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May Day Fun



The weather was kind to us on May Day with the sun shining on proceedings. The rain only daring to arrive an hour after we had packed up!

The crowds were entertained throughout the afternoon with music and dance. Stalls were busy around the Green and both the ice cream van and FOSS pop-up café had a constant queue, always a sign that things are going well.



The day epitomised a quintessential village fete especially with the children of Slingsby CP School with their display of Maypole dances and the Minster Strays Morris dancing. Music was provided by the ever-popular Swinton Training Band and local folk band Clúrachán who had the audience up dancing.

The success of the day would not have been possible without the numerous people who volunteered - running stalls, setting up, taking down, organising the sound, moving equipment and generally making the day run smoothly. Thanks also to the businesses and individuals who donated raffle prizes. The raffle brings in much needed cash to help the Maypolers

committee put on the event. This year we worked closely with FOSS to organise May Day and hope that we can develop this link as we move forward. See you next year!



Jo Breckon

Thank you to village resident Charles Hogge for two of these eye-catching photos showing the fun.

Red Squirrels

Our cover shows a cheeky red squirrel at the Yorkshire Arboretum spotted soon after the opening of the new enclosure. The Arboretum says

“We have a small breeding group of native Red Squirrels, maintaining a captive population for future reintroductions, and enabling us to tell the story of a native mammal lost from most of our woodland.

The Red Squirrel enclosure has been designed and built entirely by Yorkshire Arboretum staff and volunteers. It's modelled on similar designs elsewhere, with a perimeter of steel panels with a non-grip coating and a 3m no-leap zone all around, designed to keep Red Squirrels in and Grey Squirrels out.

The Red Squirrel Enclosure is now open. There is no extra charge to visit the enclosure, but booking is essential.”

Grey squirrels

Red squirrels have undergone one of the most drastic declines of all UK mammals. This is largely due to the introduction of non-native grey squirrels in the early 20th century.



Photo shows bigger, fiercer and less colourful grey squirrel

The larger greys are able to out-compete reds for food and habitat and carry a virus to which they are immune, but which kills red squirrels. Reds have now disappeared from most of England and Wales. It is estimated that there are 287,000 red squirrels in Britain, compared to 2.7 million greys.

Although grey squirrels can look cute, they have no natural predators in England and Wales and cause considerable damage in our countryside and gardens, including:

- Damaging trees.
- Digging up bulbs.
- Raiding your fruit and veg.
- Raiding birds nests.

If they enter buildings, damage can be considerable

- Gnawing through woodwork.
- Stripping insulation from wiring.
- Shredding fibreglass roof insulation.

There is much advice on line about how to deter greys, and more widely much discussion is taking place nationally on controlling grey squirrels, using oral contraceptives or gene control leading to infertile males, but as yet nothing has been agreed.

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## Slingsby Postal Service

Since the postal service was introduced to Slingsby there have been many locations of the Post Office.

The first known location of Slingsby Post Office was at Castle House, on High Street. In 1861 Castle Stores was run by William and Harriet Wilson, selling 'everything' especially chocolate. The shop is described as 'grocers and drapers' but it is not known when it also became the Post Office. The photo below shows Thomas Wilson, standing on the right, holding the small child's hand. On the left of the photograph, above the slightly older girl's head, is the actual post box, set into the wall. The dark coloured sign above the window reads 'Thos. Wilson, Registrar, Hovingham District' as well as advertising Cadbury's Cocoa. The expanded photograph shows a close-up of the Registrar sign with the white Post Office sign below it. The fact that Thomas is designated Registrar dates this photograph to post-1890, according to Bulmer's Directory. Thomas died in 1919 at the age of 68, so it is likely that the Post Office then moved.



Castle House on High Street, run for many years by the Wilson family. The photograph below shows an enlarged version of Post Office and Registrar sign above the window.



By the early 1930's the post office had then moved a short way to The Green. The photo below shows the shop on The Green, probably in the 1940's or 1950's. The wall-mounted post box is just beyond the doorway.



From the early 1930's until approximately 1974 the Post Office was run from his shop on The Green by Bob Hunton and his wife, Gladys, who then retired and moved to Scarborough. The house is still known as 'The Old Post Office' today.



The upper photograph shows the old Post Office in about 1930.

The lower photograph shows The Old Post Office on The Green, photographed in the early 1940's and 1950's.



The photo to the right shows Bob and Gladys Hunton, after they had retired to Scarborough.



Around 1974 The Post Office relocated to Prospect Stores, part of Prospect House on the corner of High St. and The Green. Until 1923 Prospect Stores was run by The Addymans, then Jimmy Lunn, Mr Vollens and then Harry Williamson, who also ran a cobbler's from the rear of the premises. From the late 1960's the store was run by Mr & Mrs Foy and then by Alan & Rosemary Wormald until 1998 when they sold up and it was turned into a private house.



*Prospect Stores when it was also the Post Office*



*Alan and Rosemary Wormald, with Miss Lascelles in the middle. The Wormalds kept Prospect Stores.*

From 1998 until approximately 2012 The Post Office was part of 'Tony's Shop' on the corner of Green Dyke Lane, where the circular post-box still remains to this day. However, around 2012 The Post Office decided to 'rationalise' the number of Post Offices and many were closed, including Slingsby. In its place came the mobile



post-van, four days a week, which was first proposed in 2012 according to an old Triangle.

