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May Day Celebrations



The first day

of the month of May is known as May Day. It is the time of year when, hopefully, warmer weather begins and flowers and trees start to blossom. May Day celebrations have been carried out in England for over 2000 years. Traditional English May Day celebrations include Morris dancing, crowning of the May Queen and dancing around a Maypole.



On May Day, people used to cut down young trees, decorate them with a crown of flowers and stick them in the ground in the village to mark the arrival of summer. Only in the 1800's did the use of ribbons on the Maypole become popular in England. Ever since, many villages around the country have carried on this tradition, including our own village.

This year our May Day celebrations in Slingsby will be back to full strength, on Monday 1st May, after being absent for two years and with a more reserved event last year.

The fun begins at 11am on the village green. Although, don't forget the Car boot sale also on earlier in the morning, where car parking is available all day and the Scarecrow trail run by FOSS, our partners for the day which begins at 10am.

The May Day event begins with a performance by the Swinton Training Band, who will again be entertaining the crowd. We also welcome back the Minster Stray Morris Dancers who will perform at around 2:15pm. Before the Minster Strays why not come and listen to Clúrachán a local folk band?

One of the most popular parts of the day is the Maypole dancing, which will involve the children from Slingsby Community Primary School, accompanied by live music. The children have been busy learning the

dances since February in an after-school club and are looking forward to performing on the day. There will also be an opportunity again this year for you to have a go after the children have shown you how to do it so why not get on your dancing shoes and join in?



Maypole dancing Slingsby 2022

As well as our programme of entertainment there will be a wide variety of stalls for you to enjoy including; the pop-up café in the Methodist Church run by FOSS, the Children' Corner, Tombola and cakes, local artisan stalls and an ice cream van, plus much more. The afternoon will round off just before 3pm with the raffle draw.

To help the village get into the May Day spirit and in preparation for the Coronation we are asking that you put your decorations up early to enhance this Community Day.

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T.V. Filming in Slingsby



Tilly on the left and Lola on the right

If you happen to be watching Channel 5's 'The Yorkshire Vet' in the near future, you might see someone from Slingsby you recognise. Libby Popek looks after two Blackpool beach donkeys in the winter, from the close of the holiday season until Palm Sunday (2nd April this year) when the donkeys are in big demand for church appearances as they symbolise Jesus' ride into Jerusalem. Some say the cross on a donkey's back symbolises the holy cross.

A couple of years ago Libby answered an advert in the Yorkshire Post requesting 'good homes wanted for donkeys over winter'. This year Libby has 16-year-old Lola and 11-year-old Tilly. As donkeys can live for 40 years (although the average is generally regarded as 30) these two are mere youngsters.

Unfortunately, a few weeks ago, Tilly began to limp quite badly and Libby noticed a swelling higher up the donkey's leg. Being experienced with horses, she recognised the problem as a likely abscess. Initially she administered phenylbutazone (commonly known as 'bute') which has a similar effect as humans taking paracetamol, but this seemed to have no effect. So Libby called her regular farrier, who would normally deal with such a problem but unfortunately he could not attend for a week. So she had no choice but to call her local vet, Grace Lane Veterinary Centre of Kirkbymoorside.

The vet phoned back very promptly and asked whether Libby would be happy with a film crew coming along to film, to which she agreed. A cameraman and sound recordists arrived within half an hour to take some preliminary shots of the area, although they never

specify on television exactly where that is. Daisybeck Studios of Leeds, is a well-known TV production company, existing since 2013. They are responsible for programmes such as The Yorkshire Vet, On the Farm, Our Great Yorkshire Life, The Highland Vet and Made in Britain. Regular Triangle readers might remember a front cover from five years ago of Cosmo the alpaca, owned by Jacqui Barlow of Hushwaite. Jacqui owns Beacon Alpacas and runs regular alpaca events. She features quite often on the Yorkshire Vet programmes and was kind enough to talk to The Triangle at the time about her business and passion for alpacas, which in turn gave her some publicity.

Peter Wright turned up after about half an hour and was filmed putting on his special clothes, then he introduced himself to Libby and Tilly the donkey. Libby's friend, Emily held Lola to assure her that her companion, Tilly was alright. Donkeys form close bonds and quickly panic if their friend goes missing.

A foot abscess occurs when bacteria get trapped in the hoof. It rapidly becomes swollen and painful and the swelling can travel up the leg. Peter satisfied himself that an abscess was indeed the problem and quickly made a small incision to drain the horrible smelling pus. Once drained the abscess was treated with a poultice and finally secured with a pink bandage and gaffer tape. Finally, Peter gave Tilly a shot of penicillin. The poultice was removed by Libby the next day and a dry bandage and purple antiseptic spray applied. The donkey's relief was almost instantaneous and obvious.

There then followed a short 'on camera interview' of Libby, with a few brief questions being asked by the crew. The only instruction she received was "Don't look at the camera". Libby was very impressed by Peter's natural, friendly manner, describing him as "exactly like he appears on tele, very easy going and easy to talk to – a really nice man". Peter left after about half an hour after he had done a short piece to camera. It will be interesting to see how they edit the pieces together in the final programme, when it appears on Channel 5 later in the year.

All in all, an unexpected and very interesting hour-and-a-half for Libby and the donkeys, which are now both doing fine on their Slingsby holiday. By the time this article appears in The Triangle they will probably have gone back to Blackpool for the season.

The Triangle wishes to thank Libby Popek for her assistance with this article.

David Thornley

Looking for a new hobby?

Socialise with new friends, have fun and get some light exercise. Come and try bowls!

The 2023 outdoor bowling summer season starts in April. There are quite a number of bowling greens in Ryedale and all of them will be delighted to welcome new members and give a free introduction to the game if you've never played before. The club contact details are given below.

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You can enjoy bowls at any age and with no experience. It is a great way to stay active, it engages the brain in tactical thinking and gameplay, as well as being good for posture, flexibility, balance and hand eye co-ordination. It's also a great way to socialise with people in your community.

