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SUNFLOWER DAY



Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band lead the procession to the playground

At last the day came, after months of cosseting, watering, staking, fighting with slugs, propping up, applying splints, the sunflowers were finally displayed in all their colourful glory! Judging took place on the Friday afternoon when the visiting Judge inspected and measured the sunflowers in Clapham and Newby. Well over 250 of all shapes and sizes had been grown: well done to all those who grew them!

Clapham's first ever Sunflower Day dawned cloudy and windy but enthusiastic children and their parents started with a 'Big Draw' at Clapham School where the children drew pictures of sunflowers for display in St James' Church.

Later, competitors for the Fancy Dress competition gathered by the Market Cross and the Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band led the procession to The Park where the Band entertained the large crowd while the Fancy Dress Competition was

judged. To complete the occasion the sun came out! After some difficult deliberations the Judges declared the winners and the Vicar, Rev Ian Greenhalgh presented prizes to the winners of the Sunflower Competition, the Fancy Dress Competition and the Treasure Trail.

The Church was beautifully decorated with sunflowers and included an exhibition of work by the Dales Doodlers. Throughout the Day the Women's Institute provided refreshments in the Village Hall where there was an exhibition by Clapham Art Group.

Everyone involved thought the day was a great success and were grateful for all the participation by both children and adults. It is hoped perhaps to have a similar occasion in the future, possibly involving the growing of a different plant. (Ideas welcome!)

More pictures and list of winners on pages 6 & 7

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CONGRATULATIONS

Mark Nelson of Bull and Cave farm and Emma King of Exchange Cottage would like to announce their engagement, and would like to thank everyone who have sent cards and best wishes. Plans are afoot for a May 2006 wedding.

Workers Education Association

The second half of the Autumn Class is a short course of 5 weeks about the Arctic, starting on 8th November at 7.00p.m. in the primary school.

Exploration, Imagination and the Arctic: 1818 – early 20th century.

This course traces the development of Arctic exploration from its post-Napoleonic revival in 1818 through the tragic mid-nineteenth century events surrounding Franklin's expedition to the era of Peary and Nansen. We shall investigate how the British public learnt about the region through travelogues, painting, photography, the press, advertisements and exhibitions. It will appeal to those who enjoy adventure, art, literature and the unexpected!

Session 1: 8th November – Sir John Barrow (a son of Ulverston) and the quest for the North West Passage 1818–1845.

Session 2: 15th November – Sir John Richardson (latterly a Grasmere pensioner) and friends: from Image to Imagination – pictures of Arctic exploration 1818–1845.

Session 3: 22 November – Darker images of the Arctic: Sir John Franklin, the Dalton Square (Lancaster) statue, and the continuing quest for the North West Passage 1845–1859.

Session 4: 29 November – Sensational Events: Nares, Nansen, Peary and 'Farthest North': the quest for the North Pole (1875–1914)

Session 5: 6 December – Poles apart: the encounters of Eskimos and explorers.

For more details please phone 51324

Newsletter A.G.M.

The Annual general meeting of the Newsletter group will be in the Village Hall on Monday, 10th October at 7.30.p.m. If you are interested in the continuation of your newsletter please come.



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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes . . .

‘We are fellow workers for God’ (1 Corinthians 3:9)

Dear friends,

When I moved to Clapham with Keasden and Austwick (with Eldroth) in April 2004, little did I know that within 18 months I would be taking over as Rural Dean for the Ewecross Deanery.

I come to this new commitment with a certain amount of fear and trepidation. For the past five years Alan Fell has been an outstanding Rural Dean, he has a great deal of experience within the Diocese and Deanery, more than I can ever hope to obtain. I am very fortunate that Alan is still within the Deanery to give me help and advice over the coming months. However, despite the challenges that lie ahead I am really looking forward to taking on this new role. I feel honoured that my fellow colleagues have chosen me to represent the Deanery and its needs for the future to the Diocese, and at the same time to represent the Bishop and Diocese to the Deanery.

My hope for the coming months is that we will all see the Deanery as a unity – a unity of work and witness to our Lord. As together, we become increasingly ‘fellow workers for God’, both in our Churches and Parishes but also in our Deanery.

Every blessing,

Ian Greenhalgh

CHURCH NOTICES

DR. MALCOLM GREENHALGH author of a number of books about Fly Fishing and Ornithology and other subjects will be a guest speaker on the subject of Field Sports and Country Matters. This talk will take place on Friday, 14th October, from 7.30p.m. in the New Inn, Clapham. Tickets costing £5 including some light refreshments may be obtained from the Vicar (Tel. 51313)

CALLING ALL SINGERS Are you interested in joining a choir to sing at special events within the Church? Contact the Vicar.

