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Sat 2nd Sept. All Saints annual evening meal.

Sat 16th September. Produce & Pumpkin Show.

Wednesday 20th Sept. A Harvest Soupa lunch.

Sunday 24th Sept. Village Harvest Festival.

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Two photos, sent in by Jo Breckon, showing the wild flower verge alongside The Flats. Jo says "A lovely example of farmers and nature working in harmony". See Brickyard Bulletin later for more examples.



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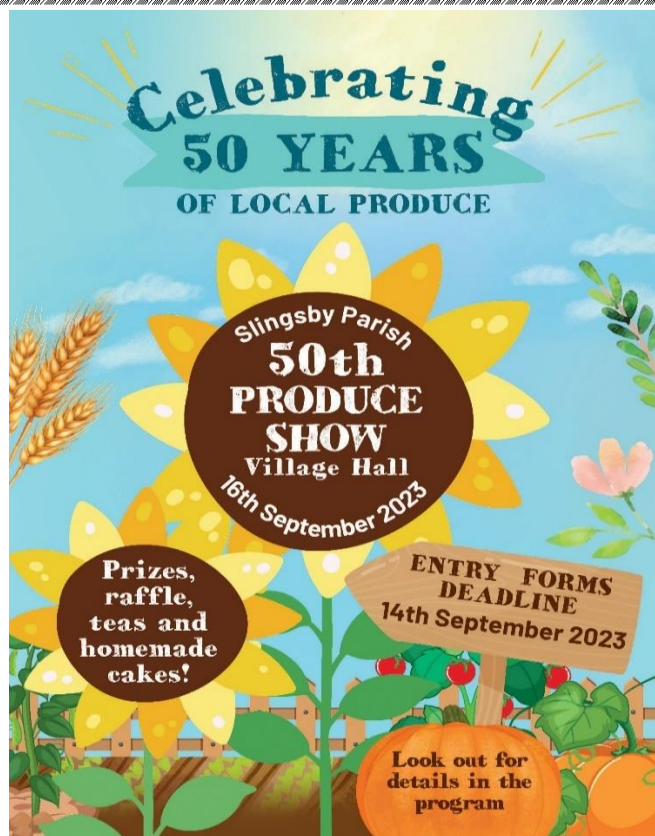
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50th Slingsby Parish

Produce & Pumpkin Show



As you can see from the Triangle's front cover, we are hoping to have lots of Slingsby School children's sunflowers to be measured to decide the tallest for the forthcoming Produce Show, plus of course, pumpkins and marrows to be weighed!

To celebrate our 50th Produce Show our raffle's first prize will be £50 in cash. There will be lots more excellent prizes to win. So please support us by entering the raffle!

Please come along and join us. Even better - why not enter something? There are lots of classes, including 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

Pictures from past Produce Shows



Slingsby Sports & Social Club

Sport for All Project Update

As many of you may know the Executive of North Yorkshire Council have made the decision not to honour any of the commitments regarding Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding made by the former Ryedale District Council. This has had a significant impact on our plans for the Sports Club and is an incredible disappointment. We are one of many different organisations that have been affected by this short-sighted decision that has put at jeopardy hundreds of thousands of pounds of match funding for organisations across Ryedale. Despite being disappointed we are certainly not disheartened and we are continuing to work hard to deliver the project which will make a huge difference to our community.

North Yorkshire Council have offered to help us identify alternative sources of funding, which may need to be a package of smaller grants to funders such as the National Lottery and Sport England. They will also continue to look at upcoming internal sources of funding for which we may be eligible. In the meantime, we'll continue to explore as many options as we can, and update our plans and costings, so we're ready to apply for deadlines as they come up. We continue to be really grateful to Steve Mason, our local councillor, for pressing our case at every opportunity.

However, we are currently caught in a bit of a catch 22 position as any funding that we apply for cannot be retrospective, which means that we can't start and deliver on *parts* of the project (even though we are in a position to do so) as this would mean that we wouldn't be able to apply for the grants that we would need to deliver the *entirety* of the project.

We remain extremely confident that we will secure the funds that we need, however the timeframes may now push in 2024.

Reflections

As we work incredibly hard to deliver the improvements to the club, it is easy to draw parallels with the efforts that were made 35 years

ago when the club was built in its current format. Then, like now, a dedicated group of people came together to pursue a plan and they delivered a facility which has served the community in many different ways.

Then, like now, that dedicated group of people faced many challenges before the building was finished and it needed the efforts of a local carpenter, Ray Rushworth, to complete the finishing touches. He agreed to build the bar for free as the club had reached the end of the available funds. As a thank you, Ray became the very first honorary life member of the Sports Club. So, the next time you visit the club and stand at the bar, take a moment to reflect on the volunteer time and effort that was devoted to completing it.

Looking forward

The summer now is in full swing, with the cricket season well underway with only a few matches affected by the weather. We are looking forward to the Annual Dave Calvert Memorial Cricket match, where we remember fondly another of the key figures associated with the club and aim to raise money for one of Dave's favourite charities, The Yorkshire Air Ambulance. The match always takes place on the Sunday before the August Bank Holiday (so this year it is the 27th August).

We are also delighted that Slingsby will once again have a football team back playing in the familiar green shirts. The team returned last season, but had already started the season playing as Rillington Rovers and had to complete the season under that name, but are back as Slingsby for the 2023/24 season. We wish them every success!

We are also looking at running the village sports day in August, so keep an eye out for the details associated with that!

Planning is also well underway for another of the highlights of club calendar, the annual bonfire and fireworks display. A huge amount of effort goes into organising that event and we are always incredibly grateful for the support of so many volunteers who ensure that the event is a success and enjoyed by many people.

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We will continue with our regular first Friday of the Month charity quiz nights as well as the regular games nights on the third Friday of the Month.

