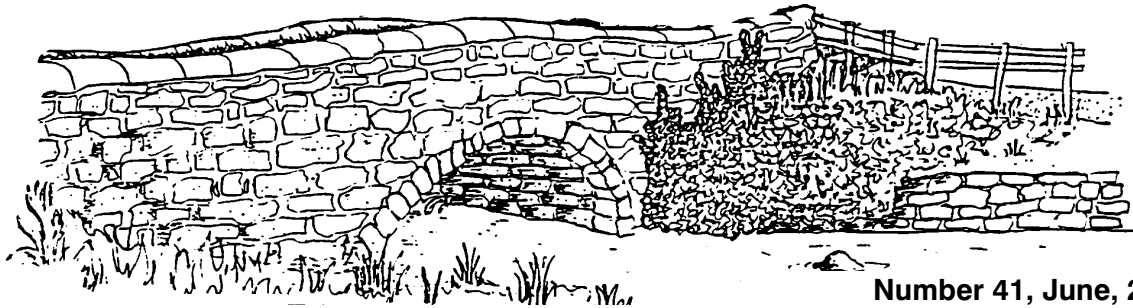


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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SUMMARY REPORT: MEETING OF CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL: 23rd MAY, 2006

1. Parish Council: This was the first meeting of the new Parish Council, following an uncontested election at which five nominated Councillors were returned. Eileen Plumridge was appointed Chairman, with Colin Price as vice-Chairman.

As a result of the uncontested election, the Parish Council had only five members instead of the required seven. Accordingly, it was agreed unanimously to co-opt the following additional members:

- Sheila Robinson, who had stood down at the election but had agreed to be co-opted if necessary.
- Nicola Saward, who was present at the meeting and who had attended other Parish Council meetings as an interested member of the public.

The Chairman proposed a vote of thanks to three former Parish Councillors who had decided not to seek re-election this year: Teddy Dawson, Tommy Lund and Jean Davey. The vote was approved unanimously.

2. Clerk to the Parish Council: When Paul Pearce returned as clerk last November, he agreed to take on the job as a temporary arrangement until the Parish Council elections in May. That period has now elapsed and he would prefer to retire. However, the Parish Council has asked him to continue, and he has agreed to do so (subject to any change in his personal circumstances) for a further six months. This would allow time for the new Parish Council to settle itself in and to prepare for the appointment of his successor.

3. Highways: The contractors responsible for works on the A65 (Amey Mouchel) had been asked to provide signposting in advance of the junction at Bolderber with the minor road to Clapham Station across Newby Moor. However, this was the scene of a recent fatal accident and the Police are said to be “very much against further promoting the junction”. Amey Mouchel says that this junction will be included in a review of accident sites, which they will be conducting later this year. The Parish Council will be consulted as part of the review.

- Work has been carried out recently on the Keasden Road, including the clearance of roadside ditches and culverts, and repairs to damaged road edges below the crossroads.
- A letter from a local resident had been received shortly before the meeting asking the Parish Council to support his campaign to increase the priority for winter gritting above the cross-roads at Keasden. This will be considered at the next meeting, together with a proposal to increase the priority for the road from Wenning Bridge (below Clapham Station).
- Unfortunately, NYCC failed to deliver the promised Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) in time for the arrival of this year’s travellers, so Clapham is having to cope with yet another season with no effective powers to deal with any who prove to be troublesome.

4. Former West Riding signposts: The post near Bridge Cottage in Clapham village has now been restored to its former glory. NYCC Highways have still to renovate the damaged post on Newby Moor.

5. Newby street light: The replacement street lamp is working at last.

6. Newby notice board: The landowner has given his consent for the noticeboard (without doors) to be installed within the little walled enclosure close to the bridge over the beck, near Bridge Cottage.

7. Clapham churchyard: The Parochial Church Council (PCC) has offered to re-point the gaps between the slabs which form the main paths leading into the church, using volunteer labour. The Parish Council has agreed to this provided that the PCC are satisfied that the work can be completed to an acceptable standard, and that their insurance would cover the use of volunteers for this purpose.

8. Bus shelters: NYCC claim that they cannot provide any screening to the front of the exposed shelter near the Little Chef at Newby because this would fall foul of Disability Discrimination

guidelines. The Parish Council is challenging this assertion.

NYCC have also been asked to remove the redundant shelter at Clapham Station and to restore the original lay-by; but at present there appears to be no funding available for the work involved. NYCC have agreed to remove the bus stop at this site after it was pointed out to them that visitors to the area arriving by train were waiting there for the local bus service in the mistaken belief that they were in Clapham village.

