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## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Produce and Pumpkin Show





## A great 50<sup>th</sup> success!

Bunting, balloons and a bountiful supply of entries!



Slingsby Parish 50<sup>th</sup> Produce Show was a great success and well attended, so thanks to everyone for making it so special and helping ensure that the show carries on for many more years.

Although the fruit entry was slightly less than normal due to the unusual summer weather, there was still a creditable entry for vegetables etc. Meanwhile, other tables were bulging with home-made cakes, jams, and pickles, making a wonderful mouth-watering aroma. There were some lovely handicrafts too from very talented locals and an excellent entry of photographs to an extremely high standard.

Beautiful flowers such as dahlias, fuchsias and roses added some extra colour to compete with the bunting and '50 years' balloons.

Our thanks go to Slingsby School, whose children produced an excellent display of neat handwriting and some very nice, artistic work too. It was good to see such nice handwriting in these keyboard-orientated days. A credit to the school.

Lots of tickets were sold for the raffle, with plenty of good prizes on offer and one delighted villager won the special £50 cash first prize!

Congratulations to Mick Dixon for growing the tallest sunflower, which reached 2.9 metres (9 ft 6 inches). A record to be beaten next year perhaps?

The afternoon teas and home-made cakes were as popular as always, and provided a chance to sit and chat to friends and neighbours. All in all, it turned out to be an extremely successful social day.

A big thank you to Dave (Bristles) Farrow for the generous prize money donation split between all trophy winners. Many thanks to all the committee and helpers. To stage a show like this entails an extremely large amount of work, which could not happen without lots of preparatory work.

*Carol Thoruley*, Treasurer

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## Slingsby Community Speed Watch

Permission was granted by North Yorkshire Police earlier this summer for residents to operate a regular Community Speed Watch at several points along the 40mph stretch of Malton Road, at the top of the village.

Led by Councillor David Bairstow, a group of volunteers gathered for a training session in July and have been deploying every week since the beginning of August. Following no set pattern and operating at random times on different days of the week, the initiative was set up to help make the B1257 safer for road users and pedestrians alike.

All the necessary kit was acquired with the help of the Parish Council. The group plans to expand its activities since receiving permission to deploy within Slingsby village itself.

The Community Speed Watch volunteers are:

- Cllr David Bairstow
- Cllr Rachel Hogarth
- Club Chairman Paul Hogarth
- John Senior
- John Breckon
- Mal Lloyd
- Kate Stansfield

If you would like to volunteer to help with any of the speed watch sessions, please get in touch with

Cllr Bairstow via email at  
davidbairstowspc@gmail.com



Regards,  
*Councillor*  
*David*  
*Bairstow*  
Slingsby,  
Fryton and  
South  
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Parish  
Council

Photo shows  
Speed Watch  
volunteers

## News from Slingsby Parish Environment Group (SPEG)

We hope everyone has managed to enjoy lots of time outdoors over the summer months, either locally or further afield. I know my family and I have loved spotting lots of beautiful local wildlife, from butterflies and bees to birds of prey, hares and even jellyfish over on the coast!

Our attention is now turning towards planning some Slingsby Parish Environment Group activities for the coming months and we're delighted to be able to publish some dates for your diary below. But first, a quick update to say that we hope to have our official logo finalised in a month or so, based on the fabulous designs by children at Slingsby Primary School. Thanks again for all their brilliant ideas, and congratulations to the winners announced in the last issue of The Triangle.

**Ryedale Environmental Group**

# THE GREAT APPLE PROJECT

Do you have unwanted apples/pears?

Do you need a new fundraising idea?

Are you part of a community/school/youth group looking for a new project?

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We have also successfully applied for a free pack of native hedging (30 saplings) from the Woodland Trust, and these are due to arrive in the first half of /continued...



## /SPEG continued...

November. We will be preparing the area in the corner of the playground, adjacent to the new gazebo, in advance of their arrival and would love to hear from anyone who fancies helping out with this, and/or with planting and caring for the trees. We're looking forward to the hedge growing, and hope local children will also enjoy watching the wildlife that will eventually use the new hedge for shelter and food.

We've decided to wait until early spring before sowing wildflower seed in the corner of the sports field (kindly allocated to us by the Sports Club), to avoid potential problems if the area becomes waterlogged over winter and to increase our chances of a successful start. This will also give us more time to design and prepare what we hope will be a beautiful area where nature can thrive and local people can come and watch the bees and butterflies hard at work every summer.

### **The Great Apple Project: Can You Help?**

As some readers will know, the Ryedale Environment Group (REG) is a registered charity with the mission of inspiring and supporting action for the environment across our district. One of its main fundraising sources is the sale of delicious apple juice made by volunteers from apples donated over the autumn months, in preparation for the following year's events. If you're interested in coming along to any of our apple juicing days to lend a hand, they usually take place in Kirby Misperton Village Hall at the weekend and are great fun.

As some may also know, it hasn't been a great season for apple growing, and so we are more eager than ever to receive fruit from anyone with more on their trees than they are able to eat or store themselves. If you would like to arrange for Pete Winter from REG to collect these from you, or fancy having a go at helping with the juicing process, please get in touch using the details in the poster – see previous page.

### **Dates For Your Diary:**

- **Community Litter-Pick and Climate Café and Chat:**  
**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**

**11am-1pm (litter-pick, meeting on The Green);  
1-3pm (café, at the sports club)**

Join us for a post-summer clean-up around the village (routes can be decided in groups on the day). All ages very welcome. The village has a couple of litter-picking stations with bags, hoops and pickers we can use, but if you have any kit at home do bring it along! Hopefully the weather will be kinder than it was for the last team litter-pick back in May.



