

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

At that time, Sir Charles Slingsby Bart, a 45 year old bachelor, lived at the original Scriven Hall with his spinster sister. As revealed by a census taken at that time, they were looked after by the following resident retinue: a housekeeper, laundry maid, two housemaids, a kitchen maid, footman, hall boy, lady's maid, dairymaid and groom. The original Scriven Hall,

(pictured on the front page), was demolished in 1953 following a disastrous fire which devastated the old building whilst it was under restoration following its military role during World War II. At that time there was a large prisoner of war camp located in what is now High and Gaker Walk Woods. What is now known as Scriven Hall, was originally the coach house/grand stable and brew house for the Hall. It was left as a "ruin" and the local farmer, Mr. Harry Clapham, kept his chickens there until the Slingsby Estate was sold in 1966.

In 1869, Sir Charles Slingsby was the revered Master of the York and Ainsty Hunt. His fame as a huntsman "penetrated to the remotest hunts in

Great Britain" and "strangers came from afar to see whether tales of his prowess were really true." Such was the hunt's popularity during his mastership that mounted fields in Yorkshire rivalled those of the Shires for size and special hunting trains brought visitors to York by rail.

The meet, which took place 150 years ago on 4th February, 1869, was held at Stainley House, which lies half way between Ripon and Harrogate. It was attended by a "large and brilliant" field. Hounds had killed 50 brace since the beginning of the season. Sir Charles was riding Saltfish as his first horse "a lengthy, well-bred chestnut that never carried an ounce of flesh on his bones." Sir Charles had purchased him 15 years earlier at the start of his mastership. Despite being hardly

up to Slingsby's weight, Saltfish was said to be an extraordinary performer across country and was invariably the huntsman's conveyance whenever an exceptional run took place. Saltfish died in 1881 and his tombstone remains in the grounds of Scriven Hall.

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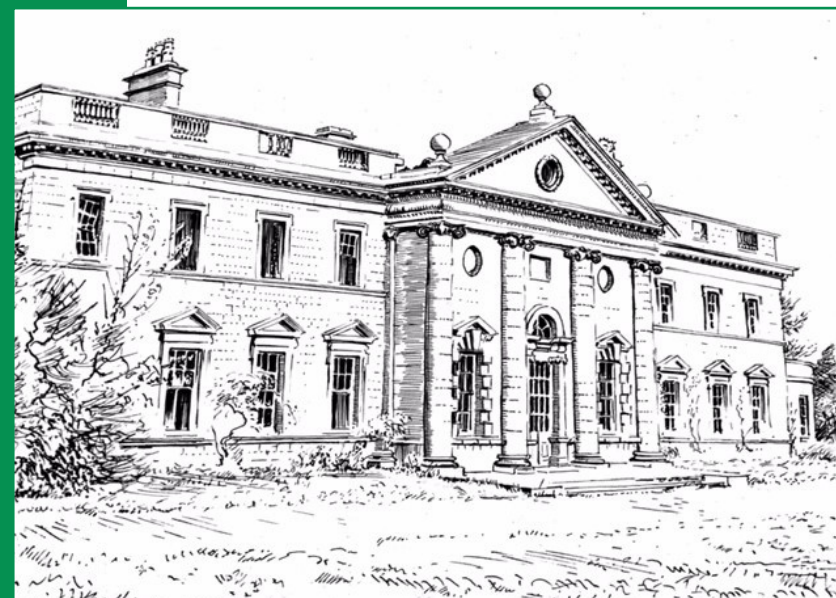


Sir C. Slingsby MFH with his Hunter "Saltfish"

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SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER



The original Scriven Hall home of Sir Charles Slingsby Bart
– please see article on the back page.

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YOUR COUNCILLORS



At the AGM of Scriven Parish Council on Thursday, 9th May 2019, Councillor Ivor Fox resigned as Chairman, after one year in office, due to ill health. He was thanked for his leadership during this period. In his place, Councillor Miranda Armitage was elected as Chair and Councillor Gordon Reece, as Deputy Chair.



PLANNING APPLICATION

A big thank you is due to all those parishioners who took the time and trouble to write to Harrogate Borough Council concerning Planning Application 19/01282 PNAFUL. This concerned an application from Mr. Robert Watson initially to erect a barn and polytunnel in OS field 0052. At a later stage, this request was reduced to a barn only. Almost fifty letters were received by HBC and had a considerable influence on the decision by the Planning Officer to refuse the erection of a barn in OS field 0052 in June, 2019.

To conduct the necessary research, Scriven Parish Council formed a Working Group

chaired by David Wilkinson. He was supported by Miranda Armitage, David Blood, Anne Bourne, Glen Gudgeon, and Gordon Reece. They produced a comprehensive response which was approved by SPC before being sent to HBC. In addition, a Solicitor, very experienced in planning matters, gave his professional advice. The village owes a debt of gratitude to the above people, coupled with SPC Councillors, who helped to secure the refusal of this planning application. It should be noted that this was the third time that Mr. Watson had submitted a planning application for OS field 0052 firstly in 2015, secondly in 2016/17 and thirdly in 2019.

JACOB SMITH PARK

Earlier this year Friends of Jacob Smith Park volunteers took part in a pond ecology training event.

Ecologist Andrew Westgarth led a fascinating session providing an overview of pond habitats. The volunteers assisted with a Great Crested Newt Habitat Survey which revealed the pond to be an excellent potential home for the newts. In addition, environmental DNA analysis of the pond water came back positive for Great Crested Newt DNA.

Jo Smalley, Secretary of The Friends, said: "We were shocked how many freshwater

species are living in the pond. It is lovely we can provide a beautiful space, with support from volunteers and our HBC countryside ranger, to help nature thrive so well."

SPC has nominated Jo Smalley for the Environmental Volunteer of the Year award in the Harrogate and District Volunteering Oscars. This nomination is in recognition of her outstanding work for the Friends of JSP. Through dedication, infectious enthusiasm and perseverance Jo continues to help raise funds and coordinate work to help protect and develop the environment of the park.

ROUNDBABOUTS

The Parish in conjunction with our NYCC and HBC Councillors are seeking to resolve matters in respect of the 2 roundabouts that are within our area.

Mini roundabout - Scriven Road / Greengate Lane

There is ongoing concern that a serious accident is likely to happen on this 5 entrance 'mini' and there have already been a number of near misses. The problem is drivers coming from the Village often take the inside illegal lane and therefore meet traffic on Scriven Road head on. May we ask all residents to observe the correct road procedures since this is not an easy matter to resolve and an increasing number of vehicles use this route as a cut through.



Boroughbridge Road - The Pastures - Bar Lane

This is the main entrance into Knaresborough from the A1 North and the centre of the roundabout is 100% tarmac with no greenery. It has a negative impact; it does not reflect the character of the area and is of no use for the environment and wildlife. We are hopeful that our objections will result in this design being softened and that the roundabout can become a "green area". We are also supported in this action by Knaresborough TC.



SUNDAY 10TH NOVEMBER

Remembrance Sunday. There will be an informal ceremony at the village War Memorial at 1.00 p.m. when a wreath will be laid. All parishioners are encouraged to attend.

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER – SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Christmas Tree Festival in St. John the Baptist Church, Knaresborough.

SCRIVEN PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS

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

Thursday, 31st October, 2019 – 7.30 p.m. (instead of 28th November)

If residents wish to submit items they would like to raise with the parish council, please contact the clerk or one of your Councillors with details at least 7 days in advance of the meeting.

Dates of future meetings will be published on the parish council website: <http://www.scriven-pc.co.uk/meetings-2019.html> and on the Notice Board (3 days) prior to the meeting.