*Previous photo shows Tony's Shop around 2015, with the main village post-box*

### Postal collection boxes

The main collection box in Slingsby has been the usual circular box, situated still outside what was Tony's Shop.

However a wall mounted box was available at Pear Tree Cottage, opposite the pub, where the mark is still visible in the wall.



Nora, one of the children pictured in the first photograph of Castle House, went on to marry Joseph Smithson, with whom she had six children, one of them called Widdy. Nora, Widdy's mother lived at Pear Tree Cottage, opposite The Grapes pub on Railway Street so this might explain why a wall-mounted postbox was fitted into the wall at Pear Tree Cottage as this was owned by the same family. The mark from this box is still there.

When the new houses appeared on Sycamore Close and Aspen Way a new collection box was placed on a wooden telegraph pole on Sycamore Close near where the present mobile van stops, however this box has recently been removed.

### Postal deliveries

Freda Ware, who lived in Slingsby all her life (until recently ill health forced a move) delivered for approx 16 years. She was forced to retire at 60 in 1991. Aspen Way had just been finished, as Sycamore had been built first. The post used to arrive at Freda's house in a van from the sorting office in York. They just tipped all the post onto Freda's kitchen floor, where Freda and her late husband, Raymond (Bunny), would sort it out and then Freda would deliver it all by bicycle to the whole village, six days a week.

After Freda retired in 1991 came Mel Cooke. Mel did deliveries for almost 5 years until she left the village. Following Mel came Pete Racenis and Neil Marshall.

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## /Slingsby Postal Service continued...

Sandra Dalglish delivered from 1995 until 2011, when the Post Office decided to have another reorganisation. Until this time, it was a Post Office rule that deliverers had to live in the village. David Bland, Sandra's partner also worked for the Post Office but from the Malton depot.



*Photo shows Freda Ware with her trusty bike!*

In 2012, postal deliveries to Slingsby were changed again. Deliveries were made by van from the Helmsley Post Office hub, however this was changed again some years later and is now Thirsk.

*Photo below shows Sandra Dalglish and David Bland on their 'his and her Post Office bikes'.*



Thanks to Freda, Sandra and David for their help with this article.

*David Thornley*

## All Saints Church Programme

We are now halfway through the year and have already ticked off several of our events and fundraising activities. I think the whole village will agree that the May Day celebrations were a huge success, with lots of people enjoying all the stalls, refreshments, music and, of course, the dancing. Our cake stall and children's tombola proved to be very popular, and we would like to thank all those of you who contributed such delicious baking and tombola prizes.

As you may recall from our programme, our next fund raising is **The Midsummer Evening on 24<sup>th</sup> June**. In keeping with our theme of FAMILY, we have decided to kick the evening off with a Treasure Hunt. The hunt will start and finish at the church and should take about two hours to complete, with prizes for the top three hunters. On completion, you then have the option to stay in the church grounds and enjoy a glass of wine and canapés and suitable refreshments for our younger participants. Of course, if you just wish to enjoy a summer evening of nibbles and music, you can come along for the wine and canapés.

Entry fee for the Treasure Hunt is £2, payable on arrival. Wine and canapés tickets are £5 per person and must be bought in advance.

We plan to start the Treasure Hunt at 4pm and the Midsummer Evening at 6pm. More details to follow nearer the time. If you would like to make a contribution to the food, please let one of us know well in advance so that we can plan the numbers.

Once again, many thanks to you all for your ongoing support and we hope to see you on June 24<sup>th</sup>!

*Church Fundraisers*



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## Slingsby Ladies Group

In April, we welcomed Christine Jones, a personal stylist. Christine started her career as a stay-at-home mum, making clothes for her children which eventually led her to design clothes. She then did a management training course in retail which later developed into a career as a stylist. Her ethos is style not fashion, and she encourages her clients to buy less but to buy quality.

Christine showed us various slides of well-known actresses wearing colour and black and which suited them more. Of course, the colour suited them more, as apparently, 60% of women can't wear black. She then moved on to style and body shapes, focusing on line, scale and hemlines. A few of her tips were:

- Make sure cropped trousers end at the narrowest part of your leg.
- If wearing a column of colour, wear toning colours.
- Avoid horizontal breaks.
- Nude shoes are a must in summer as they make your legs look longer.

It was a very informative talk which we all enjoyed.

In May we were delighted to welcome back Tony Nicholson, who has visited us twice before. Tony briefly recapped how he had moved into his house near Saltburn in 1999, and through a secret door in his attic he discovered over 300 letters and photos which told the story of Annie. Among this cache he discovered various 'cartes de visite' which had been introduced to England from Paris in the 1850's. These were photos of acquaintances Annie had come into contact with, a sort of Facebook with 130 photos! Only two were framed which therefore implies that they were of some importance to her. Both were of men and both were very pale around the head area - did she touch and kiss them?

One of the photos was of Gus, the vicar's son, whom she had met in 1896 at The Moonlight Dance on the Vicarage Lawn and with whom she had an affair. There were many letters written by Gus, declaring his love for Annie, but full of excuses as to why he couldn't see her and always asking for money. Annie became pregnant, which was a big scandal in their community and she and Gus married. It then

appears that when Gus came home from his stint as a merchant seaman, there was no baby - was it stillborn or was Annie never pregnant? This proved to be the end of the marriage.