Photo shows some of the May litterpick volunteers

Join us at the Sports Club afterwards for well-deserved refreshments and an informal opportunity to chat and share information, concerns and ideas. There'll be info on local projects, businesses and services that can help reduce your environmental impact. It's also a chance to find out more about the climate and biodiversity emergencies, and the power we all have to make a positive change (don't worry, there'll be no doom and gloom or preaching, just optimism and easy-to-implement solutions!)

- **Give or Take Event: Slingsby Village Hall**  
**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**  
**- 9.30am-12.30pm**

After a successful trial run in February, we're delighted to announce another Give or Take Event this autumn – just in time for a pre-Christmas clear-out and/or gift 'shopping'.





The basic principle is the same as last time – simply bring along any items you no longer want or need, and/or take away things you do. Best of all, no money changes hands and you do not have to bring something in order to take something away.

Given the popularity of the last event, we've made a few tweaks to help keep things fair and increase the value for our local community. Below are a few FAQs, but please email

katestansfield26@gmail.com

if you need any more information or would like to help out on the day – we would love a few more volunteers who could help 'marshal' for an hour or so.

What's the purpose of a Give or Take event? The first events in this area were organised by Joy Andrews in Pickering, and they offer multiple benefits for our community:

- Reduces waste by diverting unwanted items away from landfill (or, in Ryedale's case, the local incinerator/heat recovery plant)
- Reduces consumption (and therefore helps cut emissions associated with manufacturing, distribution, etc.) by extending the life of a wide range of items
- Simplifies and speeds up decluttering for local people, by removing the need to sort and make multiple trips to different locations
- Helps local people source items they need – especially important in the current cost of living crisis

What can I bring?

- Anything except mains-operated electricals and medium/large items of furniture. Examples include: adult and children's clothes, toys, books, DVDs and CDs, puzzles and games, kitchenware, homeware, soft furnishings, bedlinen, ornaments, jewellery, etc.

When can I drop off items I no longer want or need?

- We'll be opening the hall for you to drop off items between **3pm and 6pm on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> November**. During this time, parish residents are also welcome to come along for a special preview to see if they find anything they'd like

**to take away there and then.** (This won't be widely publicised as it is a way of maximising the benefit for Slingsby Parish residents). Items can also be brought to the hall from 9am on the day of the event, though browsing will remain closed for everyone until we open the doors at 9.30am.

Will there be refreshments?

- Yes – we're once again joining forces with the wonderful Village Hall committee, who will be selling refreshments, though not bacon butties this time due to the volume of people expected! Please bring cash if you wish to refuel with something yummy between browsing sessions, as the internet at the Village Hall is too sketchy for a card machine to work reliably!

*Kate Stansfield*  
on behalf of SPEG

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## David Richard Wilson 1954-2023

Many villagers will remember my uncle, David Wilson, who lived in the village for all of his 69 years. David was a livestock dealer and kept sheep and cattle in and around the village. He sadly passed away on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.

David Richard Wilson was born in the Purey Cust hospital in York on 17<sup>th</sup> February 1954, the second child of Kenneth and Daphne Wilson, and a welcome brother for Christopher. For the first few months of his life, he lived at Park House, Easthorpe, before moving to Porch Farm in Slingsby later that year.

David had a happy childhood, keeping a variety of pets and later farm animals in the stone buildings on the farm. He went to school in Slingsby and later Malton – but was never what you'd call academic by nature. His grandfather Tom had been a regular at Malton market, which is where David learned his trade. There were times when he was being looked after as a child by his grandma at Easthorpe when he'd disappear – later to be found at Malton market on his pushbike – it is downhill most of the way there. Invariably this would end in a telling off and a lift home, making the uphill journey home easy!

One of David's schooltime nicknames was Swedey Wilson – on account of the trade he'd do in pot swedes to Mick Paley and others, which along with pigs was where his early dealings began.

On Christopher leaving school, Ken had got a Guy wagon, so it was decided not long after David left school that a second truck would be bought to supplement farm income, this time a Leyland. This was to be short-lived. David was more interested in trading stock and building his network of contacts at the markets than he was in driving tractors, and so the Guy was sold, dad was back on the farm, and David's career as a livestock dealer was launched! David adapted his business to suit market demand, and pigs were soon replaced with bucket fed calves. He always kept a few cattle, but it was sheep that was the mainstay.

The 70's saw Sam and Buzz (Russell) enter David's life, to be later joined in the mid 90's by Amber, all of whom joined in the fun of filling gaps when

moving stock, or retrieving wayward sheep from odd corners of random grass fields that David rented on which to graze his stock.

He soon became a regular at Malton, Seamer, Beverley, Doncaster and York markets, with Selby, Ruswarp and Carlisle joining the rotation as Seamer, Doncaster and Beverley all closed in the 80's and 90's.

I remember going along to markets with David and Buzz on many an occasion in the mid 80's. Beverley was always a favourite of ours. The menagerie market that ran alongside the main livestock market meant that we could come home with anything, up to and including a kitchen sink!

It's fair to say that David was a character at every market that he frequented. Often the last to leave, having drained the canteen of tea and chewed the fat of the day with a hardy group of dealers, settled who owed who what and where deliveries were to be made. The strength of bond between these people was highlighted after his passing when each market held a minute's silence to pay their respects at the start of the day's trading.

David was a fan of Ronnie Barker and David Jason for many years. He was perhaps more Pop Larkin than Del Boy Trotter and certainly more Granville than Arkwright. He never did take life too seriously and was always game for a laugh and a joke. He always had time for others – and others made time for him – often round the tea table when he'd delivered some sheep or calves at some antisocial hour. He made nicknames up for many people, tied crisp packets in knots, and made you think a shilling of penny sweets was gold.