A quick and easy way to get into bowling is to make contact with your local club from the list above. Ask when you can have a go, and arrange for someone to show you how to play. Many of the clubs have social sessions each week so see if you could join one of those. You don't need to have any experience at all and clubs can lend you the equipment required. All of the clubs also play in a wide range of league competitions throughout the outdoor season.

For those wishing to gain experience before venturing outside, Ryedale Indoor Bowls extends a warm welcome to both beginners and experienced bowlers. Up until April social sessions are held on Monday at 1pm, Tuesday at 2pm, and Thursday and Sunday at 10.30am. The social sessions are geared to accommodate all levels of skills and new bowlers can come along and enjoy 2 free taster sessions using equipment provided by the club. There is a varied weekly program of

League bowling throughout the winter season and a reduced programme of Tuesday and Thursday social sessions at 10.30 throughout the summer. Just turn up at **Ryedale Indoor Bowls Club, Bowling Lane, Norton Malton YO17 8EG**

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Stephen's farming column

We thought spring had arrived but on opening the curtains this morning I was confronted with a very snowy scene, let's hope that it is winters final fling! On the whole it has been a mild winter and pretty dry one also, let's hope we don't have another summer of severe droughts. The crops have come through winter looking very well and before this latest wintry blast quite a lot of spring cereals and beans have already been sown, so prospects for the year ahead are promising.

We are approaching that time of year when sheep and cattle that have been fattened over the winter months will soon be heading for the market, either local fatstock markets such as Malton or York or alternatively some farmers send their stock direct to the big wholesalers. If you sell direct to the wholesalers, you know what the price will be before you send the stock in but you have no control over the price, whereas if you use the local markets you have a chance of getting a better price, especially on a rising market. Without the local markets giving competition and a good alternative outlet for our stock, the wholesalers most of whom are controlled by the supermarkets, would have a complete monopoly.



It is so important that we support our local stock markets and let's hope Malton can get its new market very soon, just out of town on the Pickering Road. It is well known that farmers, who often work long hours on their own, suffer more than most from mental health problems and meeting with other farmers and other market people is a real lifeline for many of them. Most markets also have chaplains on hand every week, just to chat with farmers and offer help and advice and support when it is needed.

I will mention two support charities who can give invaluable help & advice, namely Royal Agricultural Benevolent Institution (RABI) and The Farm Community Network (FCN). Those of you who watch the very popular Counryfile on TV would see virtually a whole programme dedicated to the Auction Mart at Bakewell which clearly showed just how important Marts are.

Picture shows the Town Crier declaring the Malton Sheep Fayre Open sometime around 1970.

Stephen Prest

Slingsby Ladies' Group

At our March meeting, we welcomed Alastair Fitter from The Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, who gave us a very interesting talk about Wildlife Gardening. As background, the YWT was founded at the end of the Second World War and is a charity dedicated to conserving, protecting and restoring wildlife and wild places in Yorkshire. Their vision is for a Yorkshire that is abundant in wildlife, with more people having a genuine and meaningful connection with nature. They look after over 100 nature reserves right across Yorkshire, and are involved in hundreds of other conservation-related projects. Their work inspires people to understand the value of nature and to take action for it. They work with volunteers and the community and encourage young children to get involved.

Alastair also explained how to develop a garden to attract wildlife, even a small urban garden. Finally, he explained what is a wildflower 'meadow', with two Yorkshire areas, The Dales and The Lower Derwent Valley, having an abundance of such meadows.

It was an enlightening talk which we all enjoyed. This was the last of the afternoon meetings. Next month, we revert back to meetings at 7pm. We have a full programme planned for the rest of the year. 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 meet at 7pm every second Tuesday of the month.

Liz Senior

Brickyard Bulletin

So was it a Fools' Spring? Pretty much, yes! (the blather is back!) Rarely in Ryedale do we see a kind January and a kind February of the level we've had in 2023. For all nice weather is welcome, we do need rain to fall at some point, and to be honest I'd rather it be in winter than in peak planting time during April! (Farmers eh, never happy are we?)

January flew past in the usual blur of potato loading, training and meetings. Gradually, a more 'regenerative' trend in focus of winter meetings has emerged, particularly with anything involving water. There's always lots to learn, and I've been to several meetings these last few weeks, even presenting at a couple of them. I attended the BBRO's (British Beet Research Organisation) advanced beet course down in Norfolk which was really interesting, and an annual PGRO update (Pulse Growers Research Organisation), alongside various others involving crops, water and soil. I've been farming for all of my 46yrs, but never cease to find new stuff to learn. A wise gentleman offered me his thoughts many years ago "You want to get out o't farm gate and learn summat lad, or you'll stop at home til you know nowt". Wise advice indeed.

As February arrived, winter crops were growing again, and with a view that nice conditions may not last, we fed them a little nitrogen to stop them getting hungry if March was a bit ropey (got that one right!) This was in the form of urea, which is a bit slower to release than ammonium nitrate (and a bit cheaper!)

Buying our inputs has become something of a lottery. I bought the urea last June for £770/t, after the market dropped from a peak of £936 in March. By September, it was back up to £878/t, so it looked a good buy. The same product is now £521/t. It could make a farmer grumpy! To put that in context, I bought some back in April 2021 for £332/t – the only constant at the moment is volatility, and in the case of fertilizer, is driven by the price of the gas used to produce it, which in turn is dictated by Russia and all that goes with it. It can be a bit testing!

We followed a bit later in the month with some fertilizer called PotashPlus. It is a natural product

called Polysulphate, mined at Boulby and mixed with potash from the same place, and isn't quite as vulnerable to price spikes, though it is much dearer than it was. It contains potash, magnesium, calcium, sulphur and a little salt, and is a cost effective and sympathetic way of providing the nutrients the crops need. Our phosphate levels are maintained solely by muck.

Speaking of a fools' spring, we direct drilled some spring beans a few weeks ago, but have held off drilling spring barley or oats. The beans were sown about three inches deep, about double that of cereals, so they'll be a while before young shoots are vulnerable. Any spring crop, in my opinion needs to be up and away and not look back. Young seedlings don't take well to sitting in cold, wet soil for weeks on end. Time will tell if we made the right decision. The beans are Lynx and grown for human consumption. The oats are a milling variety called Canyon and usually go to Thirsk to make pet food. The spring barley this year is to be a variety called Laurette, grown for malting and will likely finish up at Knapton maltings. We haven't grown malting barley for a few years, but the quality premiums finally look worth having, so I have contracted to grow a couple of loads for a local merchant.