One of the guests at Gus and Annie's wedding was a lady called Agnes. She and Gus had an affair and later married bigamously. But Agnes had a drink problem and in 1926 they separated. Agnes left Gus and he committed suicide.

The second framed photo was of an elderly gentleman - Annie's father? Was he Thomas Johnson, a businessman in Darlington? Certainly, it is known that after thirty years of marriage, his wife filed for divorce due to an abusive home life, so was this man really Annie's father?

After Annie and Gus separated, Annie went on to have thirty years of a seemingly happy life with many good friends, especially one called Gussie. Tony ended his talk wondering whether Annie had had an affair with Gussie's father? Was she attracted to dangerous men?

As ever, Tony's talk was fascinating, informative and thought provoking. We thoroughly enjoyed it.

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*



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## Slingsby Sports and Social Club



It has been another busy period at the club and we are very excited as we look forward to the summer months with a full calendar of events ahead of us.

### Sport for All Update

At the time of writing, we are still awaiting confirmation from North Yorkshire Council regarding the release of the Community Infrastructure Levy funds that we were allocated by Ryedale District Council in March, totalling £166k. Our project, like many other worthwhile projects across Ryedale that have also been allocated funds, has gained some interest from the press and we appeared on BBC Look North to explain what the impact of the non-release of the funds would have on our project. Hopefully that press coverage will help move things forward.

On Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May, on behalf of The Sports and Social Club, I attended the Annual General Meeting of the new North Yorkshire Council and asked a public question regarding when the funds would be released. In response to my question, and others in a similar vein, we were assured that a decision will be made by the executive at a meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> June. The indications are that not all of the projects that have been allocated funds by Ryedale District Council will have those funds released but we remain hopeful that we will be successful. We do have alternative plans in place in the event that North Yorkshire Council do not release the funds to us but that is likely to delay the completion of the project.

One thing is absolutely certain, the work we have already done stands us in good stead for delivering an incredible project that will improve the access to the club for people with disabilities, create modern, fit for purpose changing facilities for use by the children of the school and significantly improve the sporting and social facilities available.

We remain exceptionally grateful for the support from the community and we are committed to developing facilities for which the whole community can be proud. Over the course of the next few months we will continue to press forward with the

project and will continue to raise the additional funding required.

In addition to the incredible work done by a committed group of volunteers to move forward with the Sport for All Project we all also look forward to an exciting summer.

### Slingsby Cricket Club

The season is now well under way and despite narrow losses in both of our opening games we have lots of reasons to be optimistic. Not least of which is the good crop of young players that we have playing this season who are helping to balance the age of the side! Not least of which is 12 year old Zach Turner who has started the season well picking up good wickets in each of the early matches.

Hopefully the summer is a good, dry, one with few (or none) of the matches affected by the weather. We are, of course, looking forward to the highlight of our cricketing year with the Annual Dave Calvert memorial cricket match arranged for Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> August.

### Summer events

Over the course of the summer we have events organised every month which include a reintroduction of the village Annual Sports day. The success of the sports day during the Platinum Jubilee celebrations highlighted what an important part of the village calendar the sports day used to be. This year we are aiming to hold the event in June but the exact date is tbc at the time of writing.

We are always delighted to provide the sports field for use in July for the duck race which is an incredible annual event for the community and hopefully will be another great fundraising day for FOSS.

We are also aiming to hold a celebration of everything Yorkshire in August with a beer festival celebrating Yorkshire Ales to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> August.

In addition, we will be running a full programme of car boot sales as well as our normal first Friday of the month charity quiz nights and our third Friday of the month darts and dominoes evenings.

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### **/Sports Club continued....**

I would like to, once again, highlight that everything that happens with the club, including the cutting and maintenance of the Sportsfield, is entirely down to a fantastic group of volunteers. Without them we would not have such incredible facilities that are already the envy of many communities and once the Sport for All Project is delivered will be some of the best facilities around.

*Paul Hogarth*

Chairman, Slingsby Sports and Social Club

### **All Saints Church - Update on works**

#### **Churchyard wall**

The wall is being repaired by the Ryedale Council (or the remains of Ryedale) who are responsible for looking after it, but has hit a snag, namely that there are no foundations.... this may also explain why it needs repair! So, as you can imagine this has triggered a need for formal permissions and further costings. Please bear with us in the meantime.

#### **Clock**

We have at last been granted a Faculty\* to repair the clock and repaint it and are now in the period of 'petition' where we have to post a notice saying we intend to do this and give everyone 30 days to object (hopefully no-one will!) Then, finally we can repair it, thanks to some generous donations.

#### **West window**

We have just had success with another two grant applications and thanks again to other generous donations and some fundraising we should be in a position to get on with this work as soon as our craftsmen are able to do it. The window will disappear for a while but come back lighter, brighter and with protective glazing instead of the grille which we think will make a huge difference to its impact inside and out.