Money never motivated David, there was always tomorrow for that. He championed the smaller man but could deal with the biggest. He was respected by all, be they buyers, sellers or auctioneers for his honesty and fairness. In more recent times his 'it be right' philosophy was tested, but he faced his illness with dignity and courage. It was really great to see so many people come from far and wide to his funeral, and share stories over a sandwich at his wake (held in the main ring at Malton market, where else!)

*Andrew Wilson* (David's nephew)



## FOSS (Friends of Slingsby School)

We are thrilled to start this academic year able to reflect on a brilliant fundraising year last year. Despite the last-minute changes to the Duck Race, we still managed to raise an incredible £3,600 at the event, and, with the addition of funds from the other events over the year, were able to donate a whopping total of £8,500 to the school! Thank you so much to all who supported our events and made them so successful.

As we settle back in to the new school year, we look ahead to our AGM, which will be held on 19<sup>th</sup> October. We hope to welcome several new members to the FOSS committee and look forward to planning our fundraising for the upcoming year. Our first event of the year will be the Halloween party held for the school children, on 25<sup>th</sup> October. The party is always well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and we look forward to another spooktacular afternoon of fun again this year.

A bag2school collection will be held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December. Bags can be brought to The Green to be dropped off by 9am. If you have items to donate but need assistance getting them to the drop-off please let us know by emailing

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Thank you so much for all your ongoing support as we look forward to another great year of fundraising and fantastic events.

*Helen Mackinder*

## Brickyard Bulletin

Harvest 2023 at Brickyard Farm began on July 17<sup>th</sup> and finished on 10<sup>th</sup> September, which is about a week earlier than average here. Was it any good? Well in true Yorkshire style, 'not se bad'. It wasn't the best of starts. The winter barley just scraped 3tons/acre and took 17 days to cut 94 acres between the showers, and another fortnight to dry the straw out! (normally we cut about 40 acres a day).

The wheat performed a bit better, and averaged 3.6tons/acre, which is about normal, but a good bit less than last year's epic performance. The weather was kinder though, and although almost all of it has been to dry, it hasn't been from very high levels. Our markets require our grain to be under 15% moisture, otherwise we are charged a penalty on an already uninspiring price.

The wheat and bean bi-crop that I mentioned last bulletin wasn't my finest idea this year and created quite a lot of work to separate the two crops with the dresser. The wheat yielded the same as the control field over the hedge and required the same inputs. The few beans didn't add up to as much as the cost of all the extra work, so it isn't something I'll rush to repeat.

That August sunshine encouraged a second hay cut, given it'd been sunny and wet in the 11 weeks since first cut. The forecast was 5 good drying days so on the Sunday I went mowing. We turned it several times, then Wednesday was drizzly, and the forecast decidedly lacklustre for the rest of the week. So, I made the decision that we'd be better with some decent haylage than poor hay, and enlisted the help of a contractor to round bale and wrap the crop the following day.

Beans were ready a month earlier than normal this year, mostly due to the dry June, and didn't break any yield records. The winter sown beans managed 1.6tons/acre, the spring sown ones not quite as

good at 1.3. Quality not brilliant, but at least they were dry. (Beans are terrible things to dry).

Next came spring malting barley, which was quite late sown and looked mediocre all year. It surprised me, and yielded much better than it looked, and didn't need drying either. 2.54tons/acre is 10% above our normal expectation, so I'm pleased with that. Malting premiums are worth having this year, so let's hope it passes muster and gets accepted!

We normally finish harvest with beans, but this year the spring oats were last. They replaced the failed oilseed rape and have looked a picture all season. The straw is still sappy and has had an inch of rain on it this week, but the grain yielded 2.2tons/acre of decent milling oats which is about average and much better than a poor crop of rape!

You may have noticed some of our flowery pollinator strips in the beet and potatoes along Totten Lane this summer? These are predominantly buckwheat and phacelia, and are home to lacewings, hover flies, ladybirds, and other aphid predators, and have done a great job of keeping virus out of our crops and negated any need for increasingly ineffective insecticides. This exercise will be repeated!

Over the years we have experimented with all sorts of things to cover short term stored potatoes in our open fronted temporary store but keep coming back to our buncher bales. These are made by the oldest working machine on the farm, a Welger 350 WSA baler (below), built in 1948. The 'bales' are 3 foot by 2 foot by about 9 inches deep and are easily pitchforked onto a trailer (well the first hundred are, the last hundred always seem heavier!)



Over the last two weeks or so we have sown nearly 300 acres of winter cover crops on fields that will grow spring oats, barley, beans, beet and potatoes next year. The seed mixes vary according to the following crop and challenges of the individual fields, but typically include oil radish, oats, phacelia and vetch. Essentially the cover crops condition and protect the soil over winter, control nematodes and reduce the need for both chemical control and cultivation. The total cost is considerable (a sniff under £8000!) but they continue to bring sufficient savings and benefits for us to keep growing them.

Cereal varieties have parents just like us. An increasing trend is to physically blend (rather than breed) different varieties to increase disease resilience, yield and grain quality. The varieties need to be carefully chosen in order to be compatible. The basic rule is not to blend varieties with a common parent, to avoid odd things happening from an imbalance of characteristics. It's a bit like having a spread of skills within a committee – more is achieved with a wider spread of knowledge and experience.

Our best performing wheat crops for the last three years running have been where we have blended varieties, so this year I bought a second hand one ton feed mixer to make it easier to blend wheat and mix cover crop seed. It's worked well to be honest.



Photo shows blending machine

Next week (after the village produce show) we will start drilling winter cereals and will hopefully get that wet straw dried. Taty lifting is only a fortnight away, so we best be on!

*Andrew Wilson*



## Allotment News

September is always the peak time for picking produce from the allotment. There is something ready every day and it's difficult to keep up with it all.