Last week, following a pig batch change, we got our muck spread on land coming potatoes and sugar beet, which is always a job good to have off the to-do list before spring drilling gets going in earnest – I hope the muck I provided to the allotments produces you some bumper crops!



Last bulletin I spoke of an expected challenge of sprouting potatoes in store, which fortunately hasn't been as big a problem as feared. We

still have about 900 tons to go, which we have been asked to keep a bit longer than planned, due to other crops elsewhere suffering a bit with dark fry colours and internal sprouting, both of which

. . . we have fortunately not been affected by this year. Its fun and games is taty growing at times!

Last week our potato sets (seed) arrived from Scotland for us to chit in some wire baskets called blackburn crates. These hold about 420kg and hold the tubers in pockets so the light and air can get to them to help them chit before we plant them. We aim to age them by about 250 day degrees and plant mid to late April. A day degree is a measurement of physiological age and is calculated with this formula: **Average daily temperature minus 4** i.e. If they are held in the shed at, say, 9 degrees, they will gain 5 day degrees per calendar day (9 minus 4, Hope that makes sense!) Chitting is quite an old fashioned practice, but rarely are the benefits from doing it invisible – its certainly a lot easier using our crates than the third of a hundredweight trays I cut my teeth on!

Finally, an update on the rolled cover crops I mentioned last bulletin. As I thought at the time, mid December was a bit too early, and has resulted in a lack of soil armour to protect the ground from the rigours of winter. In fields following spring cereals last year though, it has resulted in a complete kill of the vegetation without the need for chemical intervention. The hard bit is guessing whether we'll get a frost below -4 in late January next year!



Digby (my apprentice) and I have recently been competing at a YFC ploughing match and learning how to lay hedges at Gilling East with Edward Caldicott and Richard Mclane. Never a dull moment! Keep well everyone.

Andrew Wilson

Remembering Arthur Wright

In our last edition, as well as including Arthur Wright's obituary, there was an article from the old York Herald about him cutting hair in The Grapes. The Triangle has searched Slingsby's photo archive and found this super picture showing Arthur in action.



Haircutting at The Grapes ~ 1950

Mr Wright cutting, Bob Kneeshaw, Toby Myers behind, Robin Hood Snr.

Arthur's family were surprised and pleased to see the picture. Lily, Arthur's younger sister (though not so young at 93), remembers her brother working in the Grapes in the evening when he first came out of the Navy "to make a bit extra".

Sowers and Growers

In March we welcomed Nigel Harrison, former lecturer at Askham Bryan College, and often on the Sunday morning Radio York gardening programme.

Nigel gave a most useful talk on pruning when to do it and what to cut. We learned the '4Ds of Pruning' – always cut out Dead, Diseased, Damaged, Duplicate branches first and then consider shape and size.

He answered our gardening queries and then we impressed him with our joint knowledge by answering all his garden quiz questions correctly. Refreshments, a raffle, and a mini auction completed the evening. Rather than a fee, Nigel asked for all the proceeds to be donated to the Turkey Earthquake appeal. Almost £100 was raised.

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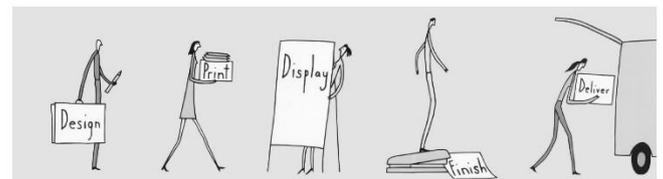
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Chapel News

Methodist Chapel Events

2nd April at 10:30am. Palm Sunday service at The Chapel beginning with singing outside round the cross.

5th April, 2pm – 4pm. Warm & Social space in the Chapel Schoolroom. Everyone welcome to join us for tea/coffee and cakes all free. We also have some simple games for a bit of fun.

9th April. EASTER SUNDAY We invite you to join us to celebrate this special day

9am. Easter Breakfast in the Schoolroom ... cereals, fruit juices, sausage & bacon butties, toast etc

10:30am. Service celebrating the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord led by Rev Penny Worth.

19th April at 12 noon. Soupa lunch in The Chapel Schoolroom. Come and join us for soup, sandwiches and a pudding with tea and coffee. Everyone welcome and it's all free but donations welcome.

23rd April at 10:30am. Café Church in the Schoolroom with more informal worship also coffee/ tea and cakes, led by Margot Taylor. Everyone welcome.



1st May. Mayday Events around The Green

17th May at 12 noon. Soupa lunch in the Chapel Schoolroom, as above.

Stephen Prest

Why Easter is so important to me



Hopefully in May our family will be celebrating my mother-in-law's 100th birthday. Another big celebration in May will be the Coronation of King Charles the 3rd and throughout the year all of us will be celebrating birthdays and achievements etc. In this troubled world of ours it is good for the soul to celebrate and counter the dreariness of the 'news' and other negativity.

Millions of people round the world will be celebrating Easter and the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ who was and is the Light of the world.

John Newton's life was immersed in the darkness of the slave trade but one day he suddenly saw the Light and wrote his famous hymn:

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now I'm found
Was blind but now I see.

To find the time to really appreciate and celebrate the miracle of God's creation in nature and in human love is important. Slingsby, South Holme and Fryton are special villages. May we always want to serve and help each other so that we can celebrate God's gift of life which gives us hope for the future. Happy Easter.

Geoff Bishop

Slingsby Sports & Social Club

It is very exciting times at The Sports Club currently, with lots of amazing things happening and to look forward to over the course of the year.

As we come to the end of our financial year, we are able to reflect on one of the most incredible years in the 35 year history of the club. We have hosted and been part of many fantastic events, including the Jubilee Celebrations and are very much looking forward to being part of the Coronation Celebrations in May. We will also be hosting a celebration event for our 35th anniversary in the summer, so I would encourage people to keep an eye out for details.