*Kate Giles*

\*A 'Faculty' is a permissive right to undertake works to a church building or its contents – thanks Google - Ed

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### **Slingsby Chapel news**

#### **Whitsuntide**

Our Easter celebrations went particularly well this year with a very good breakfast followed by a lovely service led by Rev Penny Worth in which we gave thanks for the glorious resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are very grateful for the wonderful gift of a new cross mounted on a globe of the world and surrounded by a new garden at the front of chapel. After the Easter service Rev Peter Sheasby came along and blessed the cross and garden supported by a good crowd of chapel members and friends.

After the Easter celebrations and the ascension of Jesus the next important event in the Church calendar is Whitsuntide. Jesus had promised his disciples that when he left them he would send the Holy Spirit to support and empower them to carry on his work. This is what we remember and celebrate at Whitsuntide and Whitsunday or Pentecost Sunday, this year on 28<sup>th</sup> May. In the book of Acts Ch 9 we read....

**“When the day of Pentecost came, they (the disciples) were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them.”**

That was really the birth of the Church as we know it and it has been growing and carrying out the work of Jesus ever since. We give you a warm invitation to join us whenever you can.

#### **Events**

- 18<sup>th</sup> June is our Chapel Anniversary when we celebrate the 186<sup>th</sup> anniversary since the Chapel was built. There is a service at 10.30am which will be taken by Rev Robert Amos.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June - Soupa lunch, this will be our last one of the season and we invite you to join us in the Schoolroom for soup, sandwiches and a pudding. All are welcome.
- 21<sup>st</sup> June (Wednesday) 7.30pm - An Hour of Prayer in The Chapel Schoolroom. Come and



share your thoughts, hopes and concerns with us in an informal way. A warm welcome to all.

The photos below show the new Chapel cross and garden, just installed, and at the Easter Blessing



*Stephen Prest*

## 50th Annual Slingsby Produce & Pumpkin Show

To take place on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September in Slingsby Village Hall. It is a great village occasion with classes in crafts, produce, baking, photography, farm crops and a big section of children's classes supported by Slingsby Primary School. Schedules will be available later and delivered to every home. Now is the time to be preparing especially in your gardens and allotments as you grow all your veg and flowers etc. **We hope to see you at the show!**

*Stephen Prest*



## Sowers and Growers

The group continues to have a fun-packed programme. In April we enjoyed a social evening at The Crown and Cushion - our meal out and this year's AGM. In May we visited one of our favourite Slingsby gardens, and held our annual 'plant swap' – each of us going home with new plants to try – before finishing the evening with tea and wonderful cake.

In coming months we have plans to visit Helmsley Walled Garden and Breezy Knees at Warthill, and to hold a tomato tasting event. New members/guests are always welcome – get in touch with our Chair, Janet, on 628625 for dates/times etc.

*Gill Baker*



Photo shows lovely tulips in our Secretary, Fiona's garden this spring

## Allotment fruit

The fruit trees in the allotment 'orchard' are in full blossom. I am using metal arches previously from our garden, which are now very dilapidated, however ideal for training apples and pears, as after a few years of training the branches will thicken and be self-supporting.



The apple shown in the second picture (and is also growing up part of the first arch) is an old variety 'Ashmead's Kernel' which is a russet type and matures late. It also keeps very well. The Morello cherry tree at the end of the arches is in full blossom too. *Terry Baker*







## Coronation Celebrations

### Coronation Picnic





## Coronation decorations in Church

All Saints contribution to the coronation weekend was a light-hearted representation of the coronation and aspects of royal life. Ten exhibits were staged by our talented arrangers - Anita Brewer, Diane Watson, Julia Snowball, Nancy Coates, Barbara Jameson, Carol Thorney and Sharon Wilkinson.

There was a golden coach, a state banquet, Royal Yacht, and green man to name a few. We had lots of visitors and many favourable comments, thanks to all concerned.

*Chrysa Apps*



A few of the wonderful displays



## Charlotte's 100th Birthday!

Quite a few village folk will know Charlotte Murray who moved into Railway Street in 2012, next door to Freda Ware who became a dear friend. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May, Charlotte celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday with her Slingsby family at Rivermead Care Home



and then AGAIN with the rest of the family and a few friends on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> in the garden at her Granddaughter Emma's house in Slingsby.



Charlotte with granddaughter, Emma Massey

We had sunshine for most of the day and a happy, memorable time with 4 generations gathered. 'Grandma' was treated to an hilarious play by the 4 eldest great grandchildren of 'The Life and Times of Charlotte Murray' involving stories handed down through the family of her childhood in the 20's and 30's; her experiences as a Land Girl during the war and her romantic meeting with her beloved Aussie husband, Ern. And of course, she was thrilled to receive her card from the King and Queen!



After lunch we were joined by more friends and treated to a few tunes by Paddy and Dave; a speech by son Chris and plenty of chat and cake. It was a truly happy day and we're so grateful to everyone who made it so. It will be a highlight in the family memory for many a year.

*Karen Bishop*

**Charlotte passed away peacefully on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May with a full and happy heart.**



What a puddle jumping spring we have had! After a dry start to the year and decent field progress made in February, between the 1<sup>st</sup> March and 17<sup>th</sup> May, we have had a bit over seven inches of rain, which it is safe to say has hampered progress in fields quite a bit! While it was wet, we did some drain maintenance with a spade and jetting machine, and for the first time we've done some mole draining in some beet fields – more on that in a later bulletin.