I've spent a whole day on my hands and knees trying to dig out most of the horsetail in our brassica bed. We have a cage with a butterfly net on this area, but cabbage white butterflies still manage to get in. Worse than these are the whitefly that cover the plants. As soon as you go in the cage you get covered in a whole cloud of these tiny pests. They're difficult to wash off from creases in our kale leaves. Insect protein is supposed to be a good for you so I expect they won't do us any harm. Anyway, the bed looks much better now, and at the moment we've got the potential of the best crop of purple sprouting broccoli we've ever managed.

I've dug up the rest of our potatoes, but made the mistake of leaving them in the ground a bit too long. There are quite a lot of holes in them now caused by slugs. The wet weather we've had this summer has produced a good crop but I suspect also benefitted the slugs. I would rather have had smaller potatoes with less damage from them.

Our two courgette plants have done really well and we've managed to keep picking them while the fruits have been small. I think we've only had 3 or 4 that we haven't seen lower down the plants that became marrows and were put on the compost heap. We've got no further with our plans for a small pond in the middle of our plot, but we are still planning to do that. The wildlife pond we have in the garden provides a home for so many different creatures and we're hoping the allotment can do similarly. In the garden we have amphibians spawning each year, and also lots of different insect species.

We see many emperor dragonflies patrolling the pond as well as other hawk dragonflies. There are also numerous colourful damselfly species that use the pond. Our grandsons love pond dipping for all the different things creatures, catching dragon fly and diving beetle larvae as well as pond skaters, water boatmen and amphibian tadpoles/young.

Our fruit cage is still giving us brambles to pick every day. I find the plant quite difficult to keep tidy because the new canes seem to grow so fast and can reach 10 or 12 feet before I've noticed.

This means they are already poking through the cage netting before I've managed to get them where I want for next year. On the plus side, it is thornless. Our small row of 3 autumn fruiting raspberries is also fruiting now and we are enjoying them and the brambles with our cereal at breakfast. Autumn fruiting raspberries are primocane which means they produce fruit on the canes they grow that year. Most raspberry varieties are floricanes, which means they produce flowers and fruit on 2-year-old canes. This makes autumn fruiting raspberries easier to deal with because you can just cut all the canes back to the ground in winter. With traditional summer fruiting raspberries you must only cut the two year old canes out and leave this year's new canes to fruit the following year. We did try and grow a primocane bramble one year (which would have been easier to keep tidy), called Reuben, but it flowered so late that none of fruit ripened before winter and so I dug it up and threw it out.



In the orchard I have finished the summer pruning of the pears and apples and they look much tidier.

Photos: above shows after pruning, and left before pruning



We have a good crop of apples as usual and luckily no sign of any codling moth. Also, we've harvested a few pears from our new cordons. It's hard to beat a properly ripened pear.

Photo shows some of the apples



I'm considering what to do with our morello cherry. We bought it from the supermarket and so I'm not sure what rootstock it's on, but it is too vigorous to be left as a tree, since it will get too big. I thought we might be able to reduce it to 3 branches and train them horizontally over our cordon arch. I'll have to look more closely at my RHS fruit pruning book to see about training morello cherries. They fruit on last year's growth unlike other tree fruits which fruit from spurs produced on permanent branches. This obviously makes them harder to train into a permanent framework as you need to ensure a constant supply of new shoots.

In the greenhouse we're still harvesting tomatoes and hope to keep them going late into October as usual. The varieties we've grown this year have been quite variable and we need to take stock and do better next year. It's been a strange year for them with the really hot dry weather for those weeks in early June and then almost non-stop rain ever since. It seemed too hot for the tomatoes to set properly at the start, but in the end, we've got lots though some of the varieties have suffered quite badly from greenback. This causes hard green areas on the shoulders of the fruit and is usually caused by very high temperatures/excessive sun. As usual the best tasting and most reliable variety is sungold and whatever we choose for next year this will definitely be one.

Photo shows some of the tomatoes



Our peppers have done really well in the end and we are picking lots at the moment, though we're still getting quite a lot of slug damage. I'm not sure why peppers are so attractive to them.

Photo shows some of the peppers



Talking to Mick Dixon recently, he told me he was particularly disappointed with his red cabbages which had not hearted up this year. He blamed the early hot weather and is probably right. We did sow some red cabbages too and they grew large outer leaves, but no hearts so soon got scrubbed out. I don't usually grow them so hadn't linked this to the early heat. Luckily other cabbages seem to be unaffected.

Our plot gives us lots of work and exercise but also lots of rewards. At the moment all the allotments are taken but it's always likely one or two will be given up at the end of the year. Do get in touch with our Chair, Brian Clarke (tel 628625), if you are interested to go on the waiting list.

*Terry Baker*



## Slingsby All Saints

We are still without a Rector, but advertising once again for a 'House for Duty' part time clergy person to support the Street Benefice. In the meantime, we remain wonderfully supported by our retired clergy who have brought such experience, wisdom and insight to our worship (and made us wish sermons would go on longer - yes really!) We are so fortunate to be the 'home' of the Benefice Music Group who love rehearsing in Slingsby every Wednesday, supported by Philip Moore. If anyone is interested in coming along and singing with us, they are very welcome to come and see whether it might appeal...

In terms of work on the churchyard and church, we have been busy!

Work on the churchyard wall has progressed steadily, with repairs and repointing and some complete rebuilding requiring additional permissions and solutions. As we are a 'closed churchyard' the legal and financial responsibility for this rests with Ryedale Council, and we are extremely grateful to Tom Ireland for ensuring that this work - which may total approx. £50,000 - has been paid for entirely by them. Ryedale are also responsible for the maintenance of the churchyard and next year we will move to a more regular mowing schedule which we hope will make the churchyard look a little more cared for. In the meantime, we are so grateful to Warwick Helme for ensuring the paths and borders and ashes plots are mown and strimmed on a regular basis.