9. Footpath creation agreements: The process of designating four local routes as public rights of way is now complete. The routes are: (i) Riverside to Cross Haw Lane, between Marton House and Riverside View; (ii) Riverside to Cross Haw Lane, via Clapham Village Hall; (iii) alongside Clapham Beck, between New Bridge and Church Bridge; (iv) from Long Lane to the track between Ingleborough Cave and Trow Gill.

10. Planning: Planning applications approved since the last meeting:

- Construction of a garage extension to the eastern gable of the house: Hazle Hall, Clapham.
- Change of use of former National Park Visitor Centre to form shop, office & bunk-barn accommodation: The Old Manor House, Clapham.

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- Deletion of certain conditions relating to planning consent for eleven holiday chalets on the former goods yard at Clapham Station.
- Extension to dormer bungalow: Green Close Farm, Clapham
- Removal of one ash tree, one sycamore and one lime tree; and removal of the lower bough from another ash tree: all on land used as a caravan site adjacent to the Flying Horseshoe Hotel, Clapham.

Planning applications withdrawn:

- Erection of timber-framed agricultural building for housing sheep, in a field behind Keasden Church.

Planning applications awaiting decisions:

- Proposed change of use of former car showroom to form window and conservatory showroom, office and workshop: Dales View Garage, Old Road, Clapham.
- Removal of various ancillary buildings and replacement with garage/workspace area and attached greenhouse: Stonegarth, The Green, Clapham.
- Change of use and conversion of existing office accommodation and commercial storage unit into three residential dwellings: Old Mason's Yard, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham
- Demolition of existing buildings, and erection of 16 dwellings, craft workshops, children's nursery etc on the former H L Gorner garage site, Old Road, Clapham
- Erection of dwelling house on land next to Clareson, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

Planning enforcement procedures:

- Ryecroft Farm, Newby: Craven District Council have issued a formal notice of failure to comply with a planning enforcement order relating to (i) the painting (dark brown) of an agricultural building, and (ii) the planting of trees.

11. Next meetings: The next two meetings of the Parish Council will be held in Clapham Village Hall on Tuesday, July 11th, and Tuesday, September 12th. Both meetings will start at 7.30pm.

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CLAPHAM BY CANDLELIGHT UPDATE

Plans are now well in hand for this event to be held in the evening of Saturday 26th August. The beck through Clapham from the waterfall to the A65 tunnel will be decorated using candle-lit lanterns and the evening will include a sumptuous barbecue of Keasden beef and pork and locally sourced vegetarian options, for which we are looking for volunteers to make cakes, salads and home-made soft drinks (with all ingredients provided) plus, does anyone have a recipe for 'barbecue-proof vegetarian burgers'? Tickets for the BBQ will be on sale from the end of July.

There will also be a ceilidh and bonfire in the grounds of Ingleborough Hall and a lantern procession up and down each side of the beck around dusk. We are hoping a group of local musicians will lead the procession and play for part of the ceilidh - any musicians (however 'rusty' or inexperienced) who would like to join in are invited to contact Beverley Lockett on 51108 so some practice sessions can be organised.

If you'd like to offer help in any of the following areas please contact the person listed opposite:

Beck decoration – Jean Mallaband 51734

Food and Drink – Brenda Everson 51837

Music – Beverley Lockett 51108

Organising BBQ/bonfire/

dance space – Peter Everson 51837

Helping on the day with lantern

lighting,marshalling procession etc.

– Jim & Kathy Hall 51232

Lantern making Workshops – Sue Cowgill 51343

Clapham School pupils will make their lanterns before the end of term and there will be two or three further lantern making workshops for adults and accompanied children at the beginning of the holidays (see below for dates). If you want to make a lantern or just to get hold of the withy, tissue paper and candle holder with which to make one in your own time, please leave your name and 'phone number, numbers of people attending and preferred three sessions on 51343 or complete and return the cut-out slip below to the Village Shop by Tuesday, 13th June. You need to book so that sufficient materials can be ordered. Please keep saving jam jars and screw-on bottle tops for candleholders for collection nearer the time - thanks!

The next planning meeting is on Tuesday, 13th June at 7pm at Deighton House, just above Brokken Bridge on left of beck, all ideas and offers of assistance are most welcome - do come along!

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CLAPHAM BY CANDLELIGHT lantern making workshops BOOKING FORM

Name

Numbers attending

Telephone No.