We finally got our spring cereals drilled in the third week of April. Patience has paid off though, and they are away growing well now. The spring barley was 'strip tilled' (using a machine that cultivates only the strip where the seed is placed, not the bit in between) into the clover remaining from the cover crop sown last September. I am hoping that the clover stays in place throughout the life of the barley crop, and into next year's beet, but time will tell! The barley is destined for Knapton maltings to make beer.

After some deliberation, crop walking and yet more exercise for my calculator, we called time on our oilseed rape crop, and replaced it with spring oats. Drought last summer, slugs, flea beetle and pigeons all hammered it to a point where less than 10% of the crop was viable. Fortunately, we hadn't spent a fortune on it, nor sprayed it with anything that reduced choices of its following crop. The oats look well currently, so here's hoping it was the right decision.

In March we built ourselves a seed dresser for potatoes, mostly from parts left from building a potato washer in 2017, and a spare elevator. This allows us to treat seed when it arrives from Scotland, as we fill the chitting crates I spoke of last bulletin. The product we apply is called Maxim, and is used to control a yield-robbing pathogen called *Rhizoctonia Solani* (Google is your friend!) Previously we have used a contractor to do this, but with now only two such operators in the country and trials showing how effective and worthwhile the operation is, we have built our own rig (with guidance from the contractor, who was very helpful). More information on *Rhizoctonia* is available here:

<https://www.certiseurope.co.uk/articles/news/expert-guide-rhizoctonia-solani-in-potatoes>



Photo shows the potato seed dresser that we built

Last year's hot summer meant that the physiological age (see last Bulletin) of our seed potatoes was already significant when they arrived in mid-March (a month later than normal) and more likely to sprout quickly. A late planting season and recent mild temperatures have created a situation where we have sprouts so large that we have had to run some over a brusher to get them to a state where the planter can cope with them! This is very frustrating indeed – I'd like to refrigerate our seed store but that is tens of thousands of pounds for something we don't need every year, and only for a few weeks a year when we do.

Cover crops have once again shown their value and have consistently reduced the need for intensive cultivation and chemical control of nematodes, which is pleasing. If anyone fancies a go in your gardens or allotments, please get in touch – I have done a few presentations on the subject that I am willing to share if they are of interest.



Photo shows an oil radish in my hand with over wintered cover crop behind

Sugar beet drilling was very protracted this year. We have fifty acres of beet, in four fields, and I was rained out of every one drilling this season! Aphids that carry virus yellows can infect our beet and cause serious yield losses, and there isn't much

chemistry to control them except a seed dressing called cruiser, which is likely to be banned from use in the near future. Consequently, I have been experimenting with undressed seed and non-chemical controls in readiness for this.

Aphids like to land on bare ground, not green plants (no, I didn't know that either!) so we have sown a 'nurse crop' of barley in the beet fields to help put them off. We apply some nutrition and biology down the back of the leading legs on our drill to get the beet off to a prompt start – healthy growth is the best defence.

Then this year I am trialling some garlic compound placed with the seed to protect it from attack (the stink would put anyone off!) Then to help further, in addition to our existing stewardship measures on the farm, we are going to sow some pollinator mixes (wildflowers basically) in strips across the headlands, to help boost habitat for natural predators to the aphids. The sprays to control the risky aphids aren't very effective, not cheap, and harm beneficial insects, so in my mind are pointless. My simple theory is if we boost the good stuff, the bad stuff will decline.

As I write this, we have just passed the halfway point in potato planting, cereals look promising and a new batch of pigs have just arrived. Russia is still in control of the wheat price, but fertilizer is almost back to 2021 levels – there are always positives if we look hard enough!!

Keep well everyone     *Andrew Wilson*

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## Parish Council

Both the Parish Council Meeting and the Annual Parish Assembly are on 22<sup>nd</sup> May – the day the Triangle goes to print. Here are some of the items being considered – go to the Website to find out what was decided. Shortly after the meeting the minutes will be posted at:

**[www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/parish-council-and-community/](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk/parish-council-and-community/)**

Items included on the agenda are:

- Presentation from Slingsby Sports and Social Club
- Presentation from Steve Mason, NYC Ward Councillor
- Update from Castle Howard Estate
- To consider planning applications:
  - Land off Aspen Way (further details on types, materials, access etc)
  - Wyville shop (change of use and associated works)
- Clerk role vacancy
- Locations for 2 vehicle activated speed signs



A rather atmospheric photo of a hare - sent in by Colin Douthwaite, on behalf of Tracey Deighton.

## Castle Howard news

Castle Howard continues to offer much to enjoy. Coming up in June is the Father's Day Classic Car Show on 18<sup>th</sup> June.

The Father's Day Classic Car Show is a spectacular day of motoring heritage, including trade and autojumble stalls selling a range of hard-to-find parts, accessories, vintage items, crafts and memorabilia plus modern car dealership stands, quality food, drink, ice cream and bars.

The event will also feature a full vehicle judging and awards ceremony overseen by a leading commentator and vehicle enthusiast. Awards will be presented for a range of vehicle age groups and will culminate in the Club of the Show, Pride of Ownership and Car of the Show awards.



Entry is Free with a Gardens Ticket.