Photo shows a section of newly renovated wall

The eagle-eyed will have noticed that the church clock is now gleaming gold and blue. We are so grateful that Elizabeth Carter, descendent of the Reverend Carter who rebuilt Slingsby in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, has paid for this work. Many of you will

have seen Richard Brennan, Steeplejack, working away on his suspended scaffold in August – Photo on front cover and right.



Now all we need is for the clock to also be repaired. We had hoped that this work would have been completed by now, but a few technical issues have arisen and there is more work to do.....it's all a bit frustrating, but we will hope to hear the clock striking the hours again very soon.

What's next? Well, before we had the lead stolen in 2016 we had ambitious plans to upgrade our heating, lighting and add much-needed toilets and kitchen facilities. We are now exploring all these options and will be posting proposals on our noticeboard in church, and inviting feedback on them over the coming months, before applying for funding.

In the meantime, we would like to thank everyone who contributes regularly to funds, or who has shared donations from life events with us. And on that note, please watch out for our wonderful Slingsby Sports and Social Club friends, Rachel and Paul, bravely leaping out of a plane and parachuting over Bridlington in aid of church funds! It is just another reminder of what a wonderful place Slingsby is to live, work and worship in, together.

*Kate Giles*

## Church Fundraising

Thank You to everyone who supported us at our Pie and Pea Supper on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> September. We had a lovely meal and were well entertained. Thank you to Victoria and David Wells who did a very entertaining and competitive Quiz. And also, to Paddy and his musicians for a good singalong. What more would we want for a good night out.

We are very grateful to an anonymous doner who kindly paid for our hire of the village Hall. Which

made our total amount of £620. Thank you to all for your support.

People also gave generously towards Paul and Rachel Hogarth's very brave Parachute jump which hopefully weather permitting is planned for mid-September with all funds going to All Saints Church.

We are now looking forward to our evening with the ladies Harmonia Choir on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in All Saints Church. Tickets can be bought in advance or pay on the door on the night, £8.00 including a glass of wine and Canapes. There will also be a raffle. See poster on opposite.

I know we have not quite finished summer yet but we are busy planning for our Christmas celebrations in church and again our Christmas lunch on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December. So make a note in your Diaries.

Thank you again for all your support.

*Church Fundraisers Team*

### **Sponsored Sky Dive Parachute Jump – All Saint's Church, Slingsby.**

Paul and myself will be participating in a sponsored tandem parachute jump to raise money for All Saint's Church. To date, we have attempted to do this twice, the first one was cancelled due to bad weather and the second one (on the 15<sup>th</sup> Sept), was cancelled as the replacement plane was unable to fly from Peterlee due to fog. So disappointing - the weather would have been perfect that day as the sun was shining in Bridlington and we also really appreciated the support from John and Chrysa Apps on the day.

We have submitted a further 3 dates, the next one being Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September, weather permitting. To date, we have managed to raise over £1,100.00 for the church and we would like to say a massive thank you to everyone who has supported us with either cash donations or donations via the just giving page. We would also like to say thank you for the ongoing support we have received.

If anyone would like to contribute to raise money for this amazing cause please see details of the just

giving page below. Alternatively, if you would like to contribute a cash donation, this would be gratefully received at Byways, The Green.

Crowdfunding to help fund improvements and refurbishment of All Saints Church, Slingsby including the provision of toilets and heating systems. on JustGiving

Hopefully by the time you read this, we will have successfully completed the parachute jump and we will update everyone in due course. As always, thank you for everyone's support.

*Rachel Hogarth.*

Good luck to Rachel and Paul from all at The Triangle – and we look forward to the promised photo in our next edition - Ed



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*Terry Baker*

## Parish Council

There is a meeting of the Parish Council on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2023. The agenda has not been published as the Triangle goes to print but you can visit the Slingsby website - [www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk](http://www.slingsbyvillage.co.uk) for the minutes and business discussed.

Now that the Ryedale Council no longer exists, the role that Parish Councils have within local government in keeping a local perspective is more important than ever. Take the opportunity to attend meetings, contact the clerk or councillors to give them your views and your support in carrying out an increasingly difficult job.

For information: there are 732 parish/town councils within the new North Yorkshire Council area.

### Advance Notice

**Sowers and Growers Christmas Special**  
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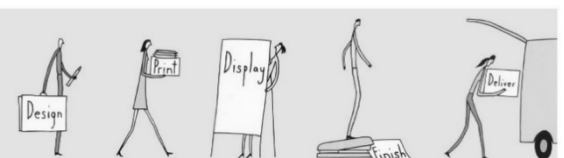
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## Slingsby Ladies Group

After our summer break, we had our first autumn meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> September. We welcomed Christine Pietrowski who told us all about Gardening Folklore. In essence, can we leave gardening to chance?

Christine explained that Folklore is based on traditions and customs passed down through generations, but which have a grain of truth and which actually work. She then gave us some examples.

- Never accept a plant as a gift because it won't thrive. And never say 'thank you'. In contrast, a 'stolen' plant will flourish.
- Additions you can make to the soil.
  - eggshells can protect plants from snails, eg around hostas.
  - banana skins. As they rot, they give off ethanol and can help keep wasps away.
  - coffee grounds to improve the texture of the soil.
  - rusty nails can turn hydrangeas blue.
  - epsom salts, if used in a spray, can help tomatoes and roses.
- Timing is important.
  - it is time to plant when you can sit on the soil.
  - plant potatoes on Good Friday. Potatoes are not mentioned in the Bible but, if planted on this day, they are blessed.
  - plant shallots on the shortest day and pick on the longest day. This is exactly 26 weeks.
- Peppers-if you want them to be spicy, plant them when in a bad mood!
- Parsley - if it's flourishing, it's because the lady of the house wears the trousers!

Many of these examples of Folklore prompted us to exchange things our parents would say to us, and how some of them were actually rooted in scientific facts.

