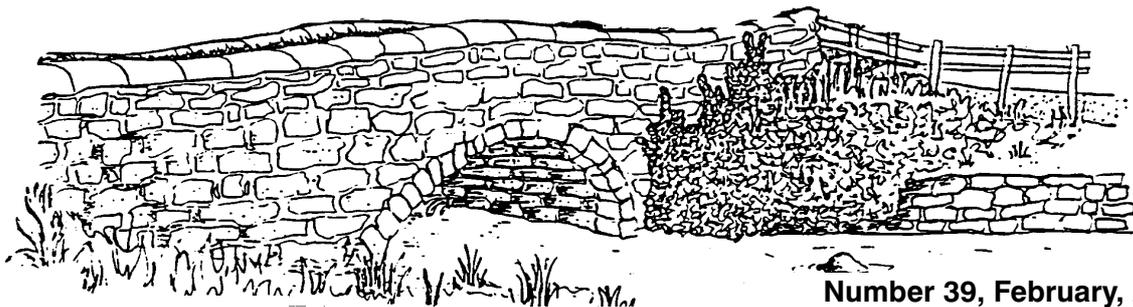


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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GARAGE REDEVELOPMENT

A packed public meeting discussing the proposed redevelopment at the former Mercedes Benz garage on Old Road, heard that the site owners Gorners have gone into voluntary administration.

Over 90 people in the Village Hall on Tuesday evening listened as a statement from Andrew Gornier was read stating that he was not attending the meeting because “my company is in voluntary administration and it would be inappropriate to make any statement at this time.”

The Parish Council had called the meeting to find out what local residents thought of a planning application submitted for the demolition of the existing buildings on the site and the erection of 16 dwellings plus craft workshops, a children’s nursery and associated external works.

The meeting continued with comments from Clapham Primary School head teacher Shiela Minnitt, who gave the background to the nursery part of the proposals.

She explained the status quo of nursery provision in the village at present and went on to explain how the school and the Early Year Group would benefit from the development’s provision of a purpose-build nursery close to the school building.

She said: “I feel strongly that school should support the development.”

An advisor to the arts group involved, explained that they as a group had been approached by Craven District Council and asked if they would be interested in setting-up studios in the proposed craft workshops to be included on the site under the plans. Parish Council vice-chairman Eileen Plumridge then asked for comments from the floor.

The discussion opened with views that the 16 dwellings – though reduced from the 23 from a previous application – would be “a physical scar”, “too much like a tacked-on housing estate” and was being presented to the village as a “fait accompli”.

Other people felt that the “percentage increase of dwellings could be easily absorbed” as had been done in the Clapdale Lane area of the village some years ago. Another speaker said that he felt any response from the meeting to Craven District Council should not be “too negative and miss an opportunity” of seeing the area redeveloped.

Another major concern was the security of the site and worries that if it was not developed in the near future it would invite illegal use by travellers as it had done last summer. The Parish Council was urged to ask the owners to make the area safe and secure in the interim.

There was talk that the present sewerage system would not be able to cope with any new development, but the meeting was told that United Utilities are due to improve facilities later this year.

County Councillor David Ireton said he knew that the planning officer was going to recommend that Craven District Council reject the current plans on the basis that the “footprints” for the housing were “too suburban for Clapham” and it was likely new proposals would have to be put forward.

The possible inclusion of lost-cost housing for local people as part of new plans was also talked about and drew a lot of support.

The Parish Council will now relay the views of the meeting to Craven District Council.

SUMMARY REPORT: MEETING OF CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL: 10 JANUARY, 2006