### June/July Dates for your diary

- 2<sup>nd</sup> June – Club Quiz night
  - 4<sup>th</sup> June – Bacon Butties
  - 18<sup>th</sup> June – Chapel Anniversary
  - 18<sup>th</sup> June – Classic Cars and Castle Howard
  - 21<sup>st</sup> June – Soupa lunch (last of season)
  - 21<sup>st</sup> June – Chapel Hour of Prayer
  - 24<sup>th</sup> June – Midsummer Evening/Treasure Hunt
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Bacon Butties
  - 7<sup>th</sup> July – Club Quiz night
  - 15<sup>th</sup> July – Duck Race
- Advance notice**
- 5<sup>th</sup> Aug – Yorkshire Beer Festival at the Club
  - 27<sup>th</sup> Aug - Dave Calvert Memorial cricket match
  - 16<sup>th</sup> Sept – 50<sup>th</sup> Produce Show

## Mary Snowball 1930 – 2023

Barbara Mary Bradshaw was born in 1930 at Manor Farm in Reighton and she came to live in Slingsby in December 1954 when she married Arthur Snowball. Together they moved to Harsley Cottage. Husband Arthur ran an electrical business and shop in Railway Street.

When her children, Peter and Ann, were small the family moved next door to Harlsey House where Mary took on the grocery store from her in-laws. She continued to run the store until the early 1970s. It was only in the last couple of years she ceased to answer the phone for the electrical business which her son Peter runs to this day.

The family wish to thank everyone who sent comforting cards and messages on the loss of their dear mum, grandma and great grandma.

*Julia Snowball*

## Plastic Free July – are you ready to take the challenge?

Tackling the problem of plastic waste has never been more urgent with growing evidence of the enormous damage plastic pollution is doing to our health, the environment and wildlife. So, this July, why not join thousands of people around the world challenging themselves to ditch single-use plastics for a whole month?

Being more aware of how much plastic we use really can make a difference. In 2022 almost 250,000 people in the UK took part in The Big Plastic Count (<https://thebigplasticcount.com>) which revealed that, on average, each household threw away 66 pieces of plastic packaging in just one week amounting to an estimated 3,432 pieces per year. When scaled up, this comes to a staggering 96.6 billion items a year in the UK alone, most of it

packaging from food and drink. What's more, only 12% of this plastic is likely to be recycled in the UK with 17% shipped overseas and the rest being incinerated or going to landfill. It's clear that recycling is only a part of the solution and that we should also be concentrating on reducing the demand for plastic products in the first place.

This is where Plastic Free July comes in! If you're up for the challenge, start by taking the Pesky Plastics Quiz on the Plastic Free July website to reveal how much you actually use – including the particularly pesky 'hidden' plastics ([www.plasticfreejuly.org](http://www.plasticfreejuly.org)). Next, turn to the resources pages for great ideas to help you reduce single-use plastic waste every day at home, work, school and in your community - you can even share your stories, ideas and tips with other people around the world.

### Ideas include:

- Choosing loose when it comes to food and other household basics such as flour, cereals and pasta as well as washing up liquid, laundry and other cleaning essentials. Not only does it cut out plastic waste, you'll also save money by only buying what you need.
- Swap liquid hand and body wash, shampoo and shaving products, which come in plastic containers, for solid bars.
- Stock up on all the above and much more by simply take your empty containers to one of our brilliant local zero waste shops: The Beecham Weigh or Scoops in Malton, The Old Weigh in Pickering, Health Matters in Helmsley and the Moorside Stores in Kirkbymoorside.

Other tips include swapping tea bags for loose tea, using reusable water bottles and coffee cups when out and about, and ditching single-use plastic party decorations such as balloons, plates, cups and straws – amongst many more!

Why not share some of your Plastic Free July stories and top tips in the next edition of The Triangle? Good luck!

*Ros Doyle*



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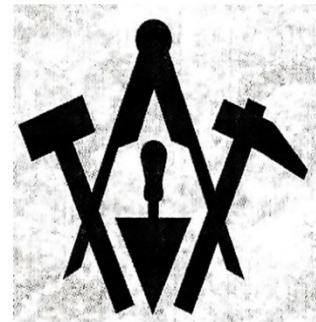
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## Allotment news

Early June is one of the times of the year when the allotment is full of promise of lots of things to pick in the next few weeks and months.

At the moment the only crop we are picking is lettuce from the greenhouse, but the main crops in the greenhouse are growing quickly. Our tomatoes have 3 or 4 trusses in flower with fruit setting and growing. I think this is the most advanced we have ever had them at this time of year. I was lucky that there were no real frosty nights after planting them out. Our peppers are also growing away and hopefully they'll ripen better this year. I've put them in growbags in an attempt to thwart the mole that was determined to undermine them last year.

I've managed to get my watering system working after a fashion. This has a solar panel that charges a battery to drive a pump to take water from our water butts. It seems like a good system but always requires work before I can rely on it. The dripper nozzles seem to block very easily and it sometimes allows water to syphon out of the tanks but at least I don't have to water every day.