During the summer, thanks to the efforts of our volunteer bar staff, we are able to open during the day on Saturdays and Sundays and we have had some fantastic afternoons enjoying the sunshine.

Our volunteers really are the heartbeat of the club and we are grateful for the time that they give up in order to provide a service for the community.

We will continue to keep people updated with the progress with the Sport for All Project and look forward to seeing people using the Sportsfield during the summer.

Take care,

Paul Hogarth

Chairman, Slingsby Sports and Social Club

Stephen's Farming Column

Show season has arrived once again and we recently spent a very pleasant afternoon at Malton Show, that is until the rains came about 3pm but by then we were on our way home, so we missed all the queues. There were some very good cattle entries in the beef section and one of the best was Jonny Gibson a former Slingsby boy who now breeds Shorthorn cattle with his partner at Appleton le Moors. The picture below shows some of his cattle, and it was so warm that they were putting wet towels on the backs of the cattle to try and cool them off a bit.



Next week we shall be visiting the Great Yorkshire Show which is a very good show now held over 4 days to help spread the crowds a bit. It is now the biggest show in England and there is so much to see and do for all ages. There is a very good educational section for children, with many hands-on activities giving children a real taste of countryside activities.



On the farm my countryside stewardship crops are looking very well with probably the best being strips of pollen & nectar mixtures providing lots of flowers for insects, particularly bees. It was full of clover, oxeye daisies, sainfoins and several other similar plants. The picture above shows one of the pollen & nectar mixes.

Harvest is rapidly approaching and prospects for the winter corn and oilseed rape look very promising but some of the spring crops were slow to grow, suffering from the cold dry weather of early spring.

One of my owl boxes has a pair of barn owls in it so I am waiting to see if any young owlets appear. I put up 2 swift nesting boxes but so far they have not been used and the numbers of swifts, swallows and house martins seems to be much reduced this year.

Stephen Prest



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Charlotte Beatrice Murray
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On behalf of all the family, I would like to thank everyone for their kind and warm messages to us following Mum's passing on 21st May. We have been quite overwhelmed by them.

Mum, Charlotte was born in Liverpool in May 1923 to Lottie and Jim Holt, the eldest of 3 children. Jim worked for the Pacific Steam Navigation Co. as Chief Steward on cruise ships sailing from Liverpool to the Americas and Lottie got up to various enterprises while looking after the children at home. They bought a hotel in Blackpool, where some young RAF Officers were billeted during the war and so at the age of 17 Mum met Ernest, a charming Australian pilot. They wrote to each other throughout his various postings and her time in the Land Army until at the end of the war, Mum broke off her engagement to a family friend when she realised Ernest was her true love! They married in 1947 and moved to the Isle of Man. After the births of my brother Chris and myself in Liverpool, they moved to Chorleywood, Herts when Dad was flying from Northolt and later Heathrow airports. Mum lived happily there for 54yrs, giving us our loving childhood with Dad, enjoying courses in history of art and the history of London, helping with elderly day care at her church and caring for Dad through various health problems; looking after her own Mum and coping with the loss of each of them.

In her 80's she bravely moved to live near us in Devon and then again at 89, when we all came to beautiful Slingsby to enjoy fun and frolics with her expanding number of great grandchildren! She was humbled by the warmth and friendship she found here, enjoying Chapel as long as she was able; soupa lunches and summer teas in the company of dear Jean Marshall, Mary Snowball and Freda Ware were particular highlights and Open Gardens, as well as trips to the moors and seaside and all the visits from Tom and Freddie and scattered family. Latterly Mum was grateful for the help she received in her home before having to move to Rivermead where again, she was so very grateful. She had very happy years here and the gathering of many family and friends the week before she died was the icing on the cake. She said herself, "What perfect timing!"

Thanks so much to everyone.

Karen Bishop

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Photo left: maybe sponsor an alpaca

We support people to develop their practical skills, enhance their independence and self-esteem as well as being part of a great group and making friends.

Acorn supported living is another amazing success. For the last 15 years we have provided specialist

care and housing for those people who want to live in the community and have support to do so.



Photo above: an example of our woodworking skills.
Photo below: keyboard playing



If you need any more information, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us 01653 699922 or look at our website acorncommunity.care and learn more about us.

Chris

Slingsby Community Primary School

Back in 2017, my wife Anita and I began visiting schools in the locality for our three children to progress to, having attended the fabulous Wath Court nursery nearby.

Living outside of the village, we looked around several alternatives, but Slingsby Community Primary School instantly stood out from its competitors. We were drawn to the wholesome, happy, vibrant, and traditional culture, enhanced by the school's beautiful rural setting in the heart of the Slingsby community.

We were all delighted with our choice, and from day one our children have had a blast. It has been thrilling to see them learn and develop in such a nurturing environment, and we have all made some lovely friends along the route.

With a keen interest in their education, I volunteered to be a Parent Governor in 2020 and, when the previous Chair of Governors Mrs Sophie Wigby-Ashurst stepped down, I became Chair of Governors in September 2022. I would like to express my gratitude to Sophie for her incredible dedication to the school and community during her tenure.

It is a great responsibility but also a real privilege to serve as a Governor. I have enjoyed being able to 'peek behind the curtains' and see what goes on behind the scenes at the school.

I have been very impressed indeed with the whole team, systems, policies and procedures, and the considerable work that goes on, often unnoticed. Safeguarding is at the heart of every decision made, and the children are in great care.

There have been some fantastic physical improvements to the school recently; especially in the playground where a traversing wall has been installed on the top playground; and tired-looking playground markings have been removed to make way for a new painted track for the ride-on cars (including a repair and refuelling station). Shortly, the main playground will also be resurfaced to further improve the sporting provision.