It was a really fun and entertaining talk from Christine, which we all enjoyed.

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*

I wonder what the Sowers and Growers Group or the Allotment holders will think of some of these suggestions? - Ed

## Stephen's Farming Column

After a couple of weeks of a glorious "Indian Summer", as I write this the weather has returned to a more normal pattern and it is raining hard which is great for the newly sown autumn crops particularly the oilseed rape. The harvest has gone very well with winter barley, winter wheat and oilseed rape all yielding well and surprisingly it came in pretty dry from the combine meaning that drying costs have been minimal, always a welcome bonus!

Farming continues to change and adapt as the government support through the Basic Payment Scheme which we inherited from the EU is replaced by new supposedly more environmentally friendly schemes.

I have just spent half a day with professional advisors trying to work out what schemes we can use at Castle Farm to help maintain our income and also enhance the wild life etc. There are many options to choose from such as... legume and pollen and nectar crops to encourage insects, bees, butterflies etc. There are also grass margins round the arable fields to encourage ground nesting birds such as partridge and yellowhammers, and many other options. When they are fully established, I would be happy to take interested parties around the farm to see what we are doing.

The Agricultural Show season is coming to an end, we managed to attend 4 of them being Malton, Ryedale, Thornton Dale and of course the Great Yorkshire Show. They were all blessed with good weather and all were very well attended, it was so good to see such high-quality stock and also wonderful entertainment in the main rings. The



highlight for me was to see 16 teams of cart horses and wagons in the main ring at The Great Yorkshire Show (photo above).

*Stephen Prest*

## Slingsby Chapel News

We are into the Harvest Festival season and our Slingsby village Harvest Festival is on 24<sup>th</sup> Sept. so will have happened by the time you read this article. This is the time of year when we are gathering in crops and produce from the fields and from our gardens and every season is very different. This year farm crops yielded well and were gathered in quite easily, in our gardens the vegetables were a bit mixed with beetroot, beans and peas etc doing well but pumpkins and courgettes have been disappointing. Our plums have produced a very good crop but apples are a bit poor. However, on the whole we have a great deal to be thankful for and none of us will starve over the winter months.

As the harvest hymn reminds us...

Come ye thankful people come, raise the song  
of harvest home,  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms  
begin;  
God our maker doth provide for our wants to  
be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple come, raise the  
song of harvest-home!

Our journey through life is a bit like our experiences in our gardens or fields, we all have our ups and downs. Sometimes we have our difficult seasons when maybe our health isn't so good or we have

problems at work or within our families but then at other times we experience real joy and happiness when good things happen to us. We have just celebrated the birth of our latest grand- daughter baby Annie and what joy she has brought to parents and grandparents.

If you are having a hard time and life is difficult, remember the words of another old hymn...

What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and  
griefs to bear,  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in  
prayer,  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what  
needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God  
in prayer.

Prayer can make such a difference and God longs to hear us talking to him. If you ever feel it would be helpful for people to come and pray with you then please get in touch as we have people who would love to come and help you with that.



A harvest picture from the field above Sheep Walk to accompany this article - Ed

## Service and Events

CAFÉ CHURCH is a new venture at the Chapel where we hold a more informal service in the schoolroom but still including singing, prayers and a short message but with plenty of refreshments partway through. It's a relaxed and happy time together.

Soupa lunch on the third Wednesday of the month in the Chapel Schoolroom at 12 noon from September to June. Come and join us for soup,  
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## /Chapel News continued...

sandwiches, and a pudding, it's a real social event with lots of fun and laughter. The next ones are on 18<sup>th</sup> October, 15<sup>th</sup> November and 20<sup>th</sup> December.

An Hour of Prayer. This is held in the Chapel Schoolroom on occasional Wednesday nights from 7.30pm. The next one is on 18<sup>th</sup> October.

Details of all events are on the village website but we also have a printed plan of services and events over a 2-month period. If you would like a regular copy, just drop me an e-mail to [stephenprest@outlook.com](mailto:stephenprest@outlook.com) or ring 628277.

*Stephen Prest*

## Sowers and Growers

For our August meeting we held a tomato tasting session at the home of one of our members. Despite much rain beforehand, the evening was fine and mild so it was possible to enjoy the garden too.

There were 10 types of tomato to sample in an array of colours and sizes – red, orange, yellow and black.

- Black Opal (black cherry)
- Sweet Million (red cherry)
- Rosella (pink/black cherry)
- San Marzano (red plum)
- Cream Sausage (Yellow plum)
- Orkado (red)
- Sungold (orange cherry)
- Zlatava (orange with red inside)
- Unknown (red small plum)
- Moneymaker (red)

Tasters were invited to 'star' the varieties they preferred. By far the most popular was 'Sungold'. 'Moneymaker' was 2nd favourite. 'Cream Sausage' was a definite talking point – being a startling shade of yellow and about the size of a small lemon, but it attracted no stars! However, this variety is my grandson Harry's favourite and he is quite a connoisseur, now five, he has been both growing tomatoes on his sunny patio and devouring as many as offered whether red, orange, black or yellow, since he was two.

As well as tomatoes we enjoyed bread and cheese and cake, and shared useful gardening tips, particularly on growing tomatoes.

A big thank you to Terry for growing most of the tomatoes for us to try.



Photo shows tomatoes ready for tasting

The September meeting provided an opportunity to make delicious things to eat, drink and share using what we had grown. Treats included roast veg pasta, apple crumble, raspberry pavlova, chocolate/courgette buns, and damson gin, together with plum jam and lavender to take home.

Forthcoming meetings in October and November will welcome visiting speakers, including the ever-popular John Foxton, who always has answers to our gardening problems.