Two or three workshops will be arranged from the options below. Please indicate with 1,2 and 3 your first, second and third preferences for the following sessions:

- Friday, 28 July 7pm – 9.30pm
- Friday, 4 August 7pm – 9.30pm
- Saturday, 29 July 10am – 12.30pm
- Saturday, 5 August 10am – 12.30pm
- Saturday, 29 July 2pm – 4.30pm
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Trek China – in aid of Breast Cancer Care

You may remember back in August last year I made an appeal for sponsorship towards my trek to China in aid of Breast Cancer Care. Well I thought you might like to know that, along with 36 other volunteers, I successfully completed this challenge and would now like to say a massive thank you to all the people who sponsored me.

I personally managed to raise almost £3,000 and as a group we have raised a staggering £128,000 so far, with money still coming in. As Breast Cancer Care relies entirely on donations from the public to provide its services free to clients this money will go a long way towards providing information, practical assistance and emotional support for anyone affected by breast cancer.

The trip was a truly amazing experience with six days of strenuous walking both along the Great Wall and through the surrounding countryside. On arrival in China we were transferred to an area approximately 120km north east of Beijing known as Simatai. The section of wall here offers arguably the finest walking anywhere on the Great Wall and is extremely photogenic, with over 30 watchtowers, and steep gradients that give constantly changing perspectives and wide open views.

After three nights at Simatai we moved on to another area where we climbed a beautiful mountain known as Wuzoulou (Five Tower Mountain). At 1,100m and the highest point of our trek this was a challenging day's walking but thoroughly enjoyable and with some fantastic views and changing scenery.

The next day's walk through Black Dragon Pool Park was described by our Chinese guide as a "walk in the park", but with approximately two thirds of China covered by mountain, you can guess that it was not like a stroll through Hyde Park! Instead the walk followed a route through gorges, past lakes and through some beautiful countryside. Today we experienced a fantastic electrical storm and a heavy downpour in the afternoon, but otherwise the conditions throughout the week were perfect for walking.

The final day was back on the wall in an area called Mutianyu, just 90km north of Beijing. This is an excellent example of a restored section of the wall with many fine watchtowers and beautiful scenery. Here we ended our week's challenge and had an emotional time



Elaine on the Great Wall of China

taking photographs and a final opportunity to take in the atmosphere and the beauty of the Great Wall of China.

Once again I would like to thank everyone who has sponsored me already, but if you would still like to make a donation please do so by calling at my house Wayside, Newby.

Elaine

Sunday Lunch

On Sunday, 26th March there was a lunch at the Village Hall. £282.60 was raised, the money has been divided equally between the church and the visiting Belarussian children. Rosie would like to thank all who supported the event and a big thank you to all who helped on the day.

Garden Party

Sue Martin of the Sewing Centre, Settle is organising a garden party at 6 Falcon Close, Settle on Sunday, 11th June to raise funds for the Oncology Department at Airedale Hospital. If anyone would care to bake a cake to swell the funds it would be very welcome. These can be delivered to Christine at Jasmine Cottage (51015) or Rosie at Park View (51492) on Saturday, 10th June.

THE NEWSLETTER GROUP will once again be having a stall at the Street Market, and will be very grateful for any unwanted DVDs, CDs, Videos and Tapes. Please look through your collections and sort some of them out for our stall. Then on the day come and buy something different. You will be helping your newsletter to continue. Items can be left at the homes of Ray Hull, Chrissie Bell, Eileen Plumridge or Lesley Crutchley.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes . . .

Our United Evening Service will be held in St. James Church, Clapham on Sunday evening 9 July and we will be following a Taize style of worship.

Taize worship originates from a small community of brothers based in a village of that name situated in southern France. Their story begins back in the harsh days of the Second World War with a young priest and academic, Brother Roger, who smuggled people across the border to safety in Switzerland. He was betrayed and had to flee but returned after the war and arrived in Taize. The village community had been without a priest for twenty years and their church was derelict, so following God's call, he offered to stay and be their priest.

Slowly, Brother Roger was joined by others who came for retreats and stayed to help with the rebuilding. Slowly a community was formed, ecumenical in nature and with its own Rule, at the heart of which lie the twin principles of peace and reconciliation.

Silence lies at the centre of Taize worship and is gently but firmly enforced. People enter and leave in silence and the spoken word is kept to a minimum during the service. This, together with the trademark meditative chants, allows worshippers to enter into a deeper communion with God.

During the Service you are invited to come forward to light a candle for yourself or others, remembering that the lighting of a candle is in itself a prayer and also a reminder that the light of Christ's love surrounds us even at our darkest times, and is a light that never goes out.