Class 2 has been given a refurbishment by installing new carpet, blinds, computing area, and a designated quiet library space, which will benefit children from all classes.

With the academic year drawing to a close, it has been delightful to look back on the many successes of the year. For a small school, with relatively humble facilities, it really punches above its weight.

There have been trips to Sandsend, Flamingo Land, Duncombe Park, Eden Camp, Peat Rigg, York Mosque, Northwood Fairy Trail, the Rotunda Museum and pantomime in Scarborough, swimming lessons at Ampleforth College, and Shrek the Musical and sports competitions at Malton School, amongst several others.

The children have been able to see chicks hatch in their classroom and worms meandering around in the school wormery. The annual in-house events such as the Halloween Disco, nativity play, Christmas party, Coronation festivities, maypole dancing and scarecrow trail have been a tremendous success too. More recently, the dazzling Slingsby's Got Talent evening and sports day were both brilliant. Fingers crossed the much-loved Slingsby Duck Dace can go ahead despite the poor weather forecast at the time of writing. Hats off to the Friends of Slingsby School (FOSS) for their incredible support and fundraising efforts.

The outcome, or product of all of the above is clear to see in the wonderful children, whose manners, and core Slingsby values of respect, honesty, resilience, expectations and caring for others really shine through.

Finally, I would like to thank all of the Slingsby village community, the teachers, teaching assistants, business managers, cooks, cleaners, governors, FOSS, parent volunteers, visitors, and the Head Teacher for all their contributions to making Slingsby School such a perfect place for our children to develop and thrive.

I hope you all have a wonderful Summer.

Best wishes,

Tom Storrar

Tom Storrar BA (Hons) MSc MRICS
Chair of Governors,
Slingsby Community Primary School

Slingsby School in WWII Years

The Triangle was recently given a document about Slingsby School during World War II. This was written by a villager who prefers not to be identified, as part of an education project around 1995. It contains some interesting facts about education here some 80 years ago and shows how values and numbers have changed over that period.

In 1938 the school was known as Slingsby Council School. It provided education for children aged 5 – 14. At the age of 11 an examination took place and those who passed would go to Malton Grammar School.

In 1938 there were 53 pupils when term commenced in late August after a four-week summer break. The School Education Officer visited fortnightly, the school nurse monthly and the School Dentist annually. The first reference to the possibility that there might be a war was in September 1938, when air-raid respirators were received and the headteacher gave a lesson to the senior pupils entitled 'Czechoslovakia and the present political situation'. Unfortunately the school had to close for two days in November due to the headteacher being sick and no supply teacher being available.

In April 1939 the average weekly attendance records show 99.4%. In May the Yorkshire Penny Bank attended the school to encourage children to start saving. On 28th June school closed in the morning due to a visit of the Duke of Kent to Hovingham. He went on to marry Catherine Worsley from Hovingham Hall, who became the Duchess of Kent. The school closed in late July so that the headteacher could attend a meeting about the evacuation of school children in the case of war. The school reopened after the summer holidays in late August but then closed for a week on September 1st in order that it could be made ready for evacuated children, initially from Hull. 21 children and 2 teachers arrived, followed by 17 evacuees and 1 teacher from Middlesbrough. The school reopened on 15th September with 98 children on the register, however the school closed for Slingsby children for ten days in October but remained open for junior evacuees, while the senior evacuees worked in the potato fields.

In 1939 a new oil stove was presented to the school from Horlicks Malted Milk when their representative visited the school. However the school relied mostly on solid fuel for heating two coke stoves and one open fire, so one ton of solid fuel was delivered.

1940 began with an outbreak of German Measles with 15 children being absent. Two also had Whooping Cough. Fortunately these high numbers are rarely seen today, largely due to inoculations. In April the Cookery Van arrived to instruct girls (only) and in May the first of many Air Raid Precaution Practices was carried out and Gas Masks were checked and adjusted regularly by the village Air Raid Wardens.

In July 1940 the school was used as a distribution depot for the second evacuation scheme, so school was temporarily closed for three days. School reopened on July 11th with 50 new evacuees from 11 different schools in West Hartlepool, in addition to those from Hull and Middlesbrough. A teacher also arrived from West Hartlepool, making a total of 4 teachers to 115 pupils. His Majesty's Inspector of Schools visited and recommended that girls should be taught to make chutney, piccalilli and pickles with red cabbage, spiced vinegar and vegetables and that boys should read 'Farming Year'. The boys cleared ground for the hen run and made nesting boxes for them. It is noticeable that only girls were taught cookery and only boys were taught gardening. Today both sexes would have the same opportunities.

Due to blackout restrictions school opening hours were changed slightly to 09:30-12:00 and 1:00-3:30pm. i.e. starting half an hour later in the morning and finishing half an hour earlier in the afternoon. However these changes were reversed early in 1941.

The school nurse visited regularly, noting that 3 children had Scabies, probably indicating a poor diet. Further outbreaks were reported during the war years. The school also closed during an outbreak of Scarlet Fever, again showing the effect of sickness and disease. Other highlights of 1941 are the receipt of 3 fire buckets and 1 stirrup pump and the Gas Van visiting school. Children went into the Gas Van to have their masks tested.

February 1942 shows very poor attendance, with only 49 children present due to heavy snow. Soap was rationed for the first time. A Ministry of Information film was shown to schoolchildren, and this was repeated regularly. Today news would be received via the internet and mobile phones etc. In the May holidays electric lighting was fitted in school, with Tilly Lamps providing the only lighting before that. In July 1942 a report was produced on school sanitary conditions, with staff, children and the caretaker being congratulated on the splendid sanitary conditions, noting particularly that toilet paper, soap and clean towels were available.

School opened 11 days late after the Christmas 1942 holidays due to an outbreak of measles. Only 34 pupils attended and on January 22nd 1943 the Attendance Register was actually cancelled. Later in January 1943 the last Middlesbrough evacuee returned home. In December 1943 the school hired the new village hall for a Christmas Party.