If you would like to come along to future sessions, you will be very welcome – contact our Chair, Janet, on 628625 to confirm date/time etc

*Gill Baker*



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**Would like to thank everyone who attended the Yorkshire Evening with Mr Adam Collier.**

**It was a fab night, with everyone being well fed and very well entertained. It was a joy to see the hall full, and full of laughter! Unfortunately, it was one of Adam's last Yorkshire evenings as he is retiring from doing this. He has helped to raise thousands of pounds over the years for many different charities, and groups and will be sadly missed as he one of the best local entertainers we have.**

**He is truly a Yorkshire Hero!**

**Thank you Adam and thank you to everyone who supported the event. It was much appreciated.**



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## **Slingsby Sports and Social Club**

It has been a very busy summer for everyone connected with the Sports Club, and by having many more volunteers helping out to run the bar we were able to extend the hours when the club was open, including during the day on Saturdays and Sundays. We are always incredibly grateful to everyone who kindly gives up their time to help provide a service for the local community.

### **Sport for All Update**

We are continuing to pursue a range of grant options in order to raise the additional funding to fill the gap in the project which was left when North Yorkshire Council refused to honour the grant of £166k that had been allocated to us by Ryedale District Council.

We have recently submitted an expression of interest (the first stage) for a National Lottery Grant application and we are extremely hopeful that we will progress through to the next stages for that.

The original grant application involved gathering a large amount of the evidence that will be required for a National Lottery Application and we are therefore in a good place to progress. We are taking the opportunity of the delay to tweak some of the plans associated with the project so when the project is delivered it will be even better than we originally envisaged.

### **Dave Calvert Memorial Cricket Match**

On the Sunday before the bank holiday at the end of August we once again held the annual Dave Calvert Memorial Cricket Match between a Dave Calvert XI made up of former players and the current Slingsby Cricket Club XI.

Once again, the match was an incredible success with an excellent day being had by all and £500 being raised which was divided between The Yorkshire Air Ambulance and All Saints Church.

This year the match was won by the Slingsby XI but with late wickets, including a hat-trick by Adrian Haughton, the margin of victory was only 2 wickets. The family would like to thank everyone who helped out on the day, either playing, helping out behind the bar or with the food, donating prizes for the

raffle or selling raffle tickets. The help is always very much appreciated.

Everyone is very much looking forward to the next match which will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024.

### **Bonfire night**

As summer comes to its end, we are now starting to look forward to the events that we hold in the winter, the biggest of which is always bonfire night and our fireworks display.

As usual we will be holding the event on the closest Saturday to bonfire night itself, so this year it will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The provisional event timings are that the bonfire will be lit at 6pm, a low-noise fireworks display for younger children or those who struggle to cope with the louder fireworks will be held at 6.30pm with the main fireworks display taking place at 7pm.

A huge amount of organisation goes into the bonfire night and fireworks display to ensure that we are able to hold an entertaining event for people of all ages to enjoy whilst ensuring that safety is at the forefront of our planning.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who volunteers to help out on the evening and if anybody would like to help out to make the event the success that it is then please don't hesitate to get in touch. Either call in at the Sports Club, email [slingsbysportsclub@gmail.com](mailto:slingsbysportsclub@gmail.com) or phone Paul or Rachel Hogarth on 01653 628219.

As always, there will be no charge for entry into the event although donations towards the cost of putting on the event and the fireworks are always very much appreciated.

### **Slingsby Cricket Club**

The Feversham Cricket League Season has now come to a close and although it wasn't a particularly successful season for Slingsby this year everyone who took part in the matches thoroughly enjoyed themselves and we are very much looking forward to the 2024 season.

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## /Sports and Social Club continued...

It is always great to watch younger players develop and this remains a core part of what Slingsby Cricket Club is seeking to achieve.

### Slingsby Football Club

The football season is now well under way and at the time of writing the new Slingsby Football Club have had a solid start to the season with one win, one draw and one defeat in the first three games of the season.

It is great to see the team back playing in the Beckett Football league playing in the traditional green shirts of Slingsby and they are very much looking forward to a successful season.

Fixtures are produced by the league on a monthly basis and we will keep the notice board updated with the dates of each fixture. Feel free to pop along and give them your support!

We also have Malton Veterans playing matches on Sunday mornings so there is plenty of football to come and enjoy over the course of the year.

### 35th Anniversary Celebrations

In August we held a members-only event to reflect upon and celebrate the 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the opening of the club in 1988. It was great to hear people sharing their memories of the Sports Club and looking back on some of the photos taken over the years was particularly entertaining.

Over the years many thousands of volunteer hours have gone into the development and running of the club and we are indebted to everyone who has contributed over the years.

We are looking forward to delivering on the improvements to the Sports Club over the next few years and are excited about what the coming 35 years will bring.

I would like to end by saying a massive thank you to everyone who helps out currently you make it possible for the club to run. It is the people that make the club what it is!

*Paul Hogarth*, Chairman

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## Castle Howard News

### Autumn & Winter at Castle Howard

Autumn is just around the corner and as the leaves begin to turn, many are looking for things to do this Autumn and Winter and there's plenty to keep everyone entertained at Castle Howard.

Whether it's picking the perfect pumpkin for carving and decorating, going on a spooktacular adventure with the Skelves in Skelf Island, or wandering through the fallen leaves across the almost 9,000-acre Estate, Autumn is a truly beautiful time to explore Castle Howard. For those who looking for an outdoorsy Autumn, we have a Hedgerow Tour and Gin tasting session on the 6<sup>th</sup> October and a fabulous Fungi Foray on 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Before we know it, winter will be here and Castle Howard is all set to help make magical memories this Christmas. The entire Estate will be transformed into a winter wonderland as Tinkerbell sprinkles fairy dust over the Castle and Grounds, creating a Christmas day out like no other. The main House will be transformed into a Peter Pan-themed odyssey, with beautiful decorations, installations, and projections. Plus, book tickets to meet Father Christmas with your little ones, or take part in a Meet the Designers Guided Tour or Wreath Workshop to get into the festive spirit.