Play Area update

The play area is an absolutely brilliant facility that we have available for members of our community and, at the time of writing, we are completing the installation of a shelter by the play area that can be used in the event of poor weather (or clearly more likely as shade from the sun!). Many thanks to everyone who has helped with the setting up of the shelter, including Andrew Popek, Mark Reeves, John Baxter, James Milner and John Apps. We are actively seeking people, parents in particular, who want to be involved in helping to develop and improve the play area. If you feel that you want to help to improve and develop things into the future, please get in touch by phoning Paul Hogarth on 07788 160402 or emailing slingsbysportsclub@gmail.com.

Slingsby Sport for All Project Fundraising

Clearly, the biggest thing that has happened (and is happening) around the club is the incredible Slingsby Sport for All project, which was discussed in the last edition of The Triangle. I would like to begin by saying a massive thank you to everyone who has supported our fundraising efforts to raise the money that we need to match-fund a grant from Ryedale District Council (more about that later!).

All of the fundraising events have been incredibly well supported, including a fantastic Race Night which raised well over £700, the ever popular first Friday of the month quiz night and of course the incredible 24 hour darts marathon! Over the course of the 24 hours from 9am on the 11th March to 9am on the 12th March a total of 23,256 darts were thrown by 32 different players, who managed to score a total of 26,2839 points and we raised over £1700 for the project!

The support from so many members of our community was absolutely incredible and was very much appreciated by everyone who took part. We have also been running a very successful Crowdfunding

Campaign which, at the time of writing, is closing in on £21,000. Thanks to the incredible generosity of so many people, in both providing small scale rewards to include to thank people for a donation, or people donating themselves, we managed to unlock £10,000 of match-funding from Sport England which was absolutely fantastic. It really demonstrates what an incredible community we have that can come together to drive forward a fantastic project.

Slingsby Sport for All Project Update

As many of you will be aware from the last edition of The Triangle, we have a huge amount to be excited about with regard to the future developments.

We are delighted that planning approval has been granted by Ryedale District Council for the extension to the Sports Club to improve the changing facilities and make the club more accessible for people with mobility issues. This is an incredibly important milestone on our journey towards delivering the project. We would like to thank Lee Marsh from Fusion13 architects for his hard work in developing the plans and taking the plans through the planning process.

On the 16th March we attended, as members of the public, the full council meeting of Ryedale District Council, where a decision was being made regarding the allocation of grant money from the Community Infrastructure Levy Grant Scheme. This was the scheme that we had applied to, which will fund 75% of the Slingsby Sport for All Project. We were absolutely delighted to discover that we have been allocated all of the £166,848.60 that we had applied for. This is testament to the incredible amount of hard work that went into the development of the application for the grant, which was a very detailed and rigorous process. I would like to place on record my thanks to the Slingsby Sport for All Project Delivery Team that have, so far, put in many hundreds of unpaid hours over many weeks to get us to the stage where we are now.

However, and regretfully this is a big **BUT**, the final sign off for the release of the grant funding cannot be taken by Ryedale District Council but must be made by the new North Yorkshire Council. It would appear that there is a very big reluctance, and lack of enthusiasm, from North Yorkshire Council to approve the release of the funds as they potentially have those funds earmarked for other projects.

There is, therefore, still no guarantee that we will actually get the funds promised, despite all of the amazing work that has been done! We remain hopeful that the funds will be released and we can progress the project, as all of the structures are in place from our perspective to begin implementation immediately.

However, please be assured that even if the money allocated to us by Ryedale District Council is not released by North Yorkshire County Council we have other grant funding opportunities available for us to explore. We know that the Sport for All Project will make an incredible difference to our community and we will therefore not rest until we have all of the funds in place, from whatever source, and have delivered this incredible project!

Car boot sales

Once again we will be holding our ever popular car boot sales this year, which are great opportunities for people to get together, catch up, enjoy a bacon bun and see if they can source a bargain from one of the many sellers.

The first car boot sale of the year will be on Sunday 23rd April, with a total of 10 dates planned over the course of the year. For details of all of the dates either visit the notice board at the end of the Sportsfield, visit the club Facebook page or look on the village website.

Slingsby Cricket Club

We are also looking forward to the start of the Cricket Season. Our first game of the season is at home to High Farndale on Friday 12th May. The fixtures will be available on the notice board at the entrance to the Sportsfield, on the village website and on the club Facebook Page. We are also going to be running junior cricket this year so keep an eye out for details of that.

New players are always welcome to join us and become part of the team, anybody interested is encouraged to come along to one of the matches and introduce yourself or give Paul Hogarth a ring on 07788 160402.

We also have the Dave Calvert memorial match to look forward to, which this year will take place on Sunday 27th August.

I would like to end by once again thanking all of the incredible volunteers who help out at The Sports Club. It is only with the dedication, commitment and effort from so many people that we are able to provide the facilities that we do, which are the envy of many other communities. This community resource is available for all members of our community and we look forward to welcoming as many people as possible over the months ahead.

Many thanks

Paul Hogarth

Chairman, Slingsby Sports and Social Club

All Saints' Church news

Church Clock. The eagle-eyed (and eared) will have noticed that the church clock is still not working. We have now received a report from Smith of Derby, explaining that the problem lies with its escapement, which will need to be removed, cleaned and repaired in Derby and reinstalled, at some cost. We are very grateful that anonymous donations have been offered to support this work. At the same time, we have had another generous offer to repaint the clock and so this gives us an opportunity to undertake both tasks, for which we need Faculty permission. This has been submitted and the Diocese of York's clock and bell expert has been to visit us, clambered up the tower, undertaken some very clever experiments to test the notes bound into all the bells using a phone app...and will be reporting soon, hopefully to recommend we can proceed. So please bear with us as we wait for permission and undertake the works. The repainting will include some scaffolding in/around the ashes area, so we will make sure that we keep everyone updated via the website and notices about when this will happen. All the monuments will be protected by access to them might be temporarily impacted.

West window progress. Thanks to more fundraising applications we have received another £7000 from grant funders and have another two applications waiting to be decided upon. We are very hopeful that this work will be able to go ahead later this Summer, restoring the window to its past glory.