1944 began with a talk on the dangers of anti-personnel bombs. The King and Queen Elizabeth visited Malton with the then Princess Elizabeth. Princess Road, Malton was named in honour of their visit. In June 1944 the last West Hartlepool evacuees returned home, leaving 54 children on the register taught by 2 teachers, the other teachers having returned to their original schools.

In May 1945 the school closed for 2 days for V.E. Day (Victory In Europe) and by June all evacuees had left. In September school closed again, this time for 3 days to celebrate V.J. Day (Victory in Japan). Children were taken by car to school from South Holme, two miles away, this being the first reference to free transport to school.

The Admissions Register covering the war years shows 119 evacuees attended the school (not necessarily all at the same time) of which 69 were from West Hartlepool, 27 from Hull, 3 from Wallsend and 1 from Bradford. Children spent various lengths of time in Slingsby, varying from one month to several years.

My thanks go to a Slingsby Villager for the above information. More information on evacuees, names and hosts was provided in Slingsby Local History Group's third book, which is unfortunately now out of print.

By way of comparison, there are currently 91 children in the school in four classes. Also, the premises are bigger now than they were 80 years ago, so it must have been a squeeze!



Left: British Government wartime propaganda poster, showing Adolf Hitler hiding behind a tree, encouraging the children's mother to take them back to the city. He is pointing to the city in the distance behind him.



Photo above was taken outside Prospect House and shows Miss Bean in the centre with Brian Winship, evacuee from West Hartlepool on the right, the only known photograph of an evacuee taken in wartime. On the left is Betty Westwood, now Betty Slater from South Holme. Most villagers had nicknames in those days. Apparently Miss Bean's was 'Jenny the Giraffe' on account of her being very tall and quite thin!

By a villager who wishes to remain anonymous



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Slingsby Ladies Group

In June, we had an outing to Mainsgill Farm Shop followed by a trip to Richmond and a tour of the Georgian Theatre, which everyone found very interesting.

At our July meeting, we welcomed Pauline and Philip Closier who gave us a talk entitled 'Coast to Coast with two dogs and too much luggage'. They told us how they had walked from St Bees in Cumbria to Robin Hood's Bay on the east coast, taking in the beautiful landscape from the Lake District to the North Yorkshire Moors.

It all started when, in 2009, Pauline asked her husband, Philip, what he would like for his birthday, and he replied that he had watched Julia Bradbury's experience of the walk and he thought it was something he would like to do. And could their two dogs, Fudge and Pip, come with them?

Having checked with their vet that the dogs were OK to do the walk, Pauline and Philip started to train, not only for the distance, but also in all weather conditions. They also researched what they needed to take with them and started to buy all the necessary equipment, including appropriate clothing, food for the dogs and even small beds for the dogs! Hence the too much luggage! To help them with this, they did hire a company to collect their luggage every morning and take it to the next destination.

And so, after months of training and planning, in June 2010, they left St Bees and embarked on their journey.

Pauline described the highs and lows of their walk which took sixteen days including two days of rest. Although it was an enormous challenge at times, both Pauline and Philip felt that the physical challenge had changed their mental outlook and they felt the better for it.

It was a very interesting and entertaining talk which we all enjoyed.

We don't have a meeting in August, but shall resume in September with 'Gardening Folklore' from Christine Pietrowski.

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

Sowers and Growers

Sowers and Growers have had two outings in a very short time due to work commitments and the holiday season.

At the end of June we visited Helmsley Walled Garden to admire the continued hard work from the many volunteers there. Of course, we had a nice cuppa with cake and some of us wandered down to Ryeburn for an icecream before setting off home.



In early July we made a slightly longer trip to Breezy Knees near Stockton on the Forest. I personally hadn't been there for some years and was amazed at the development in that time. Not a weed to be seen with the equivalent of only two full time gardeners looking after it. Also, we were amazed that there seemed to be no slug issue as the hostas were just perfect! Unlike mine.

The weather was kind on both occasions, and it did us all good to get out in the fresh air. I think a winter lunch trip to Dean's Garden Centre may be at the planning stage.

Our next meeting will be on Wed 9th August, when we will be tomato tasting. Contact Janet Clarke or Fiona Dean for further details.

New and old members always welcomed.

Fiona Dean

Brickyard Bulletin

Harvest soon comes around, doesn't it? The sunshine in June allowed us to get our hay made in decent time this year which was helpful – even if it also meant we had to get the irrigators out on the sugar beet and potatoes!

After a busy spring planting crops, sometimes we get a brief spell of relative calmness, but not this year – winter cereals raced through their growth stages at a furious pace, with close vigilance and prompt spraying necessary, particularly once the showery weather started a few weeks ago. I've also been scruffling (inter row cultivating) beet and irrigating potatoes.

As I write this on 14th July, the winter barley is fit to combine, and the wheat is ripening fast. We just could do with a week of June's sunshine to get a bit cut!

The vigilant amongst you may have spotted a field of wheat along Totten Lane with some beans growing in it. This is deliberate, not just sloppy agronomy, honest! We intentionally left the bean volunteers from the bean crop that preceded the wheat, to see if it affected the pests and diseases, or the yield of the wheat. Peas and spring barley is a common mix for those feeding cattle, but as we don't, I decided to have a go at wheat and beans. Watch this space!



Photo above shows Scruffler machine in action.

A few weeks ago, I went down into Hertfordshire to a show called Groundswell (type Groundswell into Youtube) where there were 300 speakers, and lots of trade stands and demo plots to look at, and lots of people to exchange knowledge with. It was a very long but very interesting day, and I came

away with yet more ideas for how we can continue to slowly tweak our operation to be more environmentally, ecologically, and financially sustainable in these incredibly volatile and unpredictable times that we find ourselves in.