Our fruit area looked really good when the apples pears and plums were in flower. Digging up the bush trees and replacing them with cordons down the middle has been a big improvement. It looks better, and the promise of pears and plums/damsons as well as apples from the area is exciting. I've got my fingers crossed that I'll be able to control the plums as cordons because traditionally plums are too vigorous to train to any shape other than as a fan. I bought the trees on rootstock VVA-1 which is supposed to be similar to apple rootstock M9 so it might be okay. The plums however are looking awful at the moment suffering from plum curl aphids. The RHS says these pests are an important part of wildlife food chains and they do no permanent damage to the plants. How things change. When I first started gardening watching Arthur Billet growing his fruit at Clacks Farm on Gardeners' World, he would be routinely spraying both insecticides and fungicides on his fruit every 2 or 3 weeks through the growing season.

Our soft fruit is growing well in the cage. There are two sweet cherries I planted in there a couple of

years ago. Again, I bought these on the most dwarfing rootstock available, Gisella 5. This is supposed to give a tree of a similar size to an apple on M26. I'm trying to grow these as espaliers. This is not a traditional shape for trained cherries. It's more usual to fan train them. At the moment I've got two horizontal arms on each and planning the third tier this year. One of the trees doesn't look well and I'm not sure what is wrong with it. Most fruit trees crop better with a different tree to act as a pollinator, but these two are both self-fertile and also the sour cherry on the plot will pollinate both as well.

We are planning a small wildlife area on the plot. At the moment the only part of this in place is a "fedge" or dead hedge. This has the dual purpose of allowing us to dispose of the woody cuttings from the fruit and providing a hiding place for wildlife. It's probably a mistake to have made some of the supports from willow prunings from our garden since these seem to be growing and so it's not just a dead hedge now. We'll have to keep an eye on it so they don't get out of hand.

As well as the fedge we are planning a small pond, but we need to sort out the fencing around this first so that's probably going to be a job for later in the year.

As always, the weeds grow faster than the crops and would take over the whole plot in a very short period of time. We've had the plot from the very start of the Allotment Association and we still struggle to keep some sort of order. In particular there seems to be no way of reducing the horsetail we're plagued with. It's impossible to dig it out because its roots go so far down and are very brittle. It is the most tenacious plant – I think it's been around since the time of the dinosaurs and it will definitely still be on our plot after I'm long gone.

We have at last started to get to grips with building a new set of compost heaps near the shed. We had a few pallets at home and have made a couple of 3 sided enclosures. There are lots of instructions about how to use pallets for compost bins on the web. At the moment we've lined them with cardboard but obviously that won't last very long. Plots are currently full, but do join our waiting list, contact Brian on 01653 628625.

*Terry Baker*

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## FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

We had a wonderfully successful bank holiday weekend at the start of May for our annual scarecrow trail. There were 23 fantastic entries positioned around the village, delicious home-made treats in the pop-up cafe, and with the weather just about holding out all weekend it was a great day out for all the family. Competition for the best scarecrow as voted for by all taking part in the trail was a close-run thing this year. The winning scarecrow, by a whisker, was Wallace and Gromit, with Wednesday Adams in second place and Paddington Bear coming third.

This year we had the opportunity to run the cafe on the Monday as an extra day. Huge thanks to everyone who provided wonderful baked donations, those who entered scarecrows, took part in the trail, volunteered on the stalls and supported the event. We were delighted to raise just over £2200, almost £1000 more than last year!

Thank you to anyone donating to our recent Bag2School collection which raised almost £110.

The school children designed a spectacular coronation tea towel to be sold amongst the school community, raising over £220.

We now look ahead to our next big event, for which plans are in full flow. The **Duck Race 2023** will be held from 11am to 3pm on **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July** on the sports field. There will be stalls and children's activities to look forward to with the duck release at 2pm and we are thrilled to report that once again Andrew Pern, chef and owner of the Michelin starred The Star Inn at Harome, will be running the BBQ. Andrew and The Star have also very generously donated our 1<sup>st</sup> prize for the raffle, a voucher for Sunday lunch for 2 at The Star Inn including a house bottle of wine to the value of £150! Huge thanks to the Pern family! Raffle tickets for a chance to win this and a host of other kindly donated fabulous prizes will be available to buy on the day.

Duck sales forms will be handed to the children and can be bought through the school community, but look out for our duck sales stall at the Slingsby car

boot on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> June too to be in for a chance to win £50 for the 1<sup>st</sup> placed duck.

The duck race is historically our biggest fundraiser of the year with the money raised often making up at least half the annual donation given to the school. It promises to be a fun filled day for all the family and we really look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

*Helen Mackinder*

Turn to our back cover to see some of the scarecrows, including the winning entries – Ed.



A festive poster for the Slingsby Duck Race and Family Fun Day. At the top, a banner reads 'Free Admission'. The main title 'SLINGSBY DUCK RACE and Family Fun Day' is prominently displayed, followed by the date 'Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July' and time '11am - 3pm'. The location is 'SLINGSBY SPORTS FIELD'. The poster lists various activities: 'SPONSOR A DUCK' (£2 each or 3 for £5, with a 1st place win of £50 plus a prize for last place), 'FACE PAINTING', 'TIN CAN ALLEY', 'HOOK-A-DUCK', 'BEAT THE GOALIE', 'INFLATABLES', 'TOMBOLA', 'REFRESHMENTS | BBQ', and a 'RAFFLE'. A special feature is the 'BBQ by Michelin starred chef ANDREW PERN'. The bottom of the poster includes contact information for FOSS, a website link, an email address, and the registered charity number 1090516. The Friends of Slingsby School logo is also present.