I do hope many of you will attend and find meaning in a Taize form of Service, indeed find peace and reconciliation.

Your friend and Vicar,

Ian.

Thursday, 15th June – Parish Quiet Day at Parcevall Hall. This is a beautiful setting for a Quiet Day and the Vicar will be leading our thoughts and prayers. Please contact Ian if you would like to come. The cost is about £18, which includes morning coffee, lunch and afternoon tea.

Thursday, 29th June – Cycle Ride – The Vicar will cycle to all seventeen Churches in the Deanery – a total of 82 miles. This marathon effort will enable him to see all the Churches in the Deanery, as well as raise money, of which equal amounts will be donated to St. John's Hospice in Lancaster, and our four churches. If you would like to send a donation please forward it to the Vicarage, Clapham Road, Austwick, Lancaster LA2 8BE.

Sunday, 9th July at 6.30p.m. – United Evening Service in St. James' Church Clapham.

Saturday, 15th July at 7p.m. – Northern Stars Steel Band. See separate Note.

Sunday, 16th July – Bishop's Ramble and Songs of Praise at the Caravan Site. Come and join the Bishop of Bradford and the Vicar on a walk from Austwick to Clapham. We will meet at Austwick Church and walk via Crummack to Clapham before holding a Songs of Praise Service at the caravan park adjacent to the A65 in Clapham. All are welcome to walk, or join us for the service, of which there will be more information nearer the time.

Saturday, 22nd July – Street Market (see item elsewhere)

Children's Holiday Club – All children are invited to Clapham's Ingleborough Hall to join in a whole range of activities on July 31st and August 1st. We meet at the Hall between 1.30p.m. and 4.00p.m. More information from the Vicar.

Sunday, 6th August – Open-Air Service at Ingleborough Hall. An open-air service will be held at Ingleborough Hall at 11a.m. Bring a picnic for afterwards. Drinks provided.

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MUSINGS OF AN OIL-ADDICT

Global Warming has been recognised as a serious issue for some time (Friends of the Earth (FoE)-Clapham Newsletter April 2006). In addition there is a growing recognition of an energy crisis created by the difficulties of the transportation of natural gas, and a tight balance in the supply/demand equation for oil.

The two issues are closely related. Fossil fuels fostered the Industrial Revolution (coal), and underpinned the huge developments in the western world throughout the twentieth century (oil and natural gas). Fossil fuels have created the greatest output of carbon dioxide that has contributed most to global warming.

So it was good to see the FoE list of things to do, or not do, as individuals to help reduce the carbon imprint on our world.

It set me musing. There was something missing. There was no mention of the main culprits of carbon dioxide emissions, cars and aeroplanes. So I would like to add a few more suggestions to the FoE list of consumer concerns.

1. We could try to avoid making unnecessary car journeys, or make one conscious choice per week not to use our cars. Walk, cycle or take public transport. Share car journeys whenever possible.
2. We could try to reduce the number of times we fly. Planes are terrible polluters.
3. We could try to buy food that is grown locally wherever possible and avoid buying food that has travelled hundreds of miles. The average mileage modern food travels before it reaches our shops is around 1500 miles. What a waste of energy!

"The truly green consumer is the sparing consumer, who turns heat, lights and appliances down or off (not just to standby) whenever they're not needed; plans their life so as to drive and fly as little as possible, and meets their needs with relatively few, durable and local products." (Roger Levett: May 2006)

Eddie Leggett

BETHEL NEWS

As summertime approaches we start thinking of holidays or a break from the daily routine. Sometimes it is just what we need to recharge our batteries. The Bible tells of Jesus taking time away, to pray to his father and to escape the crowds that followed him. In Psalm 23 we read *"He leads me beside quiet waters. He restores my Soul."*

Mums'n'Tots, Youth Club, 429 and the Ladies' Meetings will be stopping at the beginning of July and will restart in September.

Usual Sunday Services at 11.00 am and 6.30 pm. Everyone welcome to join.

NEW FOOTPATHS AND BRIDLEWAY CREATED

The paths were legally created by agreement with the landowner, Dr Farrer, as follows:

- Public Bridleway from Cross Haw Lane by the Village Hall to Riverside.
- Public Footpath from Cross Haw Lane to Riverside by Marton House.
- Public Footpath along the beckside from the Cross to Brokken Bridge.
- Public Footpath linking the path leading to Trow Gill north of Ingleborough Cave to Long Lane.