- The Parish Precept for 2006/7 will be £3,300, an increase of £300 on the current year. Although the precept had been maintained at its present level for many years, the Parish Council is faced with steadily increasing costs and diminishing reserves and cannot hope to continue indefinitely without this increase.
- Paul Pearce has been re-appointed as clerk to the Parish Council for the time being.
- A letter had just been received from North Yorkshire County Council stating that there was to be a review of those local bus services which required the heaviest subsidies. This includes the 581 service which at present runs from Ingleton to Horton via Newby, Clapham, Austwick, Giggleswick, Settle, Langeliffe and Stainforth. According to the NYCC letter, this service is “under consideration for withdrawal in the review”. The Parish Council will challenge this on the grounds that it would have a major impact on a number of local residents who have no regular access to a car.
- The Post Office will be asked to restore full-time opening at their counter in Clapham Village Store.
- According to information received from BT, the telephone box at Keasden will be retained and will continue to accept coins. The future of the box in Newby village is uncertain, being subject to the outcome of an Ofcom review of BT’s obligation to provide a universal service. Meanwhile, it will be changed so that it will no longer accept coins.
- It was agreed to ask United Utilities to go ahead and connect the replacement lamp column in Newby to the electricity supply as soon as possible.
- The new notice board for Newby will be placed on the village green close to the road and adjacent to the western end of the bridge over the beck. Any

necessary consents will now be sought and arrangements made for the board to be erected.

- There had been some reaction to the recent placing of ‘No Right of Way’ notices on the gates into two fields immediately above Clapdale Farm. Paths through these fields are said to have been walked by local people for very many years to gain access to the fells. However, the Ingleborough Estate insists that there is no right of way through either field, and that the recognised public footpath which leads off downhill from Clapdale Farm was provided many years ago to provide such access without conflicting with the needs of local farmers and the game-keeper.

There was no support for a proposal that the Parish Council might seek to establish rights of way through these fields by evidence of long-term usage.

- The Parish Council had been asked whether it could usefully employ people on Community Service for work on local projects. Skilled and unskilled labour is offered. Those concerned would be properly supervised and their services would be provided free of charge. It was agreed to express an interest in principle on the assumption that suitable local projects could be identified.
- Engineering work on Crook Beck Low Bridge (on Newby Moor) is to be carried out later this year. The Parish Council will ask the contractors not to start the work, which will close the road, until all local silage has been cut and moved to store (September).
- The Parish Council approved a donation of £50 to Settle Swimming Pool.

PLANNING

Applications approved:

- Change of use of agricultural land by inclusion

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within the curtilage of dwelling house and re-positioning of existing dry stone wall: Beckfield House, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

- Stable block of two for private use only: Lower Moss Farmhouse, Keadsen.
- Conversion/extension of utility building adjacent to the eastern boundary wall of 3 East View, Newby for occupation by dependent relative.
- Listed building consent for formation of two window openings in south elevation of west annexe and installation of double-hung sash windows: Hall Garth, Riverside, Clapham.

Applications withdrawn:

- Formation of pedestrian access: land & boundary wall to north side of Riverside, Clapham.
- Remove existing livestock poly-tunnel and erect agricultural building to house livestock at Bull & Cave Farm, Clapham.

Other planning issues:

- Former Mercedes Benz garage site, Clapham: The latest planning application for this site involves demolition of the existing buildings, and the erection of sixteen dwellings, plus craft workshops, a children's nursery, and associated external works.

The Parish Council has sent in comments on this application, saying that it contains insufficient information about the proposed craft workshops and children's nursery for the Parish Council to judge whether or not they would be appropriate; or indeed, whether they would compensate adequately for the loss of either employment use on the site or affordable housing. The Parish Council also suggested that a public meeting of local residents should be called before the Planning Committee gives its approval for any development of this site.

This public meeting, at which local residents will have an opportunity to hear about and comment on

the latest proposals for the Mercedes garage site, will be held in Clapham Village Hall.

- Flying Horseshoe Hotel, Clapham: The Parish Council has written to the Planning Authority to say that it remains opposed to this development, which would involve conversion of the public house/hotel to form eight apartments. The latest planning application appears to be unchanged in its essentials from the previous one, to which the Parish Council lodged strong objections.
- Caravan repair business, Newby: Although there had been fewer problems recently with operations at this site, a large vehicle (a converted single-deck bus) is sometimes parked on the hardened verge outside. Craven District Council have informed the Parish Council that if further planning enforcement measures are thought by local residents to be necessary in respect of this site, then evidence or information must be provided about who had complained and whose amenity was being adversely affected. The District Council could then obtain "statements of evidence" direct from the complainant and take enforcement action if appropriate. Verbal complaints are of no evidential value.
- Chapel House, Newby: Comment had been made at an earlier meeting about an apparent extension of the curtilage of this property into an adjacent field. An enquiry had been made to Craven District Council as to whether this constituted a change from agricultural to domestic use. The Planning Enforcement Officer had visited the site and had concluded that since the land concerned was being used partly as a hen-run and partly for horticulture, no material change of use had occurred.

