for the Slingsby gala. He sat next to his mum, and she didn't even recognise him!

He teased my Nana mercilessly. One of his favourites was to tease Nana about footballer, David Beckham or cricketer, Darren Gough.

David Beckham was my Nana's favourite footballer for many reasons not all to do with football. Grandad never missed an opportunity to highlight unfavourable headlines, criticise his game - all to tease my Nana.



Arthur with wife Joyce at Castle Howard

During my Grandad's life he travelled all over Europe with my Nana and their great friend John Perry and Perrys Coaches. Grandad also enjoyed darts and dominoes and could often be found in the Malt Shovel or Worsley Arms.

He had a great many hobbies, gardening was a big part of his life, first with a flower display equal to that of the Chelsea flower show and then a vegetable patch and greenhouse.

He made wine, gallons and gallons of it. Peach, apple, parsnip, carrot, bilberry. This again became a family activity finding the produce and helping to bottle up. At brewing time, the house aroma was less than favourable, but this stuff was like rocket fuel and the family all enjoyed it. He also made the most amazing soup.

Grandad was a huge walker, and most days after he retired, he could be found within a 10-mile radius of Slingsby with his brother Stan. There was no route they didn't know and a great many they made up.

Grandad had 4 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and spoiled them all.

So, what is the secret of such a wonderful man and such a long life? For Grandad, One kidney, a stroke in your 30's, salt on everything, mustard on Yorkshire puddings, copious amounts of mints, wine, rum, gardening, walking, a flat cap, a sense of humour and love!

He is a much-missed Father and Father-in-law, Brother and Brother-in-Law, Uncle, and Great Uncle, Grandad, and Great Grandad, friend and neighbour. I know Grandad would say I've had a good innings - for our family though it is the end of an era.

> Kara Flint. Granddaughter



The 'Wright' clan pictured in 1999 (with partners) at a family party for Lil's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday. From left George, Queenie, Shirley, Albert, Lil, Ron, Joyce, Arthur, Stan, Zena

#### **All Saints Church**

#### **Christmas events 2022**

As a parish we have been blessed with a wonderful wealth of events leading up to Christmas which brought together people from all aspects of village life. The village was beautiful with lights in individual homes and the chapel, village green and the church.

The second All Saints Christmas Lunch was held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December in Slingsby Village Hall. 65 people sat down to a two-course meal with Prosecco. Tickets completely sold out within a couple of weeks.



Christmas lunch in the Village Hall

The church was decorated with over 15 Christmas trees on a theme of the 12 days of Christmas and open from 15<sup>th</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup> December. The school children made decorations with their hopes for the coming year and hung them on 2 trees. There were 12 light-hearted displays of the 12 days placed around the church. A feature was a complete forest of knitted trees which were sold off after the crib service, with proceeds to our development fund.

Some of the decorated trees in Church





The School held their end of term service with Rev Douglas Robinson and the church was filled with children and their families. Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> saw a return of Terrington Singers for the annual Christmas concert and this year were supported by singers and musician from Slingsby and Fryton.

On 18<sup>th</sup> there was a joint carol service in the chapel with readings, carols and a gentle re-enactment of the nativity story.

21<sup>st</sup> saw the carol singing around the village ending up in the Grapes for carols and a welcome mince pie and coffee.

The crib service was held on Christmas eve with the children playing a role in decorating the crib, and a highlight was the lighting of over 100 candles and seeing them glowing in the partial light. Christmas day was celebrated in the church with a benefice communion service.

The year ended with a party in the Sports and Social club with lots of games and fun and the All Saints team winning the quiz!

Chryssa Apps



The decorations in Church included this imaginative 'Maypole wreath'. See page 19 and page 22 for information on the 2023 Mayday celebrations.

#### Aren't we lucky?

What makes a village more than just a cluster of houses? Answer – a good community spirit, which Slingsby has by the bucketful, helped along by our friends in Fryton and South Holme.

Looking back over the Christmas period there were so many events, such as the Village Hall Bingo, Christmas Swag Night, superb Christmas Lunch in the village hall, Terrington Choir, Slingsby Singers and Musicians' Evening in All Saints Church and the wonderful display of decorated Christmas Trees in the festival, the monthly Sunday bacon butties in the village hall (delicious) where you could have a good natter and catch up on events, joint Carol services with Slingsby Methodist Chapel, and finally the events in the Social Club. All in all, a wonderful build up to the festive period.