An advertisement for Ian Brown Tyres. The header features the company logo and name 'IAN BROWN TYRES', along with services: Tyres, Exhausts, Brakes, Batteries, Servicing, MOTs. The address is 'DERWENT ROAD, YORK ROAD IND PARK, MALTON, N YORKS. YO17 6YB'. Contact details include phone number '01653 690300', fax '01653 694171', and website 'www.ianbrowntyres.co.uk'. Logos for AA, MOT, and Michelin are shown at the bottom, along with the 'itdn 24 HOUR BREAKDOWN SERVICE' logo.



## Scams – advice North Yorkshire Police

### WhatsApp

Criminals are targeting WhatsApp users by posing as a friend and asking for a security code. Action Fraud has received over 60 reports relating to this scam.

The scam begins when a criminal gets access to another WhatsApp account which has you listed as a contact.

The criminal, posing as your friend or someone that's a member of a WhatsApp group you're in, will then send you seemingly normal messages to try and start a conversation with you. However, around the same time you will receive a text message from WhatsApp with a six-digit code. This is because the criminal has been trying to login to WhatsApp using your mobile number. The criminal will claim that they sent you their code by accident and ask you to help them by sending it to them. Once the criminal has this code, they can login to your WhatsApp account and lock you out.

The criminal will then use the same tactic with your WhatsApp contacts in an effort to steal more accounts and use them to perpetrate fraud.

#### What you need to do:

- Set up two-step verification to give an extra layer of protection to your account: On your phone tap Settings > Account > Two-step verification > Enable.
- THINK. CALL. If a family member or friend makes an unusual request on WhatsApp, always call the person to confirm their identity.
- Never share your account's activation code (that's the 6 digit code you receive via SMS)
- You can report spam messages or block a sender within WhatsApp. Press and hold on the message bubble, select 'Report' and then follow the instructions.

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- Please don't assume a caller is genuine because they already have some basic information about you.
- Never give out bank account or credit/debit card details over the phone unless you made the call.
- If you receive an unexpected call by someone claiming to be from what appears to be a legitimate company or from your bank etc, always verify who you are speaking to.
- If in doubt about a call, hang up immediately.

#### General advice on protecting yourself against scams

1. Research companies and websites before buying. No matter how urgent the offer may seem, or how badly you want the item or service, do your research first.
2. Pay with a credit card or trusted payment processor. Compared to debit cards and bank transfers, credit cards are far more secure.
3. Avoid unknown links and downloads. Scammers can use attachments and websites to infect your computer with malware.
4. Keep personal information to yourself. Many websites ask you to answer a series of security questions in case you need to recover your password. Remember which information you've set as security measures, and don't share it.
5. Secure yourself online. If a website offers two factor authentication, use it. It's not bulletproof, but it's better than nothing. Use strong, unique passwords on the websites you frequent, and store them more securely with a dependable password manager.

#### **STOP, CHALLENGE, PROTECT**

If you suspect you have been scammed, report it to the Police by calling 101 and also contact your bank immediately. Also report it online to Action Fraud or ring 0300 123 2040.

## Stephen's Farming Column...

### ALL IN A DAYS WORK...

I don't do a lot of tractoring these days but recently I spent most of a day with a tractor and grass topper in a field of grass and clover. The field in question is quite a large field of 46 acres and it is all given over to countryside stewardship schemes and other conservation measures.

Two and a half acres is sown with a wild bird seed mix which if it grows well will provide food for wild birds over the next winter. The majority of the field was sown last autumn with a 2-year legume mix which contains red clover, vetch and birdsfoot trefoil. This will provide flowers for bees, and many other insects and also will provide good cover for ground nesting birds and food for many smaller birds over the nesting period.

This is the part of the field I was working in because it is in its first year of growth and was heavily infested with the pernicious weed called blackgrass. Cutting the blackgrass now should give the legumes time to grow away and smother any remaining blackgrass.

When you work in a field on a tractor for any length of time the wildlife soon ignores you and carries on as normal. The amount of wildlife I saw was very interesting, on the first few times round the outside of the field there were 4 pairs of English Partridges out in the field and hopefully they will have nests in the hedgerows. There were also a number of pheasants pecking around which also will be nesting now and then over a period of a couple of hours two roe deer came into the field and grazed for a while before disappearing back through the hedge.

Another bird which suddenly appeared was a red kite which has only recently come to this area and it circled around the field looking for its prey. A kestrel appeared several times too, and at one point was hovering directly above the red kite. There were also several carrion crows keeping an eye out for an easy meal!

In some parts of the country hares are quite scarce but they are not scarce in my fields as there were several running around the field keeping well away from the tractor quite a few of which were young

leverets. Most pleasing was the number of pairs of skylarks I saw. The grass/clover mix was quite thinly spaced and not too tall so it is ideal for the skylarks to nest in.

All in all, it proved to be a very pleasant, very rewarding and very enjoyable day's work.

*Stephen Prest*

Thank you to Stephen for these two lovely photos sent in with your article, showing a red kite and a pair of partridges -Ed



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Scarecrows

There was a wonderful display of scarecrows around the village over the Mayday holiday. Here are a few, sorry we couldn't include them all!