Next meetings:

The next two meetings of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday, March 14th and on Tuesday, May 23rd. Both meetings will be held in the Village Hall, and both will start at 7.30pm.

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VACANCY

There is a vacancy for the position of Clerk to the Governors at Clapham Primary School. If anyone is interested please contact David Walton 51416.

OPEN ACCESS IN THE DALES

The Countryside and Rights of Way Act 2000 granted a general right of access to the public to 'access land' for the purposes of open-air recreation. It gave people the right to walk freely on designated 'mapped' 'access land' without having to stay on rights of way. Access land is categorised as mountain, moor, heath and down, as well as all registered common land. Woodland is excluded, unless it is registered as common land.

The new right includes most open-air recreational activities carried out on foot, including walking, sightseeing, bird-watching, climbing and running. It enables 'open access', which means that people are able to wander freely across 'access land' and don't have to keep to public rights of way.

With the new rights come responsibilities, and users must be aware of the managed environment in which they are walking. There are conditions applying to walkers with dogs at certain times of year, and in some areas dogs are not permitted away from public paths. Other activities such as cycling, horse-riding or camping are not permitted on access land.

The new rights commenced in the Dales on May 28th 2005. The area of the National Park available for recreation on foot increased from 4% to around 64%. Observations by Dales Volunteers and Rangers so far suggest that use of the new right has been limited, with 90% of walkers keeping to public rights of way. A survey undertaken on behalf of the National Park Authority suggested most visitors were aware of the new rights, even though they were not yet exercising them.

If you are interested in open access and would like more information try visiting

www.countrysideaccess.gov.uk or
www.yorkshiredales.org.uk

In the Clapham area, the bulk of Ingleborough has been designated as access land, but access

patterns appear not to have changed in any significant way. The area has been used for recreational purposes for many years, particularly by the walking, caving and pot-holing communities. Steve Hastie, the Area Ranger, can be contacted on 01729 825182 or email steve.hastie@yorkshiredales.org.uk

Steve Hastie – Area Ranger (Ribblesdale)

Resoration & Conservation – a constant challenge for us all

Every English village has at its heart a historic church with bells, just as we do in Clapham. It epitomises our landscape but it is not there by accident – just as the generations before us worked as a community to create it, so now it falls to us to maintain and protect it. And there is much to do.

What we wish to do is steadily build up a team of people and the skills needed to work together on restoration projects, building maintenance and all kinds of tasks both large and small.

Do you have any restoration, building or DIY skills? Would you like to teach them? Would you like to learn a new skill – and one which you can also use at home! Or can you assist or give some other kind of support?

If you can help in any way at all, please contact Bob Tyrrell on 01729 825934.

Volunteers required

A joint venture by David Crutchley and Emma King requires local sitters for character portrait photographs. (No children) If you would like to help with their City and Guilds project please contact them as follows: Tel. Emma 51449 or David 51433 or david@gildersbank.co.uk

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Clapham by Candlelight Summer 2006

A well attended first meeting to discuss holding a local summer event under the auspices of Clapham Development Association was held on 10th January. Since then Doctor Farrer has kindly agreed to allow us to make use of the beck side through the village – so the event is on!

So far we are considering decorating the beck from the waterfall down to the A65 tunnels using candlelit lanterns like those made for the Myths and Legends festival, as well as jam jars with nightlights, banners etc. Two households have already offered to decorate the beck opposite their homes and we are looking for individuals and village organisations to take on an area, or a particular tree or structure, to decorate. Please contact Jean Mallaband if you or your organisation would like to take part. There will be lantern-making workshops later in the year and we hope the school and local youth groups will run their own too – a workshop coordinator is available locally.

Additionally we have discussed holding a barbecue (venue to be confirmed), a lantern procession and candle-lit lanterns floating down the beck along with music and perhaps some afternoon activities.

