

Snape Racecourse

A Racecourse existed on Snape Warren, close to the river Alde, prior to 1727 until about 1912. It was privately owned and run by Thomas Wentworth, Earl of Strafford, who lived at Friston Hall. An avenue of trees extended from his residence, over the A-1094 Road, to the racecourse. The trees from the road to Friston Hall still exist today.

THIS is to Inform all Persons, that one the 10th Instant, there was a Match run on Snape Race Ground, between Mr. William Spaulding of Rendham, and Mr. Thomas Sympson, Drover, for Five Guineas, Mr. Spaulding Rare Jack against Mr. Sympson Smiling Melley, the six Rounds, which is according to Computation 7 Miles, in sixteen Minuts; Mr Spaulding's Horse won the Match by Half a Horse's Neck, notwithstanding the Odds was a Guinea to Six-pence.
 N. B. Mr. Spaulding's Horse run a 30 Miles Chase at Stag Hunting two Days after the said Race, and had 20 Miles Home to his Stable. O! RARE JACK.

A local advertisement from September 1728



Emmanuel Bowen's map of 1753 clearly showing the avenue of trees