SUNDAY SCHOOL Anyone is welcome at the Sunday School, which is held at the Vicarage, Austwick, every Sunday at 9.30a.m. during term-time.

CHURCHES TOGETHER. ‘*Miracle Man*’ Thursday, 13th October at 7.30p.m. in Clapham Church. You are invited to a musical evening given by local musicians conducted by Anthony Smith. The evening is free of charge and light refreshments will be provided.

A ‘Celebration Service’ on Sunday, 16th October at 6.30p.m. In Ingleton Community Centre. Preacher: Rob Frost.

DEANERY SERVICE A special service will be held in St. James’ Church, Clapham on Sunday, 30th October at 2.30p.m. to welcome the new Rural Dean (Ian). Please come and support Ian at this service and meet members of the other Churches in the Ewecross Deanery. In the morning there is a United service at Austwick at 9.30a.m.

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY The Service will begin at 10.55a.m. on Sunday, 13th November to allow time to lay the wreath and observe two minutes silence at 11a.m.

BRADFORD CHORISTERS The Bradford Choristers will be singing Evensong for us on Sunday, 13th November at 6.30p.m. in St. James’ Church, Clapham. This is a United Service and all are invited to attend.

CONFIRMATION A Service of Confirmation will be held at St. Mary’s Church, Ingleton on Sunday, 20th November at 6.30p.m. Please contact the Vicar (Ian) if you are interested in being confirmed.

CHRISTMAS It is proposed to place a large Christmas card at the back of the church. This is provided by World Vision, a charity arranging ‘adoptions’ and special care for children in the world’s poorest regions. We are invited to send our greetings to all local friends by signing the card and donating to World Vision the cost of cards and postage thus saved.

DEANERY NEWSLETTER This is published monthly and in addition to news of the eight local parishes has items of Diocesan interest. Copies are usually available at the back of the Church (50p) or may be delivered for the year; in which case please contact Vesta and Owen Walton (Tel. 51685).

CLAPHAM STREET MARKET QUIZ Winners were 1st Mrs A Wildman, Settle. 2nd Madeline Hodgson, Ingleton. Third Mrs A Harper, Settle.

St. Matthew’s Church, Keasden is raising money this Christmas by having a tree outside Church. The tree will be covered in lights, and we are selling each light in remembrance of a loved one, friend or even a favourite pet. Lights are £4 each and will include an entry in our Book of Remembrance. For more details contact Judith Casson on 015242 61522.

News from Keasden

Telephone Kiosk

The fate of the telephone box outside Keasden Church is an ongoing crusade. BT have plans to get rid of the box. Ian Woodburn, one of eighty petitioners in favour of keeping the facility, has enlisted the support of David Curry MP. Keasden residents are now cautiously optimistic about the survival of the box.

Locals Take Care!

Early September saw yet another accident on the bridge over Keasden Beck at the bottom of Coppy Brow. Two vehicles were badly damaged and needed tow trucks to remove them from the scene.

Keasden Pond

The weekend 5th–6th September saw a clean-up operation led by ten people from English Nature. The intention is to maintain the pond and encourage wildlife and plants to thrive in the area.

Anyone interested in finding out more about the project or volunteering to help should phone 015242 42021.

Great North Run

Julie Pratt of the Heigh Bungalow, a nurse at Lancaster Hospital, recently completed the Great North Run.

She made a time of two hours thirty five minutes and raised over £300 for the Meningitis Trust.

Halstead Barn

Halstead Barn, home of Jon Brook, proprietor of Bentham Clocks, was filmed recently and will feature in a forthcoming production by Bentham Theatre Group.

Under Milkwood, (Dylan Thomas) can be seen at Bentham Town Hall on November 3rd and 4th.

The barn was chosen because a character in the play, Lord Cutglass, had 66 clocks in his home. One for every year of his life.

*News gathered by Laurie Penrice,
The Old Dairy, Keasden*

Christmas Fayre

A Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Clapham Church will be held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 5th November from 11.00am to 3.30pm. Lots of Christmas gifts, crafts, home-made mince pies, cakes, pickles, jams etc.

There will be a raffle and refreshments.

Anyone wishing to donate cakes etc. to this event please ring Eileen 51486.