Churchyard boundary wall. You may not be aware, but All Saints PCC is not responsible for maintaining the churchyard, as it is closed for burials (although open for ashes burials). This responsibility falls to Ryedale and of course, we are eager to know how this will change as Ryedale is amalgamated into Northallerton. We are very pleased that Ryedale have been in touch to say that they intend to carry out the repairs before the changes happen - and we're once again filling in all the relevant forms needed to make sure this can happen.

In the meantime we are heading towards our annual PCC meeting on the 28th March from 7pm in the Methodist Schoolroom, open to all, and we have just completed our Benefice profile and will be advertising for our new clergy person soon! Then we can turn our attention back to the kitchen, toilets and heating once again!

Kate Giles and Ray Watson

A Royal Quiz – What do you know about King Charles III?

1. His Majesty was the first Prince of Wales to be educated at a school, as opposed to private tutors, but where did he go?
2. While at his boarding school, he developed a love for which musical instrument?
3. King Charles was an early adopter of organic farming in 1985 at Home Farm. Which Royal residence is this situated next to?
4. In 1969 Prince Charles was given a new title. What was it?
5. In November 1980, Prince Charles wrote a children's book. What was it called?
6. King Charles has served in two of the armed forces. Which were they and what new skills did he learn that saw him take to the skies?
7. King Charles is a committed environmentalist with a long history of campaigning for better conservation, organic farming and tackling climate change. He has converted his Aston Martin, owned for over 50 years to run on what?
8. Every week King Charles has a meeting with...?
9. King Charles still travels with one of his beloved childhood toys. What is it?
10. What is King Charles full name?



(Answers on a later page)

FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

It's a busy time for FOSS volunteers, as plans are in full flow for our 2 biggest fundraising events. The Scarecrow Weekend and the Slingsby May Day celebrations will be taking place over the weekend of 29th April to 1st May. The FOSS pop-up cafe will be open in the Methodist Chapel across the whole weekend from 10am - 4pm, offering refreshments and a selection of children's pre-loved clothes, toys, books and Slingsby school uniform. Bank holiday Monday will see live music, dancing and stalls on the green organised by the Slingsby Maypole committee and the Scarecrow Trail will of course feature throughout the weekend with trails available from the Chapel, The Grapes and Sports Club.

This year, Friends of Slingsby School will be taking on the running of the café in the Methodist Chapel on the Monday and we are seeking volunteers and baked items to help us on the day. If you are able to help please email friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk

The Duck Race and family fun day is set to return on Saturday 15th July - look out for more information in due course!

Alongside the plans for these 2 big events, smaller

fundraisers have been ongoing. At the end of last half-term we ran a Krispy Kreme doughnut sale, and just before Mothering Sunday, a plant and bake sale, with a raffle to win a fabulous hamper.

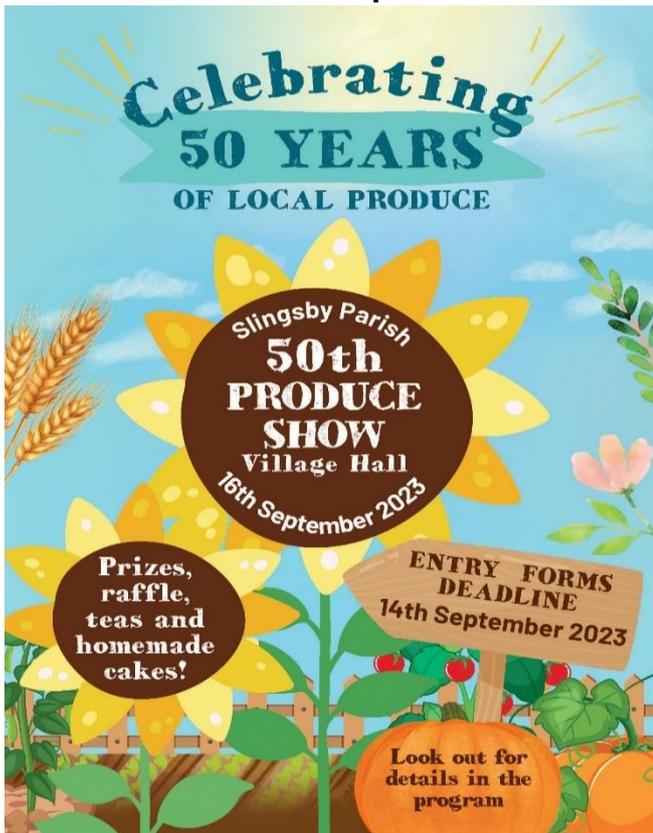
The next bag2school collection will be held on Friday 28th April. Bags can be brought to The Green to be dropped off by 9am. If you have items to donate but need assistance getting them to the drop off please let us know by emailing friendsofslingsbyschool@hotmail.co.uk and we will arrange to help. A full list of items that can be donated is available at www.bag2school.com.

If you're making an online purchase or booking a holiday any time soon don't forget you can support us at no cost to yourself via www.easyfundraising.org.uk or the easyfundraising app. Simply sign up and select FOSS as your chosen charity then access the website you wish to shop with through the easyfundraising page.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are really looking forward to the scarecrow weekend and hope to see many of you there.

Helen Mackinder

Produce & Pumpkin Show



Everyone loves sunflowers, so every Slingsby School child will be given a potted sunflower seedling to nurture and grow ready to enter into the 50th annual Slingsby Produce Show on Saturday 16th September 2023. We will also have a small number of marrow and pumpkin seedlings too for any child with more space.

We will have some extra special raffle prizes to celebrate this special show. Refreshments will be available and as usual we will be serving tea/coffee/juice and delicious home-made cakes.

Please come along and join us. Even better - why not enter? There are classes for handicrafts, art, photography, baking, growing flowers, fruit, vegetables. There are classes especially for children, such as crafts and handwriting, tallest sunflower etc. Parents – why not come and see the children’s handwriting results and make a family afternoon out?

A couple of weeks before the event we will be distributing leaflets & entry forms to every house in Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme, in good time for the final entry date of Thursday 14th September. One for your diary!