We are provisionally looking at the late August Bank Holiday weekend – probably Saturday 26th August for the event.

THE NEXT MEETING IS AT 10.00 am ON
WEDNESDAY, 8th FEBRUARY UPSTAIRS IN
THE VILLAGE SHOP.

Please note: this event is still in the planning stage so all ideas and suggestions are most welcome. Please do come along if you'd like to get involved or phone Sue on 51343. We intend to alternate the times of meetings so that as many people as possible can get to them – the one following the 8th February will be in the evening.

Sue Cowgill

Wenningdale Home Repairs

Here are some of the many home repair, maintenance and improvement jobs we have completed:

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- ♦ Gardening, and much more . . .

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BETHEL NEWS

Must lose weight! Be more organised! New start! Sounds familiar?

At the start of every New Year we are full of determination, the TV bombards us with fitness videos, home improvements and the like. But no matter how determined we are, who knows what tomorrow brings.

Let's live each day as it comes and in 2006 let's step out in faith, trusting the Lord for the unknown.

LADIES' MEETINGS

Feb 2nd **Senior Citizens**

Mr and Mrs T Newnham, Silverdale

Feb 16th **Ladies' Meeting**

Miss J Chapman, Preston

Feb 23rd **Ladies' Meeting**

Mr and Mrs J Walsh, York

Mar 2nd **Senior Citizens**

Mrs D Marsh, Leyland

Mar 16th **Ladies' Meeting**

Mrs L Bretton, Carnforth

Mar 30th **Coffee Evening**

Mrs C Wightman and friends, Arkholme

**Sunday School Prizegiving and Anniversary
Sunday 25th February at 7.30 pm: items by children
Sunday 26th February 11.00 am and 6.30 pm.**

Speaker at both meetings: Mr D Lurie.

Everyone welcome.

Venture into the unknown with faith in God.

CLAPHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL P.T.A. FUNDRAISERS 2006

QUIZ NIGHT

The ever popular quiz night will take place on Friday March 3rd 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall. Tickets will cost £20 for a group of 4, which includes a delicious meal. Individuals may also purchase tickets for £5 and will be put into groups on the night. Please order your tickets from Lucy at the shop.

JUMBLE SALE

A jumble sale in aid of P.T.A. will take place at Ingleton Community Centre on Saturday 1st April. You can support the sale by contributing bric-a-brac, clothes, toys, books etc, baking a cake or helping on the day. A collection day will be organised during the week before the sale.

PLANT SALE

Once again P.T.A. will be selling good quality plants at a very reasonable price in April. Order forms will be available in the next newsletter.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING CLAPHAM
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Sunflower Day in final of Yorkshire Competition



The success of last October's Sunflower Day continued when the event became a finalist in the Yorkshire Rural Community Council's competition 'Village Ventures'. This recognises the best rural community projects in North Yorkshire and is open to any group which has carried out a voluntary project for the benefit of the local community. Village Ventures has been running for over ten years. It is for settlements of less than 10,000 people so Clapham was up against some much bigger villages!

Congratulations go to the group who worked very hard to put together a display for the judges: Lisa Clark, Joan

Farrer, Rosie Harrison, Moira Ings and Eileen Plumridge. They used decorations, photographs, banners and other materials from Sunflower Day to put on a very colourful and informative display for the benefit of the judges and were on hand to explain what had happened on the Day. They were rewarded with a Certificate commemorating their participation in the Final which will be hung in the Village Hall.

Well done! And well done Clapham and Newby for all the hard work growing the sunflowers and arranging and joining in the various events on the day!



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KEASDEN SIGNPOST

Until some ten years ago Keasden had a signpost at the crossroads to Bentham, Slaidburn, Settle and Clapham, with one of the original West Riding circles at the top. The horizontal diameter of the circle had Keasden written across with the grid reference below and Yorks W.R. above. Somehow or other the circle got lost. Backed by the Parish Council and the budget of the Forest of Bowland area there is now an aluminium replacement atop the signpost. It was made by David Clements the blacksmith in Settle who also made the one at the Wenning Bridge junction. Both are sparkling in their newly painted glory

Colin Price and Maureen Ellis

NEWS FROM KEASDEN

Remembrance Christmas Tree

Judith Casson of Hammond Head would like to thank everyone who bought lights and donated money to the Christmas appeal at St Matthews Church. Ninety lights were sold and £424 was raised. Special thanks to Armstrongs of Bentham who donated the trees.