The Christmas Lights round the trees on The Green, plus people's decorative house-lights really brightened the place up for December and some of January.

Up and coming events to look forward to are the monthly quiz and exciting developments in the Social Club, the traditional May Day festivities, the Coronation special weekend, the Duck Race and The Produce Show.

I've often heard it said that "we are so lucky to live in such a vibrant village with so many things going on". Of course, we all know that it's actually hard work by the women and men who organise and run these events, rather than luck! So, I'd like to say **A BIG THANKYOU** to everyone who helps keep this village alive. Please keep up the good work!

Carol Thornley

#### Allotment news

As usual at this time of year the allotment site is very wet and we don't spend as much time there as we might. We still have some broccoli and a few sprouts to pick. Our leeks are much smaller than usual due to a combination of the lack of water in summer and my neglect of the weeds they were growing in.

In the week before Christmas, I managed to dig up the Christmas tree we've had growing on the site for a few years. The previous ones we've had I've just cut off at the base with a saw, but we always planned that this one would be dug up with a reasonable amount of root so that we could grow it on in a pot for future Christmases. It took me about 3 hours struggle to get it out of the ground and then another struggle to persuade it to stay in the wheelbarrow while I pushed it back home. Overall,



once decorated it looked good and it's now back outside in its pot in our back garden hopefully still alive and ready to put on a bit more growth for Christmas 2023.

Photo shows Christmas tree (Nordmann Fir) still looking healthy after 3 weeks inside.

Looking at my old Grow your Own part-work from 1978 it says I should be sowing various vegetables under cloches, but I don't have any so that's not a viable thing for me to do. Does anyone still use glass cloches these days? I have just sown my tomatoes and peppers on the window sill at home. Hopefully this will give them a good start and we'll get an early crop of both this year. Tomatoes, along with apples, are our most reliable crop on the allotment and we use them all year round, either fresh or frozen. I will finish off the fruit pruning in the next week or two.

I'm planning to thin out the fruiting spurs on our apples to reduce how much crop we get. I haven't pruned the fruited canes from our bramble and so will do that too in the next week or so and reduce the number of canes we leave to fruit.

My Grow your Own also says I should be harvesting carrots, French beans, lettuce and parsley from the greenhouse now. I don't ever remember having anything growing in the greenhouse at this time of year. There is always more to learn.

7erry Baker



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#### **Alternative Fuel Payment**

The government has recently announced that people who use alternative fuels like oil to heat their homes will receive an additional £200 help with the cost of these fuels.

I believe this will include any household that isn't connected to the main gas network. This should mean that every home in Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme will qualify, whether they use oil, coal, LPG or wood etc.

There should be no need to claim this money as it will be paid directly to each household automatically through your electricity provider. You will already be in receipt of at least £400 help towards increased electricity costs.

It now looks as though the £200 Alternative Fuel Payment will be paid sometime in February.

Terry Baker

#### Local History Group

The Local History Group had a great series of meetings in the Autumn, with a fascinating talk on dialect, a wonderful session looking at local maps, and our coffee and mince pies in the pub listening to local folk tales, ghost stories and superstitions drawn from Canon Atkinson and our own Miss Lascelles. It's interesting how often we go back to Miss Lascelles' archive as a source of information and inspiration - thanks so much to David for all the digitising!

As usual, we are taking a break in the cold winter evenings of January, but we hope to resume in February, with a series of talks on prehistory in Slingsby, including a session with Bruce Harrison from Wath, who has a fascinating collection of flints and great knowledge of the Lake of Pickering from his farm, a lecture from Professor Mel Giles on chariot burials and square barrow cemeteries (including our own here in Slingsby), and another map session in which we'll look at another new 18th century map found by Chris and some 19th century maps where we can begin to plot our own house locations and how they've changed over time.

We'll also think about planning some visits and activities over the course of the Summer together.

If you'd like to be added to the mailing list and join the group (no annual fee, just pay for the sessions you attend), do let me know. Everyone is welcome. We usually meet on the third Tuesday of the month in the Chapel schoolroom.