The paths will be added to the 'definitive map,' which shows all public rights of way and then appear on subsequent Ordnance Survey maps of the area. As with other public rights of way, the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority will be responsible for the maintenance of the surface of the new paths, to the extent that they will be suitable for the public rights recorded on them. The YDNPA will also contribute to the maintenance of the path furniture such as stiles. (The Park is actually only required to grant-aid landowners towards the maintenance of stiles and gates, but it recognises the value of the path network in helping to deliver our second statutory purpose, so in essence it grant-aids 100%).

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Surprise! Surprise!

Parochial Church Council A.G.Ms are notorious for their poor attendance, but the Annual Church Meeting for 2006 will become part of Clapham's history as the School I.T. room was filled to capacity. The Vicar's secretary hurtled through the agenda until he announced a break for refreshments – not the usual coffee and biscuits but wine and nibbles!!

Then Liz Mason, in her role as churchwarden, turned to the about-to-retire John Farrer; after embarrassing him with compliments and appreciation for his service of 52 years as churchwarden, she presented him on behalf of the P.C.C., with a pair handsome silver cufflinks. For John that was an unexpected surprise – but more was in store – an event known to everyone but the Farrers!

On our diary we had notice of a special service in church to welcome the new Archdeacon of Craven, so when we arrived and squeezed into the last seats near the door, we were so pleased for Ian that he had such a large congregation to welcome the Archdeacon.

The children, released from keeping *the secret*, were beaming as they sang specially rehearsed songs. So many people from near and far had been sworn to secrecy – an effort worthy of MI5. The Archdeacon read a letter from the Bishop of Bradford. Peter Winstone, who had made the long journey from Gloucestershire, read a lesson, Liz Mason played specially selected hymns, and the Vicar complimented the retiring churchwarden to such an extent that John's cheeks glowed with embarrassment.

A magnificent bouquet of flowers was given to Joan followed by a group of smiling children who presented a number of large envelopes.

By this time we were in a daze and needed the coffee we all had, as we were able to chat to all these people who seemed to have enjoyed keeping the secret for the previous two months.

You will see from the photographs which accompany this letter that *Relief in Africa* has had – thanks to you kind people, help to buy desks, textbooks, tree seedlings, tools and even an ox!!

Also, with the help of your generous garden vouchers, we hope you will see a colourful improvement to our garden.

I must mention our visit, after the service, *not to the Vicarage* to join with the churchwardens and their wives for lunch and to meet the Archdeacon informally *but to the Village Hall* which was ominously quiet until Sue Mann opened the door!! Gasps from both of us to see so many people who were obviously delighted that the surprise had worked. The most attractive and tempting meal that has ever graced a Clapham event.

It is not possible to mention names but we now know that Sue and Marilyn, in orchestrating this wonderful event, spent hours and hours at their computers and telephone.

John and I would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way and made this memorable occasion. What a wonderful secret!

Joan and John



PARISH ARCHIVES

As part of the village history project I have been consulting the Parish Records at the North Yorkshire County Records Office in Northallerton. The records cover the period from 1595 to 1837. The entries are generally very brief; a date, a name, an event (baptism, marriage or burial) and a place. But some entries have an added detail that throws light on the past or fires the imagination.

One may doubt the entry which reads "15/01/1667 William Atkinson, pauper and old man, buried in his 128th year", and one may wonder what lies behind the entry which records the baptism of "Ester, daughter of Thomas Hodshon and Jane Downham," who was "merrily begot".

Life in the past, before the arrival of Health and Safety policies, was clearly hazardous. In 1698, a falling millstone killed John Heape the millwright.

Eight years later, in 1706, Lawrence Remington of Hawksheath fell from the pile-bridge at Tumerford and was drowned. And in 1710 Richard Holme senior of Wharfe died by falling from the cliff near the spring commonly called "ebbing and flowing".

We are probably all aware of Robin Procter Scar and the story behind its name, recently retold in the "Heritage on Foot" booklet. "A prominent local farmer was returning home over the moors one very foggy day. Sadly, he missed his way and tumbled with his horse over the cliffs and both were dashed to pieces on the rocks below." A likely story, one might think. But no! The Parish Register tells the story more briefly. It records the burial on 12th August 1677 of Robert Procter of Hazle Hall "falling from a cliff at Norber". It clearly does not do to discount local stories.

Jim Hall

Welcome to Sonny



Sonny Jay Atkin was born on Saturday, 24th April at Helme Chase Maternity Unit in Kendal and weighed in at 7lb 8oz. He was delivered in the birthing pool without pain relief. Mum Rachael Stewart and Dad James Atkin of Station Road are doing well and are very proud and excited to be introducing a new member to the village.