Keasden Carol singers raised nearly £300 for Church restoration funds.

Telephone Box

Ian Woodburn collected over 80 signatures on his petition to save the Keasden phone box.

With the help of David Curry MP, he has managed to persuade BT to keep the box, situated outside St Matthews Church.

The box has the facility to send emails and text messages.

Items of Keasden news for the next newsletter can be sent to

Laurie Penrice

Old Dairy, The Heigh Mewith or Tel. 079714 67830

CHRISTMAS STORY

On a cold, dark and damp midwinter day, the children of Clapham C of E Primary School came to Keasden to act out the Christmas story.

Shepherds in the fields abiding, briefly left their sheep and then hurried on to Keasden. Wise men led by a star, found time to call by. Mary and Joseph and the babe in the manger checked out the stable. The inn keeper called time at the inn.

All were vividly portrayed in full costume by the children who came down from a shining Bibby's bus to tell the story and bring warmth and light to all in Keasden.

Recorders and flutes were played and carols sung. Seasonal poems were recited.

The story was told and the children were gone, leaving us all in awe and wonder.

Our thanks to teachers and helpers, musicians and of course the children, for bringing such a spectacular performance to Keasden.



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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes . . .

‘The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want’
(Extracts from *Every Day with Jesus* by Selwyn Hughes)

Psalm 23 has been described by someone as: ‘David’s hymn of praise to divine diligence’. The entire passage recounts the way in which the divine Shepherd spares no pains for the welfare of His sheep. No wonder David, previously a shepherd himself, took pride in being a member of God’s flock. The Christian writer Phillip Keller, tells how he spent some years working as a shepherd in East Africa, and makes reference to a shepherd he knew who was completely indifferent to the needs of the sheep. “The man,” he says “gave little or no time to his flock letting them forage for themselves as best they could, both in the summer and winter. They fell prey to dogs, cougars and rustlers. They had only polluted muddy water to drink. In my mind’s eye I can still see them standing at the fence, huddled sadly in little knots, staring wistfully through the wires at the rich pastures on the other side.” That shepherd ignored the needs of his sheep – he couldn’t care less. How different is the divine Shepherd. For Him there is no greater joy, no richer reward, no deeper satisfaction than that of seeing His sheep safe, contented and flourishing under His care. May we all look upon the new lambs and sheep in our fields during the coming months and thank God for the divine Shepherd who longs to be both my shepherd and yours.

Every blessing, your friend and Vicar,
Ian

SPECIAL EVENTS

Songs of Praise at Eldroth Church Sunday 12th February at 6.30p.m.

Ash Wednesday, 1st March, Holy Communion at Clapham Church 7.30p.m.

Lent Study Group. On each Wednesday during Lent at the Vicarage at 7.30.p.m. the first meeting on 8th March.

Visiting Preachers. During Lent, starting of 5th March, we will welcome visiting preachers who will include Bishop Ian Harland, Reverend Andy Bowerman and Canon Max Wigley.

Mothering Sunday, 26th March. Special family service which will be relevant to children and their families.

Annual General Meeting. Thursday, 30th March in Clapham School at 7.30p.m. The first part of the meeting is for the business of appointing Church Wardens. The rest of the meeting will cover various reports on Church activities, reviews of the accounts from 2005 and election of various officials including Church Council members for the coming year. The Electoral Roll will also be updated, and forms of application are available from Church.

KEASDEN CHURCH

Come to the Vicarage – Coffee morning and cake stall, Saturday, 11 March, 10.30am – 12 noon in aid of Keasden Church. All are welcome.