Clapham Women's Institute

Clapham Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The branch includes members from Eldroth, Newby Cote and Newby. New members, visitors and friends are always welcome. For more information please telephone Moira Ings on 51316.

Forthcoming programme:

October 12th Annual General Meeting with Bring-and-Buy fund-raising Auction of gifts

November 9th India – an illustrated journey
Speaker: Peter Sharp

December 14th Christmas Party with Jacobs Join Supper

Interested in Yoga?

Elaine Sargeson would like to start Yoga classes in Clapham at the Village Hall on Tuesdays from 5.30 to 6.45 pm. If you are interested in joining please ring 01729 822913. We need a minimum of eight to make the class viable.

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CLAPHAM-cum-NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of the September meeting

All parish councillors were present along with five members of the public and PC Lawrence Martin at Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Council meeting. Two matters were raised by the public and a letter received. The first item was about youths who had been riding a motorbike on the track up through the tunnels, revving the machine up and also their cars. The police were called, but did not respond in time to witness the activities. There was some discussion on the response times of the police to such incidents and PC Martin reiterated that, if anyone thinks an activity is dangerous, then the call should be to 999 rather than just a report to the central switchboard on 0845 6060 247.

The other item was the poor state of the ginnel leading to the village hall, which the council agreed to look into. They also took up an offer from a member of the public to do some tidying and agreed to look at improving the lighting. The letter asked about the possibility of introducing a 20mph limit through Clapham. It was agreed to ask Highways for an opinion on this or other means of making people more aware of driving through the village centre.

OTHER MATTERS

Bill Isherwood from North Yorkshire County Council Highways was in attendance to discuss the issue of

traveller overnight parking, especially in the old road area. It was agreed to hold a meeting with the police to look at introducing a 'no overnight sleeping in vehicles' restriction which would then be enforceable. There were no reported crimes since the last meeting, and no other meeting reports from councillors.

PLANNING

There were three planning applications. The council had no objection to proposed changes to 2 Clapdale Way, Clapham and the building of a steel frame building over the reservoir tanks at Wood Gill Farm. However, the proposed development to build seven holiday cottages on land adjacent to the Flying Horseshoe did not meet with the council's approval. It is hoped an area planning officer from the National Park will attend the next meeting. Coun Ireton passed on a message relating to the caravan repair workshop at Newby. It was noted that caravans now appear to be parked-up on the grass verge adjacent to the workshop and are being offered for sale.

The council also had sight of a proposal for the old Gorner's garage site and awaits confirmation if a new planning application is to be submitted soon. The next two meetings were confirmed as November 15th and January 10th.

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Sunflowers

Adults: Best/biggest sunflower overall and biggest seed head – the Staveley family

Best display and tallest, thinnest Sunflower – David and Jackie Kingsley

Most unusual sunflower – Rosie Harrison

Children: Tallest sunflower and largest seed head – Zara Coultherd

Thinnest/smallest sunflower – Anna Marshall

Tallest sunflower – Matthew and Amy Lodge

Fancy Dress

Age 0–5 years (sunflowers) – Caitlin and Alya McLean

6–10 years (a splendid slug) – Sam Marshall

11–16 years (Bill and Ben the Flowerpot Men) – Isabel Marshall and Bethan Harrison

Treasure Trail

Adults – Shena Minnitt (Several people got the answers and the winner was drawn by lot)

Juniors – Rosalind Walton

Children's photo session

For those who missed the children's photo session at the Village Hall in August, Emma King will be there again on Wednesday, 19th October, 2005. She will be photographing the Clapham Playgroup and Early Years children. If you wish to attend at this morning photo session please ring Emma on 51449 to make a booking. Our many thanks to Emma for all the Sunflower Day pictures in the Newsletter.



The competition in full swing



Isabel Marshall and Bethan Harrison



Judging of the children's fancy dress competition taking place at the playground



Natasha Richardson with her sunflower drawing



The contestants ready for judging

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Farewell to Roy

The funeral was held last Friday of Roy Mundy (husband of Pam) who died on Thursday, 22nd September at St. John's Hospice, Lancaster. He had been fighting cancer for the past six months, he was 51 years old.

The service was held across the road from his home in a packed St. James church, Rev'd Ian Greenhalgh paid tribute to a man who had once been a keen fell walker in the Dales, a cave rescue member and an avid motorcyclist.

His skills with metalwork and welding will be sadly missed by farmers and other tradesmen in the area, a lasting mark of his handiwork are the new railings at the top of the village.

A collection was taken at the end of the service for St. John's Hospice and St. James church.