We've been involved in Countryside Stewardship in one form or another for nearly 30 years now and like to connect legislative requirements with habitat for natural predators, to things like aphids that attack our crops. Largely this works well, though continuation of our requirements between successive schemes is a challenge with short-term thinking politicians at times!

I am a founder member of a group of over 1000 rural people called the Future Farmers of Yorkshire, and was one of a group of them that recently interviewed Therese Coffey at the Yorkshire Show (Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs) I was staggered at her rather arrogant and disconnected view of how our food is produced. (Sometimes politics being short term is a good thing!)

One thing that particularly frustrates me is how it is perfectly legal for processors and retailers to import produce from abroad that has been grown using chemicals that are banned and deemed unsafe to use here by the CRD (Chemical Regulation Division) This means that for all we have many more regulations that we must abide by, we also have a smaller and more expensive array of products that we are allowed to use and are hence at an economic disadvantage to our foreign competitors, who are able to undercut us. Ms Coffey essentially shrugged in a dismissive 'that's life' kind of way.

Anyway, our current Stewardship agreement runs until the end of next year, so over the last few weeks (and next week) we have, as per our obligations, sown some wild bird food plots, pollen and nectar strips, and will cut part of our grass margins, as per the rules of the scheme. We have also drilled some flower margins in strategic areas near beet crops to host things like ladybirds, lacewings and hover flies to keep on top of any optimistic aphids that might want to eat our crops! My theory is to always have somewhere for such creatures to live, so that they continue to work for us. This includes cover crops, stewardship, flower

margins, low input grass (with clover) in addition to a wide range of harvestable crops that flower. We use very few insecticides as a result. The grass margins that we have in place next to ditches etc keep us the right side of the water safety rules too – though it is a shame that we cannot currently make hay of them.

The current schemes are currently being superseded by something called the Sustainable Farm Initiative – which means I have a 156-page book of various options to decipher in order to decide future direction – it does often feel like the government has the goalposts on wheels at times!

To further illustrate the volatility in agriculture, back in June I bought a load of Nitrogen fertilizer for the princely sum of £327/t. Last June the same order cost me £630/t, so I took the view that even if it should go down a bit more yet, its still close to half last year's price! By September, that 630 was £864, so it seemed a good buy. By January it was under £400 and looked expensive!

Cereal prices have dropped significantly over the last month or so. Barley is around £140/t and wheat £170, both of which are the lowest point in the last year. The peaks were comfortably over £300/t last season. It is a roller coaster of volatility at times! Politics, war, Brexit, Covid and activists all affect things, not always positively.

Anyway, in more positive news, crops mostly look very good at the moment – I am particularly pleased with the spring oats that replaced the failed oilseed rape crop back in April. They look excellent, and were one of my entries into the NFU's annual crop competition this season.

Last year we adapted some old wheels and put them on our little International tractor to create some grips in potato rows. The idea is that these stop the water running off down the rows in heavy rain or irrigation events, and instead runs sideways under the potato rows for which it is intended. It seems to work well!

By the time you read this, we should be combining barley. If it warms up and stays damp, blight pressure will undoubtedly build. Potatoes can and do show a lot of things via leaf markings and it can get a bit confusing trying to identify nutritional

deficiencies, late blight, Alternaria (early blight), botrytis, or anything else. If you think you have some blight, take a few pictures of both sides of the leaf, and send me them, and I'll have a look. I'm happy to call in too if you'd like me to.



Adapted tractor with new wheels and below showing the desired effect.



The tell-tale signs are brown mushy patches on the leaves that take out the veins, not just the leaf tissue, with some white furring on the top surface (these are the blight spores) with grey concentric rings underneath. The majority of other ailments don't destroy the veins like blight does.

Our current project alongside harvest preparation is building a seed mixer to blend wheat varieties and cover crop seed mixes – there's always something going at Brickyard!

Have a good summer

Andrew Wilson

(All photos by Andrew Wilson - Ed)

Slingsby Chapel News

How quickly the months go by, as I write this article, we have already had the 'Longest Day' (21st June). It seems over the last few weeks at Chapel it has been a time of celebrations! A time to rejoice together, to give thanks and praise, sharing in joy and laughter with each other, and perhaps the odd tear too!

The celebrations started on Sunday 28th May. After the Pentecost Songs of Praise service, we celebrated with Rachel for her birthday. (It's not polite to tell a lady's age!!) A wonderful time was shared together with Rachel, family and friends.

Sunday 18th June we were celebrating our Chapel Anniversary, 186 years since the chapel was built. It was great to have retired Minister, Revd. Robert Amos take this service, it had been many years since Robert had last taken a service at Slingsby. It was a united service with friends from Hovingham chapel joining us too, it was also lovely to have many other friends joining us for worship that day. We had a wonderful service with many laughs, Robert has a great sense of humour, but gave a good message too. Yes, we gave thanks for all that had past, thinking of those first early years, their witness in the village, what would John Wesley have preached? Giving thanks and remembering those who have been an influence and encouraged our faith over the years. And of course, giving thanks for the present time, the lovely fellowship we share together as we continue to meet for worship and reach out to proclaim the good news of Jesus.

Congratulations to Colin and Barbara having celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary. We wish you many more happy years together, God bless you both.

On Friday 23rd June at 2.30pm, there was a celebration at chapel which brought with it mixed emotions. It was a service of celebration for the life of Charlotte Murray. A service beautifully led by Revd. Chris Murray and Revd. Mark Bishop, Charlotte's son and Grandson. The chapel adorned with flowers. Some of Charlotte's family gave their own personal reflections of their beloved Mum, grandmother and Great grandmother. Thomas and Freddie spoke so beautifully about their great Grandma, Great granddaughter Freya, helping her

Mum and Dad with the prayers. Charlotte was a gracious, kind and lovely lady and will be missed very much. Her great witness of faith has been an encouragement to us all. We continue to hold Charlotte's family in our hearts and prayers, especially thinking of our own dear Karen and Geoff, whom we love and think of so much in our 'chapel family', thank you both for your love and friendship and for all you do.