Kate Giles

### 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Slingsby Produce & Pumpkin Show



Slingsby's popular Pumpkin & Produce Show will be celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2023. An event not to be missed!

The Committee want to pull out all the stops and have the best show ever, so photographers, gardeners, bakers, handcrafters, artists, jam and



pickle makers, and of course schoolchildren please get busy preparing to celebrate half a century of this popular annual event.

**Our AGM will be held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March** in the Village Hall Committee Room at 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend and any ideas how to make this show special would be welcome.

Carol Thoruley Treasurer



#### Stephen's Farming Column

Writing this in early January when life on the farm is very quiet, the drought of last summer has been replaced by very wet weather during the winter months; the field drains are running well again and the reservoirs are filling up fast. Since I have nothing exciting to tell you about crops and prices or Government farm policy which is very slow to evolve, although recent announcements suggest that more support is coming for farm stewardship and other environmental schemes.

However, over the years as I have walked round the farm, I have often picked up bits of pottery, fossils, flints, coins and other strange objects. The following are some of the things I have found:

One of the best things I have found is a Quern stone which was an ancient way to grind corn first used in neolithic times 4500-2500 BC but probably still used in of the poorest parts of the world today.

I have found many fossils including a large ammonite which came up the potato harvester, and some smaller ones. A belemnite (thunderbolt), a crinoid (sea lily) stem, scallop fossils. I have found lots of pieces of pottery including a medieval handle with tin glaze, probably Brandsby ware. I have also found many flints, some scraping flints and cutting flints and a gun flint which were used on the earliest guns to create a spark which fired off the gunpowder.

Also found are an ancient stone bead probably Roman, a lead spindle whirl also Roman to Saxon used in the spinning of wool, and an ancient stone bead also probably Roman. Also found is an old whetstone which was used to sharpen sickles and scythes etc.

I have found a number of coins over the years too, including some Roman coins in the field next to Slingsby Castle. One shows Romulus and Remus with the wolf that supposedly reared, them dating from the reign of Constantine I, another large Roman bronze coin also we think from Constantine I.

Other coins I have found are:

Queen Mary I groat, (1553-1554),

- George II farthing 1754,
- George III halfpenny Irish with a harp on it,
- A Brutus Sextus halfpenny from 1600's described as counterfeit.

Sincere thanks to Bruce Harrison who helped to identify many of the items.

It is amazing what is out there in the field and countryside around us just waiting to be discovered. Have you found anything maybe in your garden or out on walks in the countryside that you would like to share with us?

Please do let us know.

#### Stephen Prest

The photo below shows the Quern stone which was used to grind corn.



Also pictured is a group of other objects found by Stephen



#### **Brickyard Bulletin**

Looks like winter has arrived then! 2022 seemed like a year of extremes. We had a very dry start to the year, and a wet end. We saw the highest temperatures that I can remember, and a very cold snap in December. This tests even Mother Nature!

Our long-term average rainfall is about 28 inches, and by the end of September we'd only had just over half that amount. November went a long way to making up the 25 inch total for the year, and now January 2023 looks to be following suit! Last year, the driest month was January with 19mm (¾ inch), closely followed by April and August, with November the wettest at 131mm (5¼ inches).

The dry summer was good for cereals on bodied land, but really tested the root crops, and our irrigation system. As ever, beet has showed terrific resilience, with yields only about 10% below average. The surprise (given the sunshine hours) is that the sugar content is comparatively low, mostly I think down to heat stress and drought causing the plants to effectively shut down for quite a period in July and August. We have lifted about 80% of our beet, and fortunately the last 9 acres has some decent top cover to protect it from the upcoming frosts. The sugar factories can cope with frozen beet easily, but thawing beet gums up the slicers and causes no end of bother, particularly if the beet starts to rot.

The potatoes were a mixed bag, with rainfall being the main driver of yield. The hardest hit crop yielded about 60% of normal, with the most irrigated about on target, but with huge cost in fuel and time to water it (£312/acre just in pump fuel).

The high summer temperatures affect the physiological age of the daughter crop, which means that the potatoes will break dormancy in store earlier than they would in a cool season. We have had to be mindful of this and carefully watch stores for sprouting, but fortunately, at the moment at least, those left in store look okay. We have a fridge on one store, which can consume huge amounts of increasingly expensive electricity. Up until October, we paid 14p/kwhr; it is currently 42p/kwhr, and set to treble in spring. Not a good situation. We have some solar panels on our home store which helps,

but the principle of the electric price being driven by the gas price still sticks in the craw a bit.