JACOB’S JOIN

Shortly after we moved here in April 2004, I joined the Scottish Country dance class in Ingleton. The first dance that was organised after my arrival was to have a Jacob’s Join supper. I had never heard this expression before and learned that it means everybody contributes food. When I asked why it means that, there were blank looks and the reply “It just does”! Since then I have asked several people for an explanation with no success, so I looked on *Google*. There are many mentions, but apart from reports of organisations advertising events with Jacob’s Join suppers the rest were other people asking the same question as I was.

One suggestion was that it is a phrase only used in the ‘mountain’ villages of North Lancashire and

North Yorkshire. That is disproved by the fact that I found examples in Salford, the furthest south, Preston, Blackpool and Blackburn among others. The furthest north was Sedbergh and Kendal and the furthest east was Embsay with Eastby. The majority were in villages but clearly the phrase is in use in towns too. Another suggestion for its origin is that it is something to do with the Bible, but nobody can say what the connection is. We looked at the story of Jacob in the Bible but could find nothing which seemed a likely solution.

And so my researches have drawn a blank. Has any Newsletter reader got an explanation? It would be so interesting to know where it came from.

Brenda Pearce

POEMS, PIES, PROSE AND PEAS

An evening of culture, fun, and food! At Clapham Village Hall on Saturday, March 11th, 2006, starting at 7.30pm.

You are invited to bring along your favourite poem, monologue, limerick, verse, quotation, or piece of prose and give it an airing to those assembled. It may be your own composition or a piece from Shakespeare, or Wordsworth. It might be a Yorkshire dialect gem, or a few lines of doggerel. Whatever you wish to share, it will be welcome, and as a reward, you will be regaled with a culinary feast of home made pie and peas plus a drink at the interval.

If you are shy, your literary masterpiece can be recited by one of our orators if you wish; however, it's much more fun and gratifying to "do your own thing" amongst friends, and if you just want to be part of an audience to just listen and enjoy, then please do come along, everyone is invited and will be made welcome.

The evening is in aid of St. James Church Fund, and the cost of this family night out will be a mere £4.00 per person, (£2.50 for children) or £10 for a family. What a bargain!

We encourage you to get on you creative cap, commune with the Muses, and pen a ditty, or a stanza, or search your memories for that monologue Uncle Bert used to recite for the family at Christmas, and give it an airing.

Further details will be circulated soon on how to participate. If you wish to present your offering, have it presented, or just be a member of the audience, come along and make it a jolly night out. Any queries or enquiries or requests for further information may be addressed to the organisers:

Walter Hughes, (Tel. 51583), or
Jean Mallaband (Tel. 51734)

Ten Little Christians

Ten little Christians, standing in a line

One disliked the preacher and then there were nine.

Nine little Christians, stayed up very late

One 'slept in' on Sunday and then there were eight.

Eight little Christians, on the road to heaven

One took the lower road and then there were seven.

Seven little Christians got into a fix

One disliked the music and then there were six.

Six little Christians very much alive

One lost all interest and then there were five.

Five little Christians, wishing there were more

One fought his neighbour and then there were four.

Four little Christians happy as could be

But one lost his temper and then there were three.

Three little Christians knew not what to do

One joined a sporty crowd and then there were two.

Two little Christians – our rhyme is nearly done

Differed with each other and then there was one.

One lone Christian won his neighbour true

Brought him to church and then there were two.

Two earnest Christians each won one more

That doubled the number and then there were four.

Four sincere Christians worked very late

Each won another and then there were eight.

Eight splendid Christians nothing rhymes with sixteen.

So we simply note that in four more rhymes there would be 1024 which would be quite a church-full.

Workers' Educational Association

The A.G.M. will be held in Clapham Primary School on Tuesday, 28 March at 7p.m. Please come with ideas for our future autumn programme so that they may be discussed. Following this there will be an illustrated talk 'An Antarctic Journey' by Dennis and Sylvia Haxell of Newby. Come and bring friends. Everyone welcome. Enquiries Tel. 015242 51323/4

WILDERNESS WONDERS

A kaleidoscope of Arctic adventures. Geoff Hinchliffe, a friend from Norfolk, who we have travelled with in Iceland and the Faroe Islands, will be visiting Clapham in February. He has offered to present a slide show which will include images of Bathurst Inlet, rafting down the Nahanni River, dog sledging in Greenland and other Arctic activities.