WHIST DRIVES

Whist Drives will be held in the Village Hall, commencing at 7.30.p.m.

October 7th, 21st (this one on 21st will be in the School) and 28th

November 4th, 18th and 25th

December 2nd and 16th

Last month £100 was donated to Galloways Talking Books, £100 to Settle Blind Club and £100 to Harden Ward.

Congratulations

Sam Roberts, eldest son of Sally and Wyn Roberts was married on Saturday, 24th September to Theresa Brack at Otterburn, Northumberland.

The new Mrs Roberts is a teacher and Sam is an army officer serving at Catterick where they will return to from a honeymoon in Turkey.

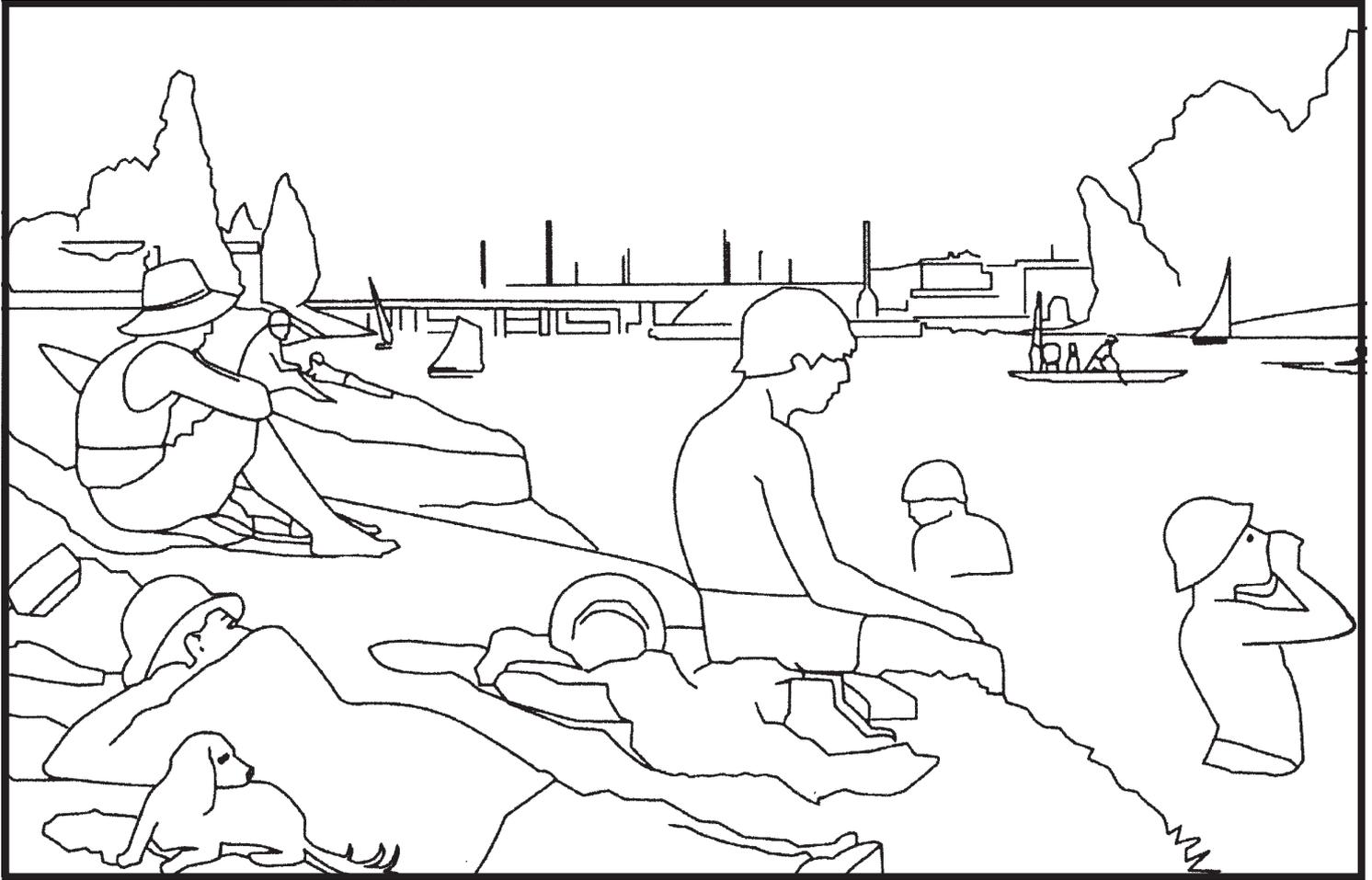
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Lesley Crutchley, Gildersbank, Clapham.
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Deadline for entries is 30th October.