. . . . Goodbye to Andrew

At the beginning of May, the New Inn said goodbye to its head chef Andrew Whaley (Wally to his friends). Andrew was brought-up in Ingleton and started work at the New Inn 25 years ago. He has left for Brisbane with his wife Maren (who originates from Australia) and baby Jessica.

Belarussian Children

The children from Belarus will be visiting Clapham on Tuesday, 1st August. If you would like to donate cakes for the children please deliver to Janet Raine at 2 Clapdale Way on Monday, 31st July. Anyone wishing to donate soap, toothpaste, tooth brushes, shampoo etc and exercise books, pens, pencils, calculators etc. for school all will be very welcome.

Please drop them off along with any knitted jumpers etc. to Rosie at at Park View anytime before Sunday, 30th July. Thank you.

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Keasden School 1867–1947

Originally there were plans to build a school next to the church in Keasden. The great grandfather of George Wallbank persuaded planners that the school should be built elsewhere so that all pupils travelled an equal distance to the building.

About thirty pupils attended the school, numbers being boosted during the war years by evacuees. All pupils brought a packed lunch until in 1947 the school kitchens in Ingleton provided the pupils with a hot meal (on Fridays only).

During the last war, common land adjacent to the school was used for troop training exercises. Some children were given lifts home at the end of the day in army vehicles including Bren gun carriers and lorries.

During the winter of 1947 school was closed for a period of ten weeks due to heavy snowfall. The school closed in the summer of '47. The last two teachers were Mrs Allinson from Ingleton and Miss Cordell of Clapham. George Wallbank was reputed to be the last pupil to leave the school building on the day of closure.

The school building was eventually sold in a public auction in 1948 for the sum of £380. The school has been closed for many years but many ex pupils live within close proximity to the building.

Thanks to Dr Farrer for allowing sight of legal papers and other records for the school and to George Wallbank for his memories.

Children's Centre Launch

Clapham Primary School and Clapham Community Playgroup are both members of North Craven Children's Centre; a recent initiative from North Yorkshire to bring together services for children and families in local locations throughout Craven. There are 13 such locations between Gargrave and Burton in Lonsdale with Clapham being one of these. The benefit to both school and Playgroup of being part of the Children's Centre is the funding and resources that flow from this, for the benefit of all local families.

To launch the Children's Centre in Clapham an Event is planned for the end of term to which families and other members of the community are welcome to come along. This is set for Wednesday 19th July at Clapham School. Activities, with a Health Theme, will be held throughout the school day with children from both School and Playgroup, then from 3.30 to 6.30pm families and other members of the local community are welcome to come along and join in the fun.

Food will be provided, hopefully outside in the sunshine. To help with catering numbers, please leave a message at school (51317) by Wednesday 12th July if you wish to come along.

Both School and Playgroup hope to see you there.

Knit & Natter

Are you interested in knitting or would like to learn? If so, please come along and join us at Park View on the following Mondays from 1.00 to 3.00 pm:

June 19th; July 3rd, 17th & 31st; August 14th; September 4th & 18th; October 2nd, 16th & 30th; November 13th & 27th.