We drilled about 150 acres of cover crops towards the end of August, and hoped it would rain at some point. By the end of September, they looked a terrible waste of money, but the mild wet October saved them. These are planted on land coming after spring sown crops of potatoes, sugar beet, beans, oats and barley, to protect the land from weather over winter and provide above and below ground habitat and food for wildlife. They also reduce our costs of cultivation and pest control.

The seed mix varies according to the crop that is to follow, but will generally be three or four of the following list:

- Oil radish reliable nematode control, deep rooting soil structure
- Oats cheap biomass, resilient, reliable
- Phacelia nutrient capture, diversity, late pollen
- Vetch fertility building, good fine roots that give an indication of soil condition
- Buckwheat phosphate mobilisation, diversity (dies on the first cold night though!)
- Blue Lupins terrific rooting, fertility building, soil conditioner
- Beans or peas soil conditioning where they don't feature in the farm rotation
- White clover as an understory for spring cereals, not too successful so far.

During the cold snap (-6C) before Christmas I tried rolling some of the covers to terminate them without spraying them. This was a bit early ideally, but has actually worked quite well. The photo shows me holding up a radish (from the unrolled bit) a

after week the frost. The browner strip behind is one of the rolled sections. We keep trying new things and learning new of ways doing things (and the entertaining neighbours!)





Photo shows rolling cover crops in frosty weather to kill them, instead of spraying

The last few weeks have seen us loading potatoes for McCain, washing potatoes for Walkers crisps, changing pig batches and lifting beet. We've also managed a few days off and done some training! We do some training every winter, and this time, between us, we've had a first aid course, granule applicator qualification, Professional sprayer operator update, and I've gained the BASIS Soil and Water qualification (ask Google!)

We're never short of summat to do at Brickyard! Andrew Wilson

### Visiting York Minster? Free parish passes available at the back of church

As Spring (hopefully) heads our way and we get out and about, you might be planning a visit with friends or family to York. If you'd like to visit York Minster, you can do so for free, using All Saints' 'parish passes'. The Diocese of York provides these to us so that the local community can visit their cathedral free.

The passes are printed and can be found in a plastic wallet at the back of church (on the noticeboard). Please help yourself and then return it afterwards, so that someone else can use it. Alternatively, send me an email (<u>kategilesslingsby@gmail.com</u>) and I will print you one out (we are not allowed to share the pass digitally, alas!)

If you want to make a reservation for your visit, you can do so by going to the Minster website <u>www.yorkminster.org</u> and scroll down to the option to book a ticket that is eligible for a free visit.

And if you would like to visit the Minster later this year, do let me know as we are thinking of a visit from the Local History group.

Kate Giles

### Developments to the Sports and Social Club

#### "Slingsby Sport for All Project"

We have recently had the opportunity to apply for some funding from Ryedale District Council to improve the facilities and resources available in The Sports Club. We were fortunate that we had already started thinking about how we can build on the incredible progress that has happened at the club over the last few years and therefore had some plans in early stages of development.

We only had a very short period to develop those plans before we had to submit the initial application for grant funding to Ryedale District Council (3 days) which was achieved thanks to a lot of hard work including lots of support from the wonderful team of Kate Giles and Victoria Wells. As we are writing this, we are developing our final plans for submission, with a decision expected by the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

The proposals fit with our plans for the future which will include having junior football and cricket as well as seeing the return of senior Beckett League football with the reformation of Slingsby Football Club. The proposals that we have put together have 5 parts which we hope will help to make the Sports Club more accessible and useful as a resource for the community and help to make sport, and the club generally, more inclusive. See details below.

# <u>Part 1</u> – Extension to The Sports and Social Club to create disabled access and improve changing facilities

We have long been mindful that the Sports Club changing and showering facilities do not meet the required standards and have been exploring options to improve them. We have also been acutely aware that accessibility to the club is challenging for people with disabilities and mobility issues.