Winners will be notified by telephone.

One winner per issue. Good Luck

(The winner of our August prize was Amy Marshall (age 7) who attends Clapham school

The artist was Vincent Van Gogh.

Well Done!

Name:

Age: Tel:

Name of the Artist:



Winner of the previous competition Amy Marshall

BETHEL CHAPEL

Sunday Services 11.00 am and 6.30 pm
Sunday School 10.25 am – 10.55 am

Senior Citizens: 6th October at 2.30 pm, Rev. Ian Greenhalgh (Clapham and Austwick)

Ladies' Meeting: 20th October at 2.30 pm, Mr Fred Hodgson (Skipton)

Coffee Evening: 27th October at 7.30 pm, Mrs Hazel Preece and friends (Wray)

Senior Citizens: 3rd November at 2.30 pm, Mrs A Atkinson and friends (Ingleton)

Ladies' Meeting: 17th November at 2.30 pm, Mrs Lyn Milburn (Morecambe)

Ladies' Meeting: 24th November at 2.30 pm, Mrs S Henriques (Garstang)

Christmas Carol Service and Tea 1st December at 2.30 pm, The Cornall family

Holiday Bible Club Half term, Monday – Thursday, 24th–27th October, 10.00 am–12.30 pm.

Special Farmers Rally in Clapham Village Hall, 17th October at 7.30 pm. Speaker: Sir Don Curry.

Special congratulations to Clare Whitaker of Clapham and Ian Marsh of Leyland on their wedding on 2nd September at Bethel Chapel. Their future home will be in Lostock Hall, Preston.

Thought: *'Time spent with the Lord is time well spent.'*

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Pan fried with fresh coriander
and cracked black pepper

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stuffed with black pudding wrapped in
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WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

In the last Newsletter I reported that there hadn't been any sightings of breeding Whinchats in the local area. On the 8th August two pairs of Whinchats and four juveniles were seen on Newby moor and near Nutta farm. Given the date that they were seen on they had to be local breeders, as the first migrant Whinchats were seen on the 21st Aug. With the breeding Stonechats increasing (at least four known breeding sights on Newby and Hardacre moss this year) there has been a decline in breeding Whinchat territories. Stonechats are aggressive towards Whinchats.

By the end of July all our breeding waders (Lapwing, Curlew, Redshank, Oystercatcher and Snipe) had left the local area and migrated to the coast, so a pair of Oystercatchers near Crina Bottom farm seen with one juvenile on the 24th July were very late breeders. The fully grown juvenile was last seen on the 13th Aug.

The Swifts were last seen screaming around Clapham on the evening of the 11th Aug. (did you know it only takes a Swift three days to fly from Clapham to its wintering grounds in Africa?). Not long after the Swifts had gone the Sand Martins followed, the last Sand Martins were seen at the Flying horseshoe and over Nutta farm on the 17th Aug.

Migrant birds started moving through the local area with a Green sandpiper on the River Wenning – 19th Aug, Tree pipit at High Hazel Hall farm – 21st Aug, Yellow wagtail calling as it flew over Crook

beck – 30th Aug, Ten Spotted flycatchers at Ingleborough hall – 30th Aug.

During September, five Spotted flycatchers at the Flying horseshoe – 2nd, Redstarts at Newby moor and near Nutta farm on the 2nd and 4th, Wheatears were seen on Newby moor and Hardacre moss – 11th, Grasshopper Warbler on Newby moor – 11th and one Twite was seen on Newby Moor – 11th. The last Willow warblers were seen at Meldingscale farm on the 11th Sept. It will be at least six months before we hear the beautiful warbling song of the Willow Warbler next year.

Several highlights seen during Aug and Sept were the Otter in Clapham beck between Brokken Bridge and the water fall seen by Rose and Ray and several tourists – 12th Aug, Merlin hunting small birds over Newby moor and Hardacre moss during mid Sept and one Long eared owl that was found on the old railway line near Nutta farm – 11th Sept.

Rare creatures in Clapham Beck

In early July a group of children from The Methodist Junior and Infant School, Wakefield, visited the village.

They were on the lookout for fish in the beck. Firstly they found dead bullheads and a dead crayfish. On further investigation they netted twenty four live crayfish. These varied dramatically in colour, from royal blue to dark red. The pupils photographed the specimens then returned them, unharmed to the beck.

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