### Castle Howard goes electric: the North Yorkshire Estate installs four electric vehicle charging points and adds to its fleet of electric vehicles

Castle Howard have installed 22kW load monitored electric vehicle charging points for use by up to four vehicles, and added two EV Transporter Vans to their small fleet of electric vehicles. The move towards electric is part of the Estate's sustainability strategy to reduce its environmental impact.

Castle Howard's Head of Built Environment Stephanie Hall-Stead, who has overseen the installation of the charging points, said: "As we move towards more sustainable working practices in our day-to-day management of the Castle Howard Estate, we're aware that our visitors are also making more environmentally conscious choices. We're thrilled to be able to offer a charging station in a beautiful setting for Electric Vehicle owners who are visiting us, or who live in the local community.

Drivers can browse our Garden Centre, Farm Shop, Coffee Shop and Courtyard Café while their vehicles charge, or visit the House and Grounds as part of a full day out."

The EV charging points are Type 2 connectors. They are located towards the Garden Centre in Castle Howard's main Visitor Car Park, to the right-hand side of the Stable Courtyard. Payment is via Monta, and charging costs are in line with BP Pulse and are regularly reviewed. The vehicle charging points are accessible during Castle Howard's regular opening hours.

The EV vans have a range of 82 miles, which is perfect for Castle Howard's in-house Building Services team to travel around the Estate to complete building works via a more sustainable means of travel. The other vehicles in the fleet include a Catering vehicle used to transport food and beverage items to Castle Howards outlets, and a small passenger vehicle which is used to help visitors move around the visitor attraction. The switch to electric vehicles is contributing to reducing the Estate's carbon footprint, plus the lower running costs mean the Estate can redirect resources towards vital maintenance and conservation works.

To celebrate the new charging points, Castle Howard is offering electric vehicle owners two free take-away hot drinks from the Coffee Shop, with a valid payment receipt of £15 or more from the day of their charge.



Photo shows Nick Howard with Stephanie Hall-Stead and some of the electric vehicles.

Photo by Charlotte Graham



# BACON BUTTIE SUNDAY



DON'T FORGET, PLEASE COME ALONG ON EVERY FIRST  
SUNDAY OF THE MONTH

& ENJOY A

BACON SANDWICH, A CUPPA & A CHAT  
IN THE VILLAGE HALL FROM 10.30am

TO 12pm

BUTTIE & A CUPPA £3.50

PRICES MAY VARY, ALL FUNDS FOR HALL MAINTENANCE



Slingsby Village Hall



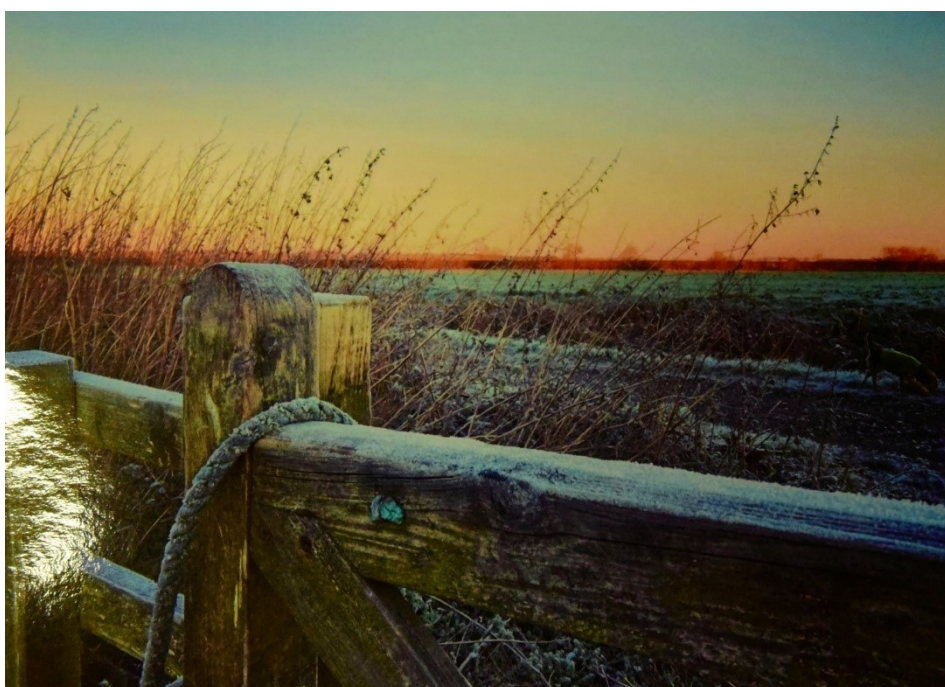
On Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December in  
Slingsby Village Hall

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits provided

Eyes down at 7.15pm

*Proceeds for Hall Funds*

More pictures from the Produce Show, including one of  
the photographic winners – in the 'Local Scene' category



## Dates for your diary

- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct - Bacon Butties
- 14<sup>th</sup> Oct – Harmonia Singers
- 18<sup>th</sup> Oct – Soupa Lunch
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Oct – Litter pick
- 4<sup>th</sup> Nov Club Bonfire
- 5<sup>th</sup> Nov – Bacon Butties
- 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – Soupa Lunch
- 19<sup>th</sup> Nov – Give or Take
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec – Bacon Butties
- 1<sup>st</sup> Nov Bag2School
- 9<sup>th</sup> Dec Village Hall Bingo
- 10<sup>th</sup> Dec – Church Xmas Lunch
- 12<sup>th</sup> Dec – Xmas Garlands
- 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – Soupa Lunch