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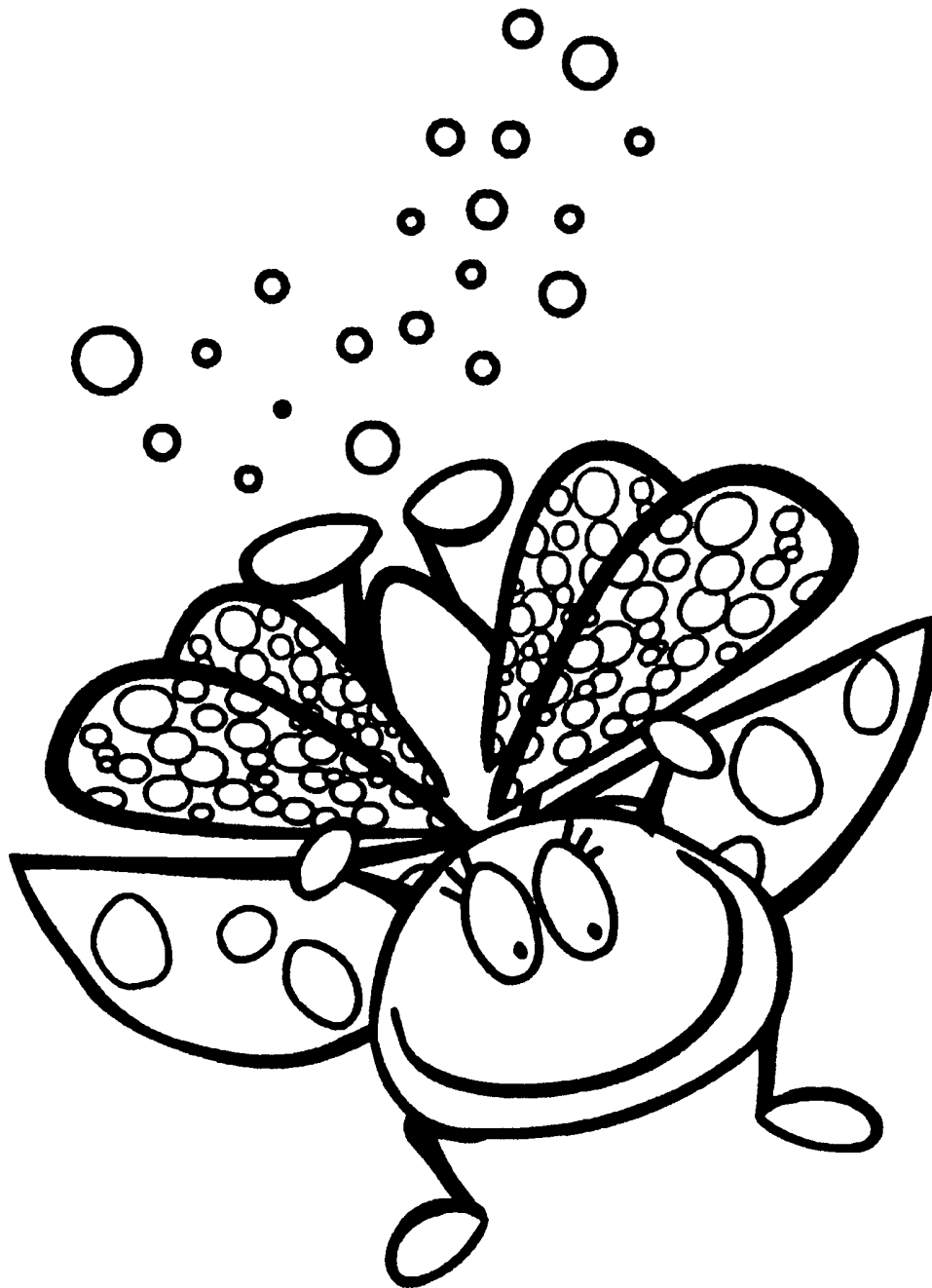
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Congratulations to Richard Burns age 6 winner of the April art competition for his wonderful picture of an Easter Bunny. Richard wins a large pack of crayons.

Simply colour or paint this picture and send it to Lesley Crutchley, Gildersbank, Clapham . Competition closes 28th June. Super prize for the winning entry. Good luck!

Name:

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STREET MARKET

The annual Street Market will be held this year on 22nd July, commencing at 9.30a.m. With stalls for cakes and refreshments, bacon butties, glass and china, books, tombola, raffle, jam, plant and garden, bric-a-brac and white elephant, and household linen. Help with setting up the stalls and clearing away afterwards is always much appreciated. COLLECTION OF GOODS will take place around the village on Thursday, 13th July. For further details please contact Jean Cloughton (tel: 015242 51491).

An excellent idea has been suggested about having a post Street Market dinner in the Village Hall.

Party Animals have been contacted and they have been booked for the occasion.

They will organise a Meat & Potato Pie meal with a pudding to follow. There will be a vegetarian alternative.

Tickets which are strictly limited are available from Rosie at Park View (51492).

Tickets are on sale at £8 per head.

Northern Stars Steel Band

On Saturday, 15th July at 7p.m. a concert by the Northern Stars Steel Band will take place in St. James' Church, Clapham. This is a joint event being held on behalf of Clapham and Austwick Parish Churches. The Northern Stars last visited Clapham Church as part of the millennium celebrations in 2000, and performed in front of a full audience of more than two hundred people. The evening was a huge success and outstandingly enjoyable.

They are a highly talented group from Huddersfield and have a wide musical repertoire covering both classical and more traditional steel pan music.

Tickets will be available at £10 for adults (to include a glass of wine during the interval) and £5 for those under 16. The band is very popular and early reservations are advised and can be arranged through Colin Brindle Tel 015242 51426 (Clapham) or Michael Southworth Tel: 015242 51137 (Austwick).