There will be no Soupa Lunch in July and August.

An hour of prayer on Wednesday 2nd August at 7.30pm in the Chapel Schoolroom.

All are welcome to join us for our Sunday services, or any other of our weekday events.

As the dry and hot weather continues, I am sure farmers and gardeners will be praying for rain! But no matter what there is always so much we need to thank God for!

I am reminded of some words from an old hymn -

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love; there shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Father above.

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need; mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

Audrey Foster

Wednesday 2nd August. 7:30pm. An hour of prayer in the chapel schoolroom. We invite you to join us and think about and pray for all the things that concern us at home and overseas in a friendly and informal way.

Sunday 13th August. 10:30am. Café Church in the Methodist Schoolroom to be led by Geoff & Karen Bishop. Do join us for this time of relaxed and lively worship & prayer.

Wednesday 20th September. 12 noon. A Harvest Soupa lunch in the Chapel Schoolroom at 12 noon. Come and join us for soup, sandwiches and a pudding with a harvest flavour. Everyone welcome. There is no charge but donations welcome.

Sunday 24th September. 10:30am. The Village Harvest Festival at Slingsby Chapel to be led by Rev Peter Sheasby. This will be followed by a Harvest lunch in the Schoolroom to which everyone is warmly invited. Gifts of tinned and dried food gratefully accepted and these will be donated to 'Caring for Life' a charity supporting very deprived people in Leeds. Fruit and flowers to decorate the chapel also very welcome.

Stephen Prest



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Allotment News

Harvesting is in full swing on ours and all the other allotment plots. We have just finished our first crop of sweet cherries. The variety is Stella and luckily this is at least partially self-fertile because



the other cherry I planted has died this year. I'm confused as to the reason but cherries are prone to a few serious diseases and I assume it's one of these that did for it. We are also picking raspberries, red currants and blackcurrants from the fruit cage. The brambles are also nearly ready.

In our orchard the apples and pears are at their most untidy at this time of year before I do their summer pruning. The regime I use is my attempt at following the modified Lorette system as recommended by the Royal Horticultural Society. Louis Lorette published his original work on fruit pruning in 1925, and in it he recommended pruning lateral branches on fruit trees every month during the growing season to force the tree into producing more fruit buds. His system was designed for the growing season in Southern France and doesn't work well in the UK. However, it's possible to adapt the method (hence modified Lorette system) and still produce more fruit buds close to the main stem of the tree. This is done in late July for pears and the first half of August for apples. The method is to prune back any laterals growing directly from the main stem to 3 buds and any growing from a previously pruned lateral to 1 bud. Hopefully this will produce lots of fruit buds for future years. It doesn't work well with trees that fruit on new wood (tip bearers) like Bramley.

I was interested to read recently that the RHS has decided that it no longer thinks that slugs and snails are pests. They suggest growing more plants so that the damage the slugs do is less obvious – seems like wishful thinking to me and if you grow

more cabbages, you will find slugs in everyone not just in the extra few you grew for them.

In the greenhouse we are picking tomatoes every day now. This year we managed to start cropping them in the middle of June which is 2 or 3 weeks earlier than we've ever managed before. Our peppers are also growing fast and hopefully they will also ripen early, since we got hardly any last year that ripened properly. The mini cucumber we grow is producing far too many fruits – I'm not that keen on them and grow them mostly for our grandsons who eat cucumber most lunchtimes.

The weather in May and June helped a lot with our weed control since it was so dry. For a while it looked like we were getting on top of them, but the wetter weather in July has shown that to be a false hope and we're back struggling.

We've been enjoying our potatoes for a few weeks now and whilst the earlier dry weather has reduced the size of tubers, it has also meant they are free of slug damage.

Our brassicas look ok at the moment. We've been picking lots of cabbage, along with the slugs, and have had a first crop of small cauliflowers. We're hoping to have a crop of sprouts and purple broccoli over winter. The site is not really good for overwintering vegetables since it gets waterlogged at times from the beck. This makes it very difficult to grow winter vegetables because they sometimes have to stand with their roots in water.



The Christmas tree we grew on the plot last year that I dug up and planted in a pot for Christmas is growing away nicely and hopefully should be good for a year or two more now. Its new growth wilts a bit in the warm weather and so it hasn't got as much root as it would have in the ground.

Some plotholders are growing wild flowers and we are hoping that the small triangle at the start of our plot will be a good site for us to try some. This is something we've never really done before and not sure how successful it will be since that's the part of our site that has the worst infestation of horsetail.

Terry Baker

School helps design new logo!

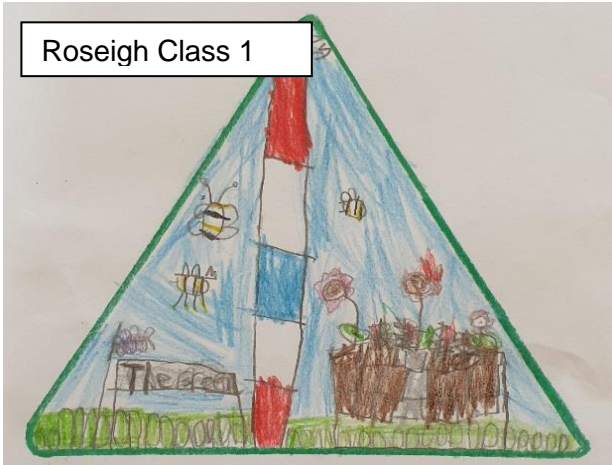
The pupils of Slingsby Community Primary School have been busy designing this term. The recently formed Eco Group for Slingsby, Fryton and South Holme called on the school to help them out with their new logo. Mr Smith took on this challenge and as part of their Design and Technology lessons every child in the school got involved.