#### /Developments to Sports and Social Club cont...

As a result, we have worked with local architect Lee Marsh to develop plans for an extension to replace the existing toilet block, add improved changing and showering facilities, widen corridors to make them more accessible for people in wheelchairs and increase the social space in the main lounge. It will also include a sheltered and covered area for people to sit out and enjoy watching the sport or enjoy a relaxing drink.

### <u>Part 2</u> – Enhanced resources for junior and senior sport

As mentioned earlier these proposals support our plans to have junior football and cricket played at Slingsby next year which will complement the senior football and cricket teams. The second part of the proposals involve investing in significant resources to make sport more accessible to people of all ages and abilities and will include:

- Coaching equipment packs for Cricket, Football and Tennis
- Fixed and mobile cricket batting cages for practice
- An artificial cricket practice pitch for use is all weathers
- A replacement score box for multi-purpose use including as a base for the village sports day events.
- A cricket bowling machine and practice stumps
- Portable football goals that can be used for training or 5/7 a-side matches
- Portable basketball sets
- A defibrillator for use in emergencies

We hope that by having the resources available people of all ages and abilities will be encouraged to take part in sport and help to promote healthy lifestyles.

### <u>Part 3</u> – Improved kitchen equipment for social events

The kitchen in the Sports Club is dated and in need of replacement in order to have facilities that can support social events, such as food during quiz nights or after cricket and football matches.

By having the facilities available it will help to make the lives of our incredible group of volunteers easier and will make the club a more attractive social space for members of our community.

### <u>Part 4</u> – Disability friendly outdoor seating and shelter

As discussed earlier a significant focus of this overall scheme is to make the Club more accessible and inclusive for people with mobility challenges and disabilities. We are therefore looking to enhance the outdoor seating facilities that we have available, which will include more seating and wheelchair accessible picnic tables. We hope that by having these facilities available it will encourage people who may previously have not considered coming down to the Sports field, to come and be part of the events and watch sport and enjoy the social atmosphere of the Club.

### <u>Part 5</u> – Renewable energy system to reduce environmental impact

Like so many members of our community we are acutely aware of the importance of reducing the impact that we have as an organisation on the environment. We are therefore proposing to install a renewable energy system to help reduce our environmental impact and make the club sustainable for the future.

#### **Funding**

The proposals are incredibly exciting and will be transformational in terms of what the Club can offer the community.

As discussed earlier, we are hoping that the majority of the project (75%) will be covered by a grant from Ryedale District Council but this will still leave a significant amount of money to be raised (approximately £52k).

We have a range of ideas regarding how to raise this money, including additional grant support from different organisations, fundraising events at the Sports Club, business sponsorship and support and also a crowdfunding campaign.

There is no doubt that we will need the support of members of the community to achieve our goals but we are extremely confident that through a lot of hard work and commitment we will be able to turn the plans into reality. Paul Hogarth

(Chairman, Slingsby Sports and Social Club)

#### **Give or Take Event**

On Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February, the Village Hall committee and village environmental group are joining forces to bring you the usual monthly bacon butty morning, combined with an opportunity to bring along any items you no longer need or want and to take away anything you do - FOR FREE!

We'll be at the hall between 1pm and 3pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> to receive items, as well as from 9am on Sunday morning. The event itself will run from 10am until 1pm.

You don't have to give something to take it away – hence the "or" in the title! It's simply an opportunity to pass on items you've decluttered, free up space, save some money and reduce waste. We hope it will help local people as well as support the community's environmental aims.

The wonderful team from the village hall will be serving their usual bacon/sausage butties and hot drinks, as well as the addition of a vegetarian sausage option!

We hope to see you there :-)

Kate Stansfield

### Plans are starting for May Day 2023



The Maypolers committee has started to make plans for this year's

May Day which will be on **Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May**. We are working closely with FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School) and the Sports and Social Club to make this a Community Day.

If you would like to lend a hand either on the committee itself or on the day then all offers are most welcomed. The committee works alongside FOSS and their Scarecrow trail to organise the whole day ensuring it runs smoothly including sorting the stalls and performers. If you have good organisational skills or feel you have other skills to offer and would like to come on board to help then please contact the Maypolers on slingsbymaypolers@gmail.com

On a more general note, help is always needed on the day to help setup and take down gazebos and stalls so again please get in touch if you can help. FOSS have kindly agreed to take over running the refreshments on the Monday as well as during the Scarecrow trail weekend and would really appreciate any offers of cakes, sandwiches etc that you could bring on the day to boost their supplies. You can contact Kathryn on

friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk

#### Would you like to have a stall?

Although we have a range of regular stalls at the May Day event, we would welcome other clubs or individuals that would like to run one. Stalls are usually run in aid of a local good cause or club or could be a local craft or artisan stall. We request no 'trade' stalls though as this is a local community event. Contact us on the above Maypolers email if you are interested or would like to find out more.