Carol Thornley

Following on from the success of our events and fund-raising activities last year, we now have a full programme for 2023. The theme is FAMILY and we hope to welcome you and all your family to our social events this year. With this in mind, we have some ‘Dates For Your Diary’ below. Clearly, we shall issue more details closer to the date of each event. We look forward to your ongoing support.

As you can see, the first fund raising event will be at The May Day celebrations on the Village Green. We would welcome contributions to the Tombola which is to be a children's tombola. We also plan to have a cake stall and so would appreciate any delicious baking you might like to offer us. Contributions can be delivered on the day or to Diane, Anita, or Liz beforehand.

We'll see you soon!

Church Fundraisers

April 8th – 10th Easter Flowers

April 9th Easter Egg Hunt after the Easter Service

May 1st May Day Cake Stall and Children’s Tombola

May 5th Celebration of the Coronation with Flowers and Artefacts

June 24th Midsummer Musical Evening for all the family, wine and canapés

September 2nd Pie Night, music and quiz

October 14th Harmonia Choir, wine and canapés

December 10th Christmas Lunch

December 13th Family Christmas Trees

December 16th (to be confirmed) Terrington Choir, refreshments

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Terry Baker

Betty.

10th May 1994 to 17th January 2023



It was suggested that I might like to write a short article about Betty, as she was such a feature of a walk over the Flats.

Her official name was Bettyblue probably because of blue markings on her skin but only visible when her coat was thin in summer or when she was wet! She was classed as Skewbald and was 15 hands 2". She was a heavyweight cob. - a gentle giant!

Betty came to live with us in July 2006, previously living near Wakefield, then Kirbygrindalythe and Sproxton. She lived in Slingsby Castle Moat for nearly 16 years and became a village character!

Known to many as they walked along the footpath that bordered her field. One of the things to do when visiting Slingsby was to go and see Betty. She was a great favourite with our grandchildren and had many friends who brought her apples, carrots and mints! She especially enjoyed her daily treat of Waitrose carrots. Betty was very discerning, or maybe she had selective hearing, as she would often only come when called if she knew treats were being offered. When she heard the rattling of a bucket of horse and pony nuts she could canter along the top of the moat at great speed.

Every year between November and April she was brought into her stable area at the end of the foldyard. She liked to be able to see what was happening in High Street and who was passing up the drive.

Sadly one morning in January I found her on the floor of her stable. With the help of some good friends we tried to get her up but to no avail. A visit from the vet was necessary and my worst fears

were confirmed – Betty may have had a heart attack or stroke which caused her to collapse. Unfortunately she had to be put to sleep. However she was approaching her 29th birthday, a good age for a horse and had enjoyed a healthy life much loved by many. She will be sadly missed.

I would like to express my thanks to all her friends who visited her regularly and helped look after her when Stephen and I were away.

Rachel Prest

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The Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Environmental Group

The Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme Environmental Group has had a great few months and we'd like to thank everyone who has taken part in our events.

The first event we ran was the Environmentally Themed Quiz at the Sports and Social Club on Friday 3rd February 2023. Led by quizmaster David Wells, the quiz took us through lots of green-themed rounds, including a set of questions on our local environment (for the eagle-eyed among us!). Turnout was great, with quiz regulars and visitors, even extending into the chilly darts room to get a seat. Thank you to everyone who took part!

Our second event, a Give and Take event at the village hall, also took place in February. Drop-offs began the day before the Sunday event and we were amazed by the amount, quality and variety of things that people gave. On the Sunday event day we were even more amazed by the queue that formed outside of the village hall an hour before we opened the doors.

The event was a great success with almost all the gifted items finding a new home and lots of bacon butties sold. Thank you to everyone who donated items, anyone who came and took them away and the Village Hall Committee for letting us use the hall at the same time as the Bacon Butties event. Thank you also to all the volunteers. We hope to do another Give and Take Event so if you're planning a clear out watch this space.



The Give and Take Event in Action

Our next event will be a Family Community Litter Pick – no date as yet but keep a look out for more

information! In the 2022 Village survey 59% of respondents stated they agree or strongly agree with the statement 'I would be willing to be involved in litter picking in the parish' so we hope there will be plenty of willing people!

Finally, you may have noticed that the full report from the 2022 Village Survey is now available (<https://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Slingsby-Fryton-and-South-Holme-Parish-Survey-2022-RESULTS-FINAL.pdf>). The environmental group was lucky enough to have the chance to add some questions to the survey so we could get a picture of any environmental issues across the parish.

In terms of environmental aspects, the survey results highlighted that:

- Most respondents were confident in energy efficiency and would like to see a range of environmental initiatives in the parish (e.g. tree planting, wildflower areas, bird boxes etc). Respondents felt that further development could have a detrimental effect on the environment in the parish.
- Respondents also highlighted that they would like to see a second hand swap shop and/or a book swap in the village.
- 83 households reported using mains electricity with 62 households using oil. Eleven households had solar panels, four households had a ground source heat pump and four households had an air source heat pump.
- Most respondents would like to invest in renewable technologies or felt they needed more information. The main barrier to renewable technologies is cost/available funding.

We'll be discussing the results at the next environmental group meeting!

If you'd like to be part of the group and/or help out at future events, please let us know and join our mailing list - email Kate Stansfield katestansfield26@gmail.com

Victoria Wells

Slingsby School



It has been an enjoyable and productive first three months of 2023 in Slingsby School and we are enormously grateful for the hard work and dedication of all the brilliant staff.

To give you a little taster of what goes on behind the doors of school, Class 1's theme this term has been Dinosaurs! They have been learning all about our amazing Yorkshire Jurassic Coast and they are looking forward to a visit to the Scarborough Rotunda Museum to learn more. Class 2 have been learning about the British Monarchy, the role of a Monarch focusing on Queen Elizabeth I and Queen Victoria; and comparing their lives. The theme for Class 3 has been Ancient Egypt and they have been writing their own biography. Class 4 have been learning all about people and places; comparing Europe to North and South America.

