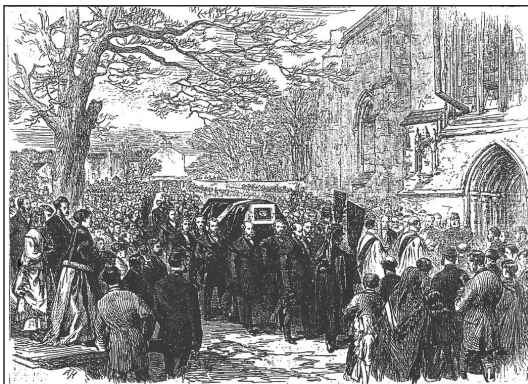


IT IS 152 YEARS SINCE THE WORST HUNTING ACCIDENT EVER TOOK PLACE AT NEWBY HALL ON 4TH FEBRUARY, 1869. *(final instalment)*

Hunts throughout the land stopped hunting until after the master's funeral and the York and Ainsty hunt did not leave kennels again that season. Sir Charles had been immensely popular and on the day of his funeral at Knaresborough Parish Church "every shop was closed – all business was suspended – the blinds of private homes were closely drawn and a solemn and mournful stillness reigned during the obsequies." Sir Charles was interred with his illustrious forebears in the Slingsby Chapel.



Funeral cortege of Sir Charles Slingsby arriving at the west door of the parish Church on 11th February 1869. There were at least 1,150 mourners on foot as well as 10 coaches carrying dignitaries, and 53 private carriages.

A month later, an auction was held during a savage snowstorm to sell off Sir Charles' stable of hunters and effects; a celebrated bay mare made more than 400 guineas and "many of the old screws, saddles and bridles were brought by men anxious to have something that belonged to Sir Charles." Saltfish, who was responsible for causing the tragic ferry accident, lived on for a further 12 years dying in 1881. His tombstone still stands in the courtyard of Scriven Hall.

The fortunes of the York and Ainsty hunt were not immediately restored in the aftermath of the tragedy. Sir George Wombwell was appointed master and put on Peter Collinson to hunt hounds. William Powter remained as second whipper-in but was discovered dead at

the covertside early the following season having broken his neck in an unseen fall. Peter Collinson was succeeded by another professional named Squires, who also died from a broken neck after his horse failed to gain height when jumping a stile near the village of Marton.

"Such disaster, following so quickly one after the other, threw such a chill over the hunt that it was years before the country seemed to emerge from the cloud that overshadowed it".

Soon after the tragedy, a stone memorial was erected in the grounds of Newby Hall, which stands to this day a stone's throw away from where the terrible ferry accident took place. The years have taken their toll and the inscriptions are no longer legible but the monument endures as a reminder of brave men, hounds and horses from another age.

On 4th February, 2019 before a crowd of 150 mourners, a lone huntsman stood on the foggy bank of the River Ure at Newby Hall to sound "blowing for home" on his hunting horn as a fitting tribute.



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SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



Summer Picnic on the Village Green

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THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

On 6th February, 2022 Her Majesty will celebrate 70 years since she ascended the throne. The Jubilee celebrations will take place over a special four-day holiday from Thursday, 2nd June to Sunday, 5th June, 2022.

- **The Queen's Green Canopy** – this is a UK wide tree planting initiative inviting everyone to “plant a Tree for Jubilee.”
If everyone in the Parish complied, this would mean over 100 new trees!
- **The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Beacons** – On Thursday, 2nd June, 2022, thousands of beacons will be lit at 9.15 p.m. throughout the UK (and the Commonwealth). The UK has a long tradition of celebrating these great occasions in this way. The Parish beacon will be lit on the bonfire site at Scriven Hall with the spacious garage there available for celebrations, should the weather be inclement. More details to follow.

UNITARY AUTHORITY

The Government has given the green light for a new single council which will deliver all local services within the county of North Yorkshire from April 2023. Under the re-organisation plans, North Yorkshire's county and district councils - including Harrogate – are to be scrapped and replaced by the new unitary authority. City of York will remain as a separate unitary authority. The aim of this re-organisation is to save money and unlock the door to a devolution deal which could see millions of pounds and decision-making powers handed down from Government to North Yorkshire under the control of a new Mayor.

CITY FIBRE

Full Fibre network has been made available to all households in Scriven Parish as a result of the installation of underground cabling and overhead “daisy chain” links from telegraph pole to telegraph pole. At the moment residents are able to buy into either Talk Talk or Boundless with additional providers due to become available shortly.



Excavation works along Greengate Lane for installation of fibre optic cabling

SCRIVEN WARD

In May, Councillor Samantha Mearns resigned as the Parish's District Council representative due to family commitments and Councillor Hannah Gostlow was elected in her stead. Councillor Mearns' support of Scriven Parish Council over several years was greatly valued and appreciated.

VILLAGE ROAD MAINTENANCE

The Parish Council has taken legal advice regarding a plan to secure funding to maintain the Private Road and has discussed the idea individually with several residents. As those residents whose properties are accessed over the Private Road will be aware, their Deeds state that they are obliged to contribute towards its maintenance. Estimates will be sought for repairs to the road and, dependent upon these, an estimated amount of £1 per week, or £52 per annum, per household would be paid by Direct Debit into a road maintenance bank account to cover future repairs. A legal document would be prepared giving the Parish Council the authority to set up this initiative.

PICNIC ON THE VILLAGE GREEN

This took place on Sunday, 8th August, 2021 having been postponed from 18th July in order to comply with the then COVID restrictions. Two gazebos greeted guests as tables and chairs sprung up across the green to accommodate a variety of picnics on a breezy afternoon as mizzle threatened. The joy of meeting again face to face after such a long period of isolation was evident.



SUNDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2021

A wreath will be laid at the War Memorial at 1.00 p.m. All parishioners are most welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY 1ST DECEMBER 2021

The Christmas lights on the Village Green will be switched on.

THURSDAY 13TH JANUARY 2022

A meeting of Scriven Parish Council will take place at 7.30 p.m. in the Jubilee Room, Park Grove Methodist Church. If you would like to submit an item for the agenda please contact the Clerk preferably 7 days in advance of the meeting.

THURSDAY 2ND JUNE 2022

The lighting of the beacon to mark HM the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. More details to follow.