May Day is the weekend before the Coronation weekend and celebrations so, why not get your decorations out a week early and brighten up the Village for May Day as well.

Jo Breckon

#### **Swinton Bowling Club**

Swinton Bowling Club is a small friendly club and we bowl in three local leagues on a Monday, Thursday and Friday night and also on a Wednesday afternoon from May until September. This year we were pleased to win promotion to the First Division of the Ryedale Veterans League and several of our members attended the league dinner in Helmsley to receive the trophy.

At the end of the season, we have a club dinner and last October many of us went to the Queens Head in Amotherby where we all had a very enjoyable night.

If anyone is interested in joining us, whether you are a beginner or have played before, please contact our secretary Lynne Metcalfe on her email:

lynnemetcalfe@hotmail.com

#### **Sports and Social Club**

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone connected with Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton a very happy new year. 2022 seemed to fly by and 2023 is already starting to look like an incredibly exciting year for the Sports and Social Club.

As discussed elsewhere in The Triangle we have some major future developments in the pipeline which will make the club more inclusive and accessible and we are hoping that these developments will be part funded by a grant from Ryedale District Council. We are mindful that there will be other projects across Ryedale all bidding for the same money but are prepared, in the unfortunate event that we are unsuccessful in our bid, to explore other funding streams, such as National Lottery funding, to bring the plans to reality.

As well as the exciting developments to improve the club we are also looking forward to welcoming junior cricket in the form of All Stars Cricket to the Sports field. All Stars Cricket is a fantastic programme aimed at providing children aged five to eight with a great first experience in cricket.

We are also looking forward to welcoming back senior Beckett League football with the reformation of Slingsby Football Club as well as the running of a junior football team.

We have always been proud to be part of the wider community and play our part in the incredible calendar of events that are organised by the many superb volunteers in this community who help to make the Parishes of Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton so special. Following on from the incredible success of the Sports Day which was part of the Jubilee celebrations, we are planning to reintroduce the village sports day as an Annual Event in June.

The Annual Dave Calvert Memorial Cricket match will take place on its traditional day of the Sunday before the August Bank Holiday (Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August).

We will also be holding another bonfire and firework evening in November as well as our usual festive programme in December.

As you would imagine, sport features heavily in our 2023 programme of events with plans to show all of the England 6 nations rugby matches live on the big screen as well as continuing to show a range of football and cricket matches over year which will be on SkySports and displayed on the big screen.

We will also have our regular events, including our first Friday of the month charity quiz nights and our third Friday of the month games nights, which include darts and dominoes competitions.

So, 2023 promises to have lots going on and as always, we are incredibly indebted to the magnificent group of volunteers that work so hard to run and develop the club. We are grateful to everyone who is willing to share their time to help. The ability to develop the club further is entirely reliant upon having lots of people being prepared to help and as more people are willing to help, the more we are able to offer the community.

So, as always, if anyone would like to offer their time, for example in helping out behind the bar or helping with junior sport, just get in touch and we will gladly train you in whatever way you need. Once again thanks to everyone who has supported the club over the years and we look forward to many more fantastic years in the future.

> With kindest regards, Paul Hogarth (Chairman, Slingsby Sports and Social Club)



#### Be Safe Feel Safe



Online guidance launched to help you stay safe from fire this winter by North Yorkshire Community Messaging

Commissioner Zoë and North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service have launched an online resource offering guidance to prevent fire related incidents this winter – especially for when heating your home.

With fuel prices rising, many people may turn to alternative ways to heat their home, cook their food or manage other electrical appliances, and so this guidance provides advice on how best to avoid risks and stay safe. This includes:

- Heating your home using devices such as portable heaters, solid fuel heating, outdoor heating and electric blankets.
- Cooking specifically using disposable or portable equipment.
- Safe use of electrical appliances such as washing machines, tumble dryers and dishwashers.
- Appropriately using candles
- Fire detection and smoke alarms in your owned homes or rented accommodation.
- Signposting to support services that can help with managing energy bills, staying warm this winter and identifying fire risks in the home.

