

IT IS 150 YEARS SINCE THE WORST HUNTING ACCIDENT EVER TOOK PLACE AT NEWBY HALL ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 1869 *(second instalment)*

On 4th February, 1869, the York and Ainsty Hunt met at Stainley Hall. The hounds found a fox soon after moving off in Cayton Gill, but did not find again until Monkton when a fast run got underway at 12.40 p.m. Sixty minutes later, with their quarry only a few hundred yards in front, hounds reached the River Ure at Newby Hall, which was swollen by snowmelt from her headwaters. The fox, which had already carried off the same ruse twice that season, plunged into the



icy flow closely followed by the entire pack of hounds all of whom were swept downstream over a weir, but every hound survived and the hunt quickly resumed.

The River Ure was in such flood that poles marking the whereabouts of a nearby ford were completely submerged but a ferry, that had previously been used to convey

hunt staff across the river without mishap, was moored on the far bank. The 30 foot long floating platform was enclosed by wooden railings and was operated manually by a windlass on a chain.

Newby Hall gardeners, James and Christopher Warren were summoned to bring the vessel safely across to the south bank, where those waiting included some of Yorkshire's most prominent hunting personalities. Sir Charles Slingsby, the

Master of the York and Ainsty Hunt, his whipper-in, William Orveys, Captain Clare Vyner from Newby Hall, Sir George Wombwell and a handful of others quickly boarded. In the rush no one thought to count the numbers on board, but when the ferry set off a few minutes later, there were 11 horses and a fateful 13 people jostling for space.

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"Old Scriven Village" - Pencil drawing by Albert Walker, 1950 showing Roundells Manor in the foreground

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COVID-19

Following the outbreak of the Coronavirus and recent advice regarding social distancing it would be very easy for those living alone to feel extremely isolated and lonely. Whilst it is sensible and responsible to limit direct contact with others we can still be “good neighbours” to fellow residents either by making a friendly phone call or by conducting a distant but personal hand wave or chat. Should you become aware of any parishioner having difficulty obtaining essential supplies please feel free to contact a Councillor so that arrangements can be made to assist them.

75TH ANNIVERSARY OF VE DAY

Prior to the developments relating to COVID-19, the Parish Council had planned to hold a celebration of VE (Victory in Europe) day on the village green on Friday, 8th May to mark the 75th Anniversary of the end of World War II in Europe. Obviously, this will have to be postponed but we look forward to holding a gathering later in the year when we can also celebrate an end to the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the meantime, take care and let's continue to look out for one another.



REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Sunday, 10th November, 2019 a number of local residents gathered at Scriven War Memorial to honour those who lost their lives in the two World Wars or in other conflicts around the world. An informal wreath laying ceremony was led by Councillor Reece

JACOB SMITH PARK

The friends of “JSP” are always looking for volunteers to get involved with projects within the park. One current project is aimed at encouraging the spread of native wildflowers in the park's top field. Last year this involved volunteers helping to rake and remove cut hay from the field which would otherwise enrich the soil and inhibit flowers such as Common Orchid, Yellow Rattle and Lady's Smock.

You can find out more about the park and becoming a volunteer by visiting the website: www.jacobsmithpark.co.uk. (Volunteers under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.)

CHRISTMAS LIGHTS

The Parish Council are pleased to confirm that we have agreed with our generous benefactor that we will again have Christmas Lights on one of the oaks. We are indeed fortunate to have this continuous support for a further Christmas celebration.



However, external lighting moves on and although there are currently some spare strings of lights to replace those which are not functioning, there are no more supplies available in the UK or China. The capital cost of buying new lights would be a 4 figure sum and the Parish Council does not have such reserves but you never know what help and donations may become available before Christmas 2021.

POTHOLES

Due to the recent exceptionally wet weather, the gravelled side of the village green is in urgent need of repair. Even if your home does not front onto this area, many parishioners use this gravelled road on a regular basis. A quotation for its repair has been received amounting to £600 which comprises £240 for the

primary filling and £350 for the required tarmac. At its last Meeting to cover this expenditure, the Parish Council agreed that the £267 remaining in the Road Fund Bank Account should be used in its entirety and the account closed. As a final gesture of goodwill, it was also agreed that a “grant” of £333 should be contributed by the Parish Council from reserves to complete the works. This repair work will be undertaken as soon as the weather permits.



SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

**All Meetings take place at Park
Grove Methodist Church –
Jubilee Room.**

**The Annual Parish Meeting planned
for 26th March has been cancelled in
line with Government advice.**

**Please refer to the parish council
website:**

**<http://www.scriven-pc.co.uk>
or the notice board on the green
for updates.**