This may particularly interest those who attended Dr. Rob David's Arctic exploration classes, but all are welcome. The show will take place in the computer room at Clapham school on Monday, 13th February 2006 at 7p.m., by kind permission of the head teacher,

There will be a charge of 50p to cover expenses.

Ken and Brenda Pearce (51816)



Art Competition

A special competition for children up to the age of ten

Simply colour or paint this picture and send it to Lesley Crutchley, Gildersbank, Clapham .

Competition closes 28th February. Super prize for the winning entry. Good luck!

Name: Age: Tel:

YORKSHIRE DALES MILLENNIUM TRUST

The Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) is a charity that has worked since 1996 to support the environmental, social and economic well-being of this special area. We have an excellent reputation as a ‘doing’ organisation which gets practical results. Based in Clapham, we work throughout the Yorkshire Dales and adjacent areas such as the Forest of Bowland and Nidderdale.

Conserving the physical heritage features which make up the Dales landscape is the core of our work. Over the last 9 years we have helped fund more than 600 individual projects worth £15 million. These have included woodlands, wildlife habitats, barns, walls, village halls, and historic buildings and features. Our role has widened over the years – catalysed by Foot and Mouth – and we are now helping with issues as diverse as countryside apprenticeships, supporting local contractors, encouraging sustainable development, education, and social inclusion.

Within the local area we have helped fund the following projects:

Austwick, Clapham and Eldroth village hall improvements; new native woodlands at Crummackdale, Austwick, Wharfe and Feizor; Clapham Millennium Stone and restoration of the riverside walls; three barn restorations in Newby and Austwick; restoration of Thwaite Lane and the Washdubs at Wharfe; Clapham waterfall view and riverside footpath improvements, through the Wildlife Connections Project; Clapham’s Magic, Myths and Legends Festival and the Doorway to the Dales leaflet; the Heritage Trails booklet that includes Clapham; the Community Warden for Austwick and Lawkland; Go-Cars car share club, which has a car based in Clapham; Growing with Grace’s composting service; and Drystone Radio.

In March 2005 our Patron HRH The Prince of Wales visited Clapham to officially launch our Donate to the Dales Appeal, which aims to raise at least £1 million over three years from individuals, other charities, and businesses to help our work. Visitors can buy pinbadges and register as donors through 150 sales points in local businesses, and larger donors can also contribute directly to individual projects.

We also manage funds on behalf of other organisations:

The *Sustainable Development Fund* provides help for businesses and individuals with new ideas for

living and working sustainably in the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Nidderdale AONB.

The *North Yorkshire Aggregates Grants Scheme* can fund community and environmental projects that compensate North Yorkshire communities for the impacts of aggregate extraction.

As well as helping others set up projects, we also set up our own, in partnership with other organisations. The acclaimed *Learning in Limestone Country Project* helps local children and community groups, as well as new groups of people, to visit, learn about, be inspired by, and so care about, our wonderful limestone country.

We have also helped develop a proposal for a major project to protect and conserve the internationally important flower-rich hay meadows within the Yorkshire Dales and the North Pennines. This project will enable participating farmers to generate additional income, and funding is expected to be secured soon.

We organise Countryside Apprenticeships for young people, helping them to remain in the area and help manage the landscape, and we also manage the Rural Trades Network, a website based scheme to put local contractors in touch with potential customers, training providers, advisors, and each other. We also manage a community warden scheme for Austwick and Lawkland which we hope to extend to other parishes.

For further details please contact YDMT on 015242 51002 or email info@ydmtd.org

LOCAL BUSES

Parish Councils have been notified of a consultation over the future of the 581 bus service operated by Kirkby Lonsdale Coach Hire and subsidised by North Yorkshire County Council.

Anyone concerned about the future of local bus services can make their views known now while North Yorkshire County Council are conducting a review of contracted bus services. You can put your comments in writing to Mary Welch, Integrated Passenger Transport, North Yorkshire, County Hall, North Allerton DL7 8AH. Telephone 01609 78566 or e-mail her on mary.welch@northyorks.gov.uk. Alternatively, contact district councillor Carl Lis or county councillor David Ireton as soon as possible as the review ends in February.