The children were given a brief by the group to help them with their design. The logo needed to encompass many aspects including; the three areas of the parish, wildlife in its many forms, some of the local landmarks of the village and the colour green because of its link to the environment but also because The Green is at the heart of our community.

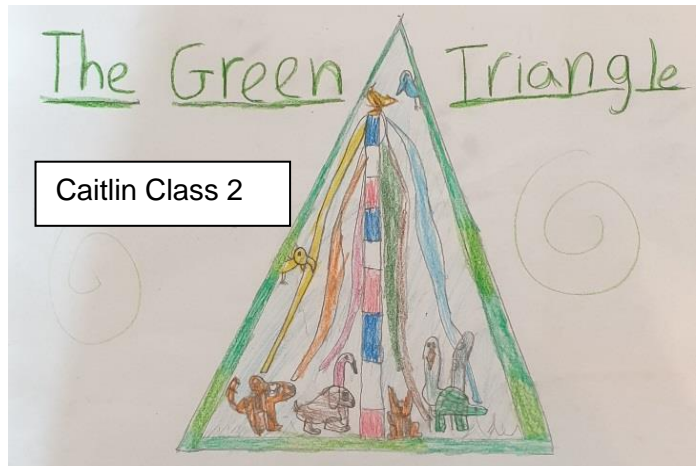
The children spent some time talking about the brief and how it could be represented in a logo format. They also looked at logos online and talked about which ones were more effective and why. They took the challenge very seriously.

The Eco group then had the unenviable task of finding a winner from each Class which captured the spirit of the group and would make or inspire a great logo. Here are the winning entries. I'm sure you will think the children have done a great job.

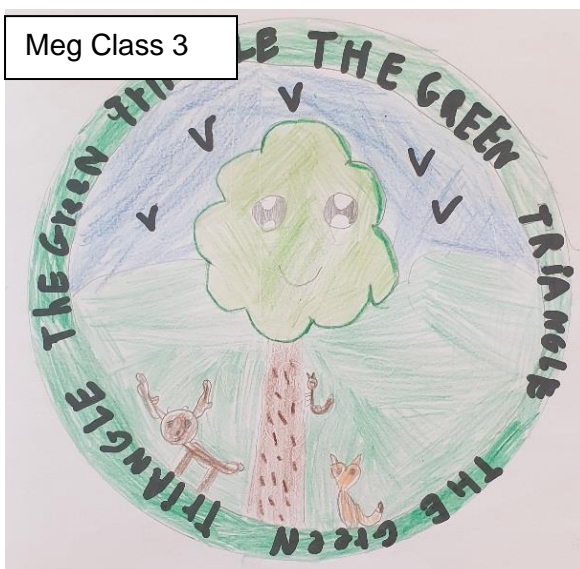
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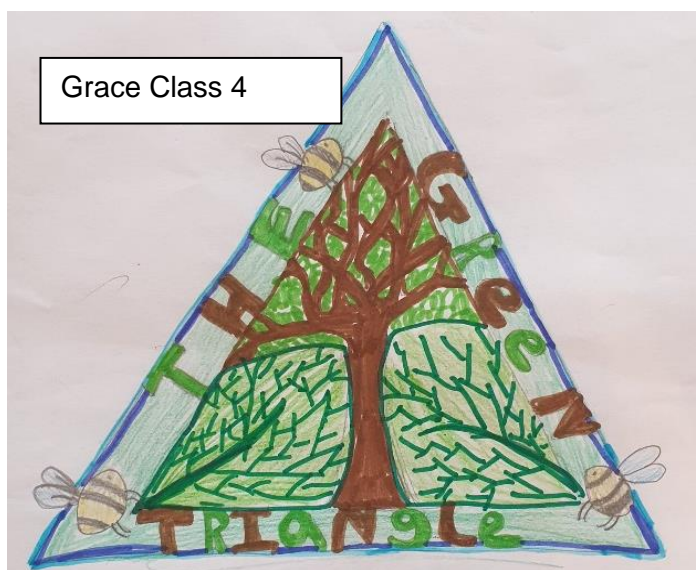
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Meg Class 3



Grace Class 4



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. . . . School helps design new logo continued

We will be taking elements of the winning logos plus others from the designs overall to put together our new logo. Hopefully we will be able to preview this in the next issue of the Triangle.

We have a name!

As well as thinking about a logo to represent the group, the Slingsby Eco group needed to have a name. This turned out to be harder than we thought. We wanted something that shows we represent the whole parish.

After much deliberation we settled on *Slingsby Parish Environment Group* or **SPEG** for short. This ties in with other local Ryedale Eco groups with similar acronyms.

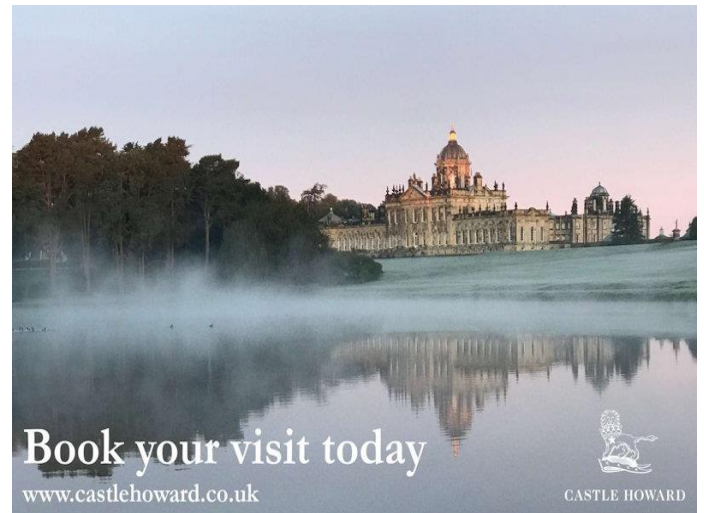
We will now focus on getting our new logo designed into a format we can easily use and our new name as visible as possible within the parish so that we can raise awareness of issues important to our local area. We are a small group of local residents who would welcome new ideas and offers of support or help. If you would like to get involved then please email katestansfield26@gmail.com

We have several events planned for the coming months including another popular bring and take day, a litter pick and some wildflower planting. So watch this space...