In addition, we have been working with external local organisations to expand the children's education, for example:

- North Yorkshire's Power Saving Superhero, Power Down Pete, spent a day in school teaching every class about the environment and ways we can all help to save our planet. We are continuing to instil this ethos throughout school making sure we keep the heating low, lights and electrics off - when not needed - and saving paper wherever possible.
- We have also been working closely with the North York Moors National Parks Ryevitalise Project and Nunnington Hall on their "Safe Haven" programme. The children have thoroughly enjoyed a number of workshops and activities with the team and some of their work, including a stained-glass window, will be displayed in Nunnington Hall over the coming months.

- Richard Shepherd Music Foundation come in to school each week to teach music lessons and lead our after-school choir club. As well as this, they also led a Folk Music Workshop in January where the children explored work songs, shanties and narrative folk song.

We continue to take an active part in the Malton Community Sports Centre Primary Games competitions and we are extremely thankful for the opportunity to use the Slingsby Sports Field facilities and the Methodist Chapel School room for all of our Physical Education. The children have covered dance, gymnastics, yoga, hockey, netball and rugby since September, which is so vital for their health and wellbeing. We are also fully supportive of the current Sports Club development plans which will really benefit the children of Slingsby School.

Of course, everyone recently enjoyed World Book Day this month! All the staff and children came to school dressed as their favourite book hero to celebrate the superpower of reading. It was a wonderful opportunity to share our love of stories.

The School Council (made up of a child from every year group) have been busy putting their heads together to come up with more ideas to improve our school and their current project is developing and improving their outdoor areas with new playground markings with games and tracks. We are able to use Sport Premium Funding for this and it is going to further improve play and physical activity opportunities during the school day and after-school clubs.

We are really looking forward to the Summer Term and the myriad of activities and trips that will be taking place including the Scarecrow Weekend at the end of April run by our fantastic FOSS.

We are also looking to expand our Governing Body to help support the staff and children further in all their endeavours.

If you would be interested in joining our school community, please do contact the School Office for more information at admin@slingsby.n-yorks.sch.uk, as we would be delighted to hear from you.

Slingsby CP School Governors

Allotment news

April feels like the proper start of the growing year. The tomatoes and peppers I sowed in late February and March are growing away fast now at home and I look forward to being able to plant them into their permanent positions in the allotment greenhouse soon.

I've got various brassicas germinated and growing on in trays and lettuces planted in the beds in the greenhouse. I have also planted out my onion sets and have my potatoes chitting on the windowsill at home. I'm not sure doing this makes any difference to the crop, but it seems it's the accepted way to prepare potato sets for planting.

One of the most important things about growing fruit and vegetables is the control of pests and diseases. Back in the 1970's when we first started growing vegetables it seemed it was usual to use a wide variety of insecticides and fungicides. Reading my Grow Your Own it looks like a whole store cupboard of chemicals were required. You needed Diazinon to control carrot fly and cabbage root fly, Fenitrothion to control pea moths (both organophosphate insecticides). Apples required 3 sprays of insecticides and fungicides to control scab, mildew and codling moths.

We've always tried to grow our food crops without the use of many chemicals. The chemicals available to amateur growers in the 1970's are not available to use now. We try and prevent large infestations of pests in the main by using barriers. For example, we grow our carrots and parsnips under a fine insect proof net in raised beds and this so far has prevented any attacks by carrot root fly. We grow our brassica crops under a butterfly net to prevent caterpillar attacks. We also try and stop attacks of cabbage root by surrounding the stem of the plant with a barrier to stop the fly laying its eggs. This was a method first proposed by the scientists at the national vegetable research station at Wellesbourne near Warwick. They suggested using carpet underlay. We use left over scraps of roofing membrane, which is very durable. Much of the research on vegetable and fruit growing used to be funded by the government at places like Wellesbourne and also the fruit centres at East Malling and Merton.

Terry Baker

The Website team needs a boost!

Our two-man team (Ryan Perry and me) are facing increasing demands on our time (and in my case ever increasing hair-loss and wrinkles). We'd really like an injection of help, especially with social media, which we know could be better, if only we had the time.

If you use Facebook or Twitter and have some ideas, or can offer just a little of your time, please contact us. Best for by email: admin@slingsbyvillage.co.uk. Alternatively, if you'd like to learn about WordPress, we can help you. Thanks for your support.

Jon Boots

For sale: Bed



Single Oak Trundle Guest Bed with mattresses. Excellent condition, hardly used. The guest bed is easily pulled out on its castors, and its legs folded out to create the extra sleeping space. When not in use, it can be neatly stored, with

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Easter at Castle Howard



Enjoy a fantastic day out this Easter at Castle Howard, with adventure and chocolate aplenty!

Adventure around the Grounds and discover a trail of Wildlife Willow Sculptures, take part in a chocolate workshop in York Cocoa House's Little Chocolate Factory in Castle Howard's Courtyard, or burn off steam with your little ones in the Skelf Island Adventure Playground.

Our House reopens on 1st April, where the Long Gallery will play host to a Coronation exhibition celebrating the magnificence of this historic ceremony featuring luxurious peers' robes worn to coronations gone by. Castle Howard's full set of Crown Jewels, exact replicas of the historical regalia used in the coronation itself, will also be on display, giving visitors the opportunity to appreciate first-hand their scale and splendour.

- Castle Howard and York Cocoa House's Little Chocolate Factory is open 1st – 16th April, with workshops from £6.
- Wildlife Willow Sculpture Trail is available to explore from 1st April, and free with a Gardens Ticket.
- Coronation Exhibit is in our Long Gallery from 1st April, and free with a House Ticket.
- Easter Celebrations in the House including a trail of delicately placed semi-precious eggs, and a beautifully decorated Easter tree will also be in the House from 1st April.