MUSIC HALL

CLAPHAM was treated to a flavour of the Victorian Leeds City Variety Show on Sunday evening when Valerie Baulard and company from Settle performed an Old Time Music Hall. The master of ceremonies was Graham Jarvis and Brian Heaton was the accompanist.

About three quarters of the 60 strong audience arrived dressed in Victorian costume with the prize for best dressed lady going to Melanie Whitmore of Brookhouse who wore a stunning scarlet and black number. The best dressed gentleman was Richard Sexton, the best hat was worn by his wife Justina and the best dressed couple was John and Joan Farrer.

Mulled wine and mince pies were served as refreshments and the money raised from the hugely successful event will go to St James' Church funds. The vicar Ian Greenhalgh thanked everyone who had worked so hard to make the evening such fun especially Mrs Farrer for all her hard work and organisation.

CLAPHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL – 60/40 CLUB

Dear all,
Please support Clapham P.T.A. by joining the 60/40 Club or renewing your subscription for the year.

How does the club work?

Tickets cost £1 per month (£11 for the remainder of the year, February–December) and each member is allocated a number for the year. Every month a draw is taken with 40% of funds raised going to the

winner. The remaining 60% will be given to the school P.T.A. For any enquiries and information on how to join please contact

Jo Williams (51186), or post the following slip to
3, Rose Bank Cottages.

Cheques should be made payable to Clapham Primary School P.T.A.

Thank you for supporting Clapham Primary School.

F.A.O. Jo Williams 60/40 Club

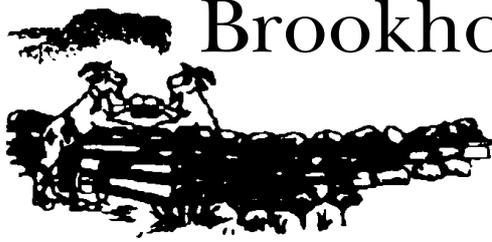
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*a rich ragout layered with rigatoni pasta, topped with
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spaghetti with ham and mushrooms in a cream sauce

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WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

One Kingfisher was seen regularly on the River Wenning near Clapham station and one was also seen by Clapham Beck at Clapham by Josh Morphet in early December. Male Kingfishers have a very large territory which they keep all year round, so the recent sightings could relate to one bird patrolling his territory.

On the 2nd December 42 seven-spot Ladybirds were found hibernating for the winter on one of the walls of the outside classroom at Ingleborough hall. They were still there in the New Year.

A flock of about one hundred pink-footed geese flew in a south westerly direction over Trow Gill on the 9th December and on the 12th a flock of Swans flew west over Crina Bottom Farm. The Swans were seen by Brian Jackson.

One Red Kite was seen between Clapham and Newby cote on the 11th by Matthew and Harriet Hart. The same bird was also seen between Newby Cote and Cold Cotes on the 17th.

In January up to eight Stonechats were wintering on Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor and one Stonechat was seen at Dubgarth Hill on the 1st.

Four Golden Plovers and one Snow Bunting were seen on Ingleborough by the Hart family on the 1st. The Snow buntings increased to eight birds by the 13th.

Other highlights during January were five Wigeons at Meldingscale Farm, five Reed Buntings are wintering on Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor.



Hibernating Seven-spot Ladybirds

One Cormorant flew east over Meldingscale farm on the 14th.

One Jay was seen regularly on the Nature trail and at Ingleborough Hall and as far as the Green at Clapham throughout December and January. One Jay is also wintering around the Flying Horseshoe; it was also seen on the old railway line at Nutta Farm.

Two Peregrines were seen chasing each other over Hardacre Moss on the 20th. One Peregrine has been seen around the local area throughout the winter period.

Tim Hutchinson, Smithy Cottage

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Articles, News and Ideas PLEASE! for the next issue by **25th March, 2006** to the Village Shop, Lesley Crutchley lesley@gildersbank.co.uk, Chrissie Bell ChrisHarte@aol.com, Sylvia Haxell, Ray Hull or David Sharrod.

Articles submitted but not included in the present publication will be put in future newsletters.