Jo Breckon

Summer at Castle Howard

This year the Chapel will host a contemplative and thought-provoking Castle Howard edition of international artwork 'People We Love' by KMA. Multiple high-definition screens will show portraits of local residents gazing at a picture of someone they love. 'People We Love' is commissioned by Mediale using funding by Arts Council England. Supported by Motion.



Castle Howard's beautiful Grounds and Gardens are a spectacle in the summer. Spend the day in a monumental landscape studded with statues, temples, lakes and fountains and admire sweeping countryside views. Meander along woodland paths and in the tranquil walled garden.

Skelf Island, our legendary Adventure Playground, is the perfect addition, explore a web of ingenious treetop nests in the woodland canopy connected by slides, nets, and climbing equipment, allowing young visitors to go on an adventure like no other. This summer you will be able to meet the Skelves, take part in adventurous Camp Wilderness archery and tomahawk throwing and join WonderPhil for magic, stories and more.

We have some fantastic events planned for the summer including Adventure Cinema, where you can enjoy a film screening like no other in Castle Howard's Grounds, with a fantastic line-up of open-air films, including Elvis, Matilda the Musical, Grease, The Greatest Showman Sing-A-Long, and Top Gun: Maverick. We will also be hosting the iconic Yorkshire Balloon Fiesta on 25th – 28th August, with a family-friendly line-up of music and entertainment, including:

Ella Henderson, Sam Ryder, Sister Sledge, Blue, Rak Su, Toploader, Raver Tots, Dick & Dom, Mr Motivator, Symphonic Ibiza, Ministry of Sound Disco and more to be announced, plus hot air balloons in the beautiful Yorkshire sky.

Emily Osborne

FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

Over the last few months, as is always the case at this time of year, a huge amount of behind-the-scenes work has been put into planning the annual duck race. The weather is never to be relied on, but this year we were faced with a forecast of thunderstorms and, most importantly, wind speeds well above those safe to put up the ever-popular bouncy castles and slides. With visions of gazebos being blown away, for the first time ever this year we had to make the last-minute decision to cancel the plans at the sport field and move to the village hall to hold as many stalls as possible inside.

Sadly, we were in a situation of having to cancel multiple other attractions apart from the inflatables that had been arranged, which there simply wasn't space to accommodate in the hall.

An intense 24 hours of organisation resulted in a really successful and enjoyable day with face painting, traditional games, tombola and bake sale. Huge thanks must be given to the Pern family and The Star Inn at Harome for facing the elements in a gazebo adjacent to the hall to run a fabulous barbecue, all of which was donated, prepared and cooked by them. With over £1500 worth of ducks sold to race, heavy duty wet weather gear was unearthed in preparation for the release on the beck at 2pm as planned.

As luck would have it, the skies cleared temporarily over the sports field and the race itself went ahead in sunshine, on a slightly fuller and faster flowing beck than we've seen in a few years! 1st over the line was Henry's duck, winning him £50 – congratulations Henry!

A host of fabulous raffle prizes were on offer again, generating well over £500 in ticket sales – thank you so much to all those donating such generous prizes and to Lisa for coordinating it all.

Thank you so much to all who volunteered their time to ensure this event could go ahead, and to all who braved the weather to support it. It is traditionally our biggest fundraiser of the year and we are very grateful for the support of the community.

It has been a wonderful and successful fundraising year overall. We look forward to reporting the total we are able to donate to the school in our next update. In the meantime, we wish everyone a very happy summer, and our school leavers 'all the best' as they move on to their next chapter, at secondary school.

Helen Mackinder



All Saints Church fundraising

Our latest fundraiser was the Midsummer evening on the 12th June. The weather was kind to us and we had a lovely summer evening in the Church Yard. The evening started with families setting off on the treasure hunt around the village and Fryton. We owe a big thank you to Julia and Lesley for serving the drinks and ice cream at the halfway point in Fryton. With the weather being so warm I think this was a very welcome stop for families taking part. Three families received lovely hampers from Malton Patisserie as prizes. The evening then continued with wine, canapes and music which was very well attended and enjoyed by all.

Our next event will be our annual evening meal which will be on Saturday 2nd September in the Village Hall this time we will be serving a Pie and Pea supper along with the quiz and live music. Tickets will be on sale on our website and from Anita, Diane and Liz for £15 .00

Looking further ahead we will be hosting the return of the very popular Ladies Harmonia choir in the church on Saturday 14th October again with wine, canapes and a raffle. This event will be £8.00 on the door.

We hope you will join us for these two very popular events.

Thank you again for your ongoing support and hope to see you on the 2nd September and 14th October.



Duck Race Day photo photos:

Previous page, top, Duck Marshalling.

Previous page, middle, Mr Smith on the megaphone urging the leaders on.

Previous page, bottom, first past the post and collecting all the ducks.

This page, top, three siblings who enjoyed the face painting experience.

This page, lower, Andrew Pern of the Star Inn at Harome, posing with Henry, the winner of the Star Inn voucher.

Church Fundraisers

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