'Clapham's Parking Problems Solved'

A couple of weeks ago a young couple who were visiting the village, managed to park their car on top of the wall outside Arbutus House on Riverside. The incredible thing was that the wall at this stage, at least, was not damaged in the slightest. Sadly that was not the case once the car was removed from the wall.

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RUMPUS IN NEWBY

On January 19th a Lancaster man and his colleague were attacked in Newby by a crowd from Newby and Keasden. The two men, Richard Forster and William Heysham, were set upon by a crowd of women and children as they tried to serve Court writs. They were assaulted and their writs were trodden into the mud.

The two men escaped injury but further riotous behaviour occurred the next day when Thomas Procter, a local bailiff, led sixty men to the Skew area where they broke down hedges and ditches, took wood and drove off cattle, claiming that Forster had trespassed on Procter's land.

Yes, its all true – but it happened a long time ago in 1562. Richard Forster was then clerk of courts in Furness and well connected with the Duchy of Lancaster. He used his position and influence to enclose land at Skew and to lease 24 plots of land in Newby and Keasden, one called Nuthaw and one belonging to Thomas Procter.

The trouble had erupted the year before in June 1561, when 16 men including Thomas and Edmund Procter had ejected Forster from Nuthaw. As a result Forster turned to the Duchy for help and was granted a writ of subpoena to compel the Newby bailiff and seven other men to appear in court. But word of the writs leaked out and on 18 January, 1562 a meeting of tenants from Newby and Keasden plotted to attack Forster when he tried to deliver the writs the next day.

This is just one of the interesting, even surprising, incidents which has come to light in the course of research towards the history of the village and parish of Clapham. Residents have now spent many hours painstakingly sifting through old parish and other records in the County Record Office at Northallerton as well as transcribing the Victorian Censuses of Clapham, doing background reading, copying local documents and collecting photographs and memories of Clapham in the last century.

Several grants have been applied for to help with the costs of travelling to Northallerton and other record offices in pursuit of Clapham's past, to help with the costs of photocopying and the many other expenses, including printing the book when it is finished. But most of all the present team of ten or twelve would welcome extra hands to speed and spread the work.

If you are interested then please contact Ken Pearce on 51816 – don't forget, you will have to buy the book to find out who, in the end, won the rumpus in Newby!

Plastic recycling in Settle

Following the success of a plastic recycling bank in Skipton, Craven District Council has now installed another one in Whitefriars Car Park. Looking further ahead, the Council envisages that full scale collection will take place along with the glass, cans and waste paper.

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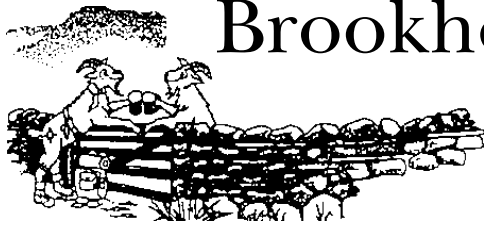
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WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

Summer migrants started arriving in the local area by the first week of April. Eight male Wheatear were seen on Thwaite Scars and Clapham Bottoms on the 1st and one female Wheatear was at Crook Beck on the 2nd and 3rd, more Wheatears were seen at Crina Bottom Farm and Newby Moor on the 9th.

Swallows, Sand martins and Willow warblers started arriving in large numbers after the 6th. Three pairs of Sand martins started breeding in the banks of Crook beck near Calterber bridge, but the nest holes were washed out after the heavy rain on the weekend of the 20th and 21st May.

The Long Eared Owl which was seen on Newby Moor in March was last seen there on the 16th, it, or another Long Eared Owl was seen in bushes next to the Eldroth road at Meldingscale farm on the 18th; Two Dotterels were seen on Ingleborough on the 23rd.

One of the highlights of April was the sight of an Osprey flying north low over Newby Moor on the 9th, on that same day there were numerous sightings of Ospreys heading north across the Northwest region and one had spent the previous four days at Stocks reservoir.

Other summer visitors to arrive back in the local area were House Martins at Clapham on the 18th; two Blackcaps at Ingleborough hall on the 16th; four males and two female Redstarts at Trow Gill on the 21st.

Among the birds seen in May was another Dotterel in a field between Meldingscale Farm and Lawsings Farm on the 21st; the first Swifts arrived back at Clapham on the 1st; one Cuckoo was heard calling near Meldingscale Farm on the 5th; a Spotted Flycatcher was