# The guidance is available in full on the Commissioner's website and in a downloadable booklet:

#### www.northyorkshire-pfcc.gov.uk/besafefeelsafe

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service offer Safe and Well Visits to eligible members of the public which involve visiting your home to offer fire safety advice to reduce and prevent fires, identify possible risks in the home, test smoke alarms, plan potential escape routes and talk through bedtime routines to ensure safety during the night. To find out more visit:

www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/your-safety/book-avisit

#### **Parish Council**

Points from the meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2022 – 30 members of the public attended to hear Castle Howard give a presentation on plans for development above Aspen Way. Questions raised included steps being taken to reduce the number of second homes and to keep homes affordable for local people. Castle Howard advised that they are working with Ryedale Council on this.

Other points included concerns about the drainage and sewerage systems, construction traffic and access to the site. Whilst more consideration is needed, particularly re the sewerage system, it was noted that Yorkshire Water has installed 2 new pumps at Slingsby pumping station.

An update was provided on flood prevention works at Fryton and noted that Ryedale Council has given a grant towards the work and the Parish Council agreed to allocate £1,000 from its funds.

Also noted was progress on '20s Plenty' speed in the village. The Parish Council will ask for approval to install a Vehicle Activated Speed sign on The Balk, Malton Road and Railway Street. As well as to ask NYCC Highways to install a 20mph limit on The Green.

For the full minutes visit slingsbyvillage.co.uk

#### Future Parish Council meeting dates:

- Monday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2023, 7pm

   this meeting will include a presentation on the recent Parish Survey
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2023, 7pm
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023, 7pm

#### **Oil Consortium**

Order dates:

1<sup>st</sup> April, 1<sup>st</sup> June, 15<sup>th</sup> September,

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

Email: <u>slingsbyoilconsortium@gmail.com</u>

(If you have no access to email phone no. is 01653 628479)

Terry Baker

#### Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS)

We had an extremely busy start to the school year last term with events old and new. The Halloween party held in the village hall for the school children was well attended and a great success, with fantastic fancy dress costumes and some brilliantly artistic pumpkins for the carving competition.

The last weekend in November saw our first ever Christmas Fair held in the village hall, with local small businesses holding stalls, a bake sale, tombola, guess the weight of the (spectacularly decorated) Christmas cake, festive games, and of course an opportunity to meet Father Christmas.

Thank you so much to everyone involved in organising and supporting this wonderful festive event - it was a great success pulling in close to £1000. It was lovely to be able to draw the Christmas Raffle winners at the school Christmas production again. We were so grateful for the generous donation of some fabulous prizes which no doubt had an impact on the number of tickets sold, and are thrilled to report that it raised £1300.

FOSS were able to fund our annual Christmas party for the school children, and also a whole school trip to Scarborough Spa to see a fabulous pantomime production of Dick Whittington and his Wonderful Cat, thoroughly enjoyed by all. We really value the help of the local community with our fundraising to enable us to provide these opportunities for the children, alongside vital supplies within the school thank you for your ongoing support.

The first committee meeting of 2023 was held on 12<sup>th</sup> January and we look ahead to planning our main fundraisers of the year.

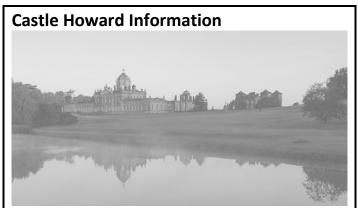
Scarecrow weekend and Slingsby May Day celebrations will be taking place over the weekend of 29<sup>th</sup> April to 1<sup>st</sup> May. Entries for the scarecrow trail would be gladly received and are £2 each. The deadline is Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> March. This year FOSS will be taking on the running of the cafe in the Methodist Chapel on the Monday (as well as our usual refreshments on Saturday and Sunday) and we warmly welcome volunteers and baked items to help us. To enter a scarecrow or for more information about the weekend including how you can help us by volunteering please email: friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk.