Georgie Sykes

A Royal Quiz – answers

1. Charles spent five years boarding at Gordonstoun, situated in Elgin in the northeast of Scotland. He left with five O-levels in English Language, English Literature, History, Latin and French and two A-levels in History and French; he achieved above-average results which secured him a place to study archaeology and anthropology at Cambridge University.
2. King Charles began learning the cello at boarding school. HRH said: 'I loved playing in the orchestra at Trinity – albeit rather badly.'
3. Highgrove House. King Charles III purchased the house, garden and nearby farmland (now known as Duchy Home Farm) in 1980.
4. The investiture of Charles, as Prince of Wales, took place in Caernarfon Castle, north Wales, on 1st July 1969. On ascending to the throne this title was passed to his eldest son, Prince William who also inherits Highgrove.
5. The Old Man of Lochnagar-The story revolves around an old man who lives in a cave in the cliffs surrounding the corrie loch under the Lochnagar, a mountain which overlooks the royal estate at Balmoral in Scotland where the Royal Family spend their summer holidays.
6. King Charles served in both the Royal Air Force, where he trained to be a jet pilot and in the Royal Navy where he learned to fly helicopters.
7. It runs on surplus English white wine and whey from the cheesemaking process. To be more precise, the car that Charles has owned for five decades has been converted to run on a fuel blend made up of 85% bioethanol and 15% unleaded petrol, known as E85.
8. The King holds a weekly Audience with the Prime Minister to discuss Government matters. The Audience is entirely private. Though the King remains politically neutral on all matters, he is able to 'advise and warn' his ministers - including his Prime Minister - when necessary.
9. He still travels with a childhood teddy bear. He's had it since he was a very small child... The only person who's been allowed to mend King Charles's teddy bear is his childhood nanny, Mabel Anderson, who he apparently remains very close to.
10. King Charles was born in 1948 as Charles Philip Arthur George. Charles was born of the Royal House of Windsor and his surname is Windsor.

Jo Breckon

The Triangle wishes to thank Jo for researching and compiling the Royal Quiz.

The Parish Council

The Parish Council is the first stage of local government and receives a percentage of your Council Tax to carry out work and maintain assets within the parish.

It has a number of parish assets including the Maypole, benches, some street lights, noticeboards and defibrillator. It has to ensure the grass is cut on The Green and in the cemetery.

The Parish Council owns the Parish Field, which provides additional income from the tenant and The Allotment Association. The Parish Council makes recommendations on planning applications and other consultations received from Ryedale District Council, soon to become North Yorkshire Council.

The Parish Council does not have responsibility over roads, pavements, public rights of way, sewerage or flooding. It can only try to get help with these matters on your behalf.

The Parish Councillors are a friendly group of people who are happy to be contacted and help where they can.

It was mooted at a recent meeting that it may be a nice idea to put an introduction to the parish councillors in the triangle, since we have a number of new ones. So I have asked all councillors to do a small piece to introduce themselves.

Fiona Farnell



My name is Gawen Dickinson. I have been involved in Ryedale and its community in my work

with North Yorkshire Police over the last 44 years. This experience has given me a good understanding of the district and parish needs and priorities.



My name is Andrew Wilson. I have been a Parish Councillor since 2018 after ten years as a school

governor. I am married to Elizabeth, with two daughters Mollie and Poppy. I am the fourth generation of the Wilson family to farm on Castle Howard Estate and am the tenant of Brickyard Farm just north of Slingsby.



My name is Rachel Hogarth and I live on The Green. I've been living in the local parish for

45 years and am passionate about our local area. I am serving my 27th year working within the NHS and in my spare time I like to walk and have involvement with the sports and social club.



My name is David Wells and I live on Railway Street. Whilst I've only been in the

village for a short time, I feel very protective about the wonderful sense of community and unique character the parish has. I run a family business in the agriculture industry and previously worked the energy and environment sectors. I can often be seen walking around the local area with my dog, Brindle.



My name is David Bairstow and I live on Balksyde. I love the sense of

Community Slingsby has and, by serving as a councillor I hope to make a useful contribution.

Village Hall Contact

**For bookings please
contact Trudy Carr on
01653 628302**

Dates for your diary

2nd April – Palm Sunday

5th April – warm and social space

8th – 10th April – Flower display in Church

9th April – Easter Sunday Service

9th April - Easter Egg hunt

19th April – Soupa Lunch

23rd April – Café Church

28th April – Bags2school

29th April – 1st May – Scarecrow Trail

1st May – May Day events round The Green

5th May – Flowers and Artifacts celebration

6th May – Coronation Day

17th May – Soupa Lunch

1st June – Oil Consortium closure date

24th June – Midsummer musical evening

15th July – Duck Race

2nd Sept – Pie Night

16th Sept – Produce Show

14th Oct – Harmonia Choir

10th Dec – Christmas Lunch

13th Dec – Family Christmas Trees

North Yorkshire Community Messaging

Thefts from outbuildings

Over the last couple of months, there have been a number of outbuildings broken into in the Ryedale area, resulting in either tools or vehicles, such as quads or motorbikes, being stolen.

Officers have been conducting patrols to identify and deter those responsible, but we still need your help by reporting any suspicious activity or vehicles. We have been successful in arresting offenders through the use of tracking equipment on quads, and we encourage members of the public to sign up to such services.

Doorstep selling

A doorstep seller was reported today in the Amotherby area. A member of the public notified the police and the seller was located and has now been dealt with for "peddling without a licence" and given a dispersal order to leave North Yorkshire for 24 hours.

If a person comes to your address trying to sell items, please do not buy anything, do not allow them in your address, ask them to leave and notify the police straight away so we can deal with the incident effectively. Door step sellers can be involved in other criminality and we want to disrupt them as well as protect the residents of Ryedale.

N. Yks. Police

Full Results of the Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme 2022 Parish Survey

As many of you will already know the Parish survey took place in 2022 and the results have been available since January. The full results document can be found on the Slingsby Village website at: <https://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/02/Slingsby-Fryton-and-South-Holme-Parish-Survey-2022-RESULTS-FINAL.pdf>

129 households, covering the opinions of 257 residents, were collected. We'd like to thank everyone who took part by completing the survey or helping out with its design and distribution. If you have any questions about the survey or its results please do contact victoriawells@hotmail.co.uk or the parish council: slingsbypc@gmail.com. Thanks,

Victoria Wells

Ryedale Festival 2023 Launched

By the time you read this a concert by the Piatti Quartet in Helmsley Church on 31st March will have launched the full programme for the July Festival. Venues across Ryedale and beyond will be hosting events – but will Slingsby be among them? Visit the village website to find out!

Jon Boots