Additional dates for your diary:

- Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April Bag2school collection at 9am on the green (see <u>www.bag2school.com</u> for info on what you can donate, and please email us if you need assistance getting a donation to us).
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July The Duck Race and family fun day, more information in due course.

Thank you for all your support in 2022, we look forward to fun and success with our events in 2023.

#### Helen Mackinder



House now closed until 1st April 2023. Pre-booking for Gardens recommended.

#### Food and drink

Coffee Shop: 9am - 5pm Courtyard Café: 10am - 4.30pm (last food orders at 4pm) Boathouse Café: 11am - 3pm (weekends and school holidays only) The Fitzroy Café is closed until 1st April

#### Shopping

Farm Shop: 10am - 5pm Garden Centre: 9.30am - 4pm The House Gift Shop is closed until 1st April

> Why was Cinderella so bad at soccer? She kept running away from the ball!

> > **RIP, boiling water.** You will be mist.

#### **Sowers and Growers**

Happy New Year - I hope everyone is well and if you've had one of the bugs going around, I hope you are feeling better now.

Thank you to all who attended the Swag/ Wreath



evening. It was a cold frostv and foggy evening but the turnout was good even so. Thank you especially to Julia for stepping in at the last

minute to keep us right and Nancy for keeping us fed and watered.



Photos show swags and wreaths displayed in the village hall (above) and left one in in situ for Christmas

Fiona Dean

You may remember we had a discussion about our annual dinner. Most people felt we ought to wait until later in the year when we can perhaps go a little further afield.

Therefore, our meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February is a visit from 'Ryedale Rotters' about composting and recycling your waste. Hopefully we will see you there. New members always welcome.

> Slingsby Village Hall On Saturday 8th April in Slingsby Village Hall Tea, Coffee & Biscuits provided Eyes down at 7.15pm Proceeds for Hall Funds

## **GIVE OR TAKE EVENT**

- Having a New Year declutter?
- Want to save money and reduce waste in 2023?

Bring along items you no longer want or need (excluding furniture and mains-operated electricals), and take away items you do - FOR FREE!

You do NOT have to give items in order to take some away.

**SUNDAY 5 FEB 2023** 10:00 am - 13.00



The village eco group is collaborating with the Village Hall committee to run this event alongside their monthly Bacon Butty morning, so you can enjoy breakfast before or after you browse!



RYEDALE DISTRICT COUNCIL



ITEMS CAN BE DROPPED OFF AT THE HALL 1-3PM ON 4TH OR FROM 9AM ON 5TH (PLEASE NO MAINS-OPERATED ELECTRICALS OR FURNITURE THIS TIME!)

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT KATE AT:

🔀 katestansfield26@gmail.com

### BACON BUTTY SUNDAY



PLEASE COME ALONG ON EVERY FIRST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH & ENJOY A BACON SANDWICH, A CUPPA & A CHAT SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 9am TO COINCIDE WITH THE 1<sup>ST</sup> VILLAGE SWAP SHOP. (OTHER DATES: 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH / 2<sup>ND</sup> APRIL / 7<sup>TH</sup> MAY) PECCENARY WARY, ALL FUNCE FOR HALL MAINTENANCE

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#### Village Hall Contact - For bookings please contact Trudy Carr on 01653 628302.

Green recycling container	Black recycling container	Blue recycling container/blue bags	
Yes please: ✓ Any plastic bottles from the kitchen, utility or bathroom ✓ Drinks and food cans, biscuit tins and aerosols	Yes please: ✓ All glass bottles ✓ All glass jars	Yes please: ✓ Newspapers ✓ Magazines ✓ Junk mail ✓ Catalogues ✓ White papers ✓ Telephone directories	<ul> <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>
No thanks: ×Yoghurt pots ×Plastic bags ×Polystyrene ×Cling film ×Food trays ×Paint tins ×Cutlery ×Large metal items	No thanks: *Window glass *Crockery *Ceramics *Pyrex *Vision ware eg spectacles	No thanks: ×Wallpaper ×Beverage cartons (tetra paks) ×Polystyrene ×Plastic bags ×Cling film ×Cardboard with food on it	

Thank you to the Environmental Group for most useful advice on Ryedale Council's kerbside recycling collection to help us know what we can (and can't) put out. Such a handy guide – and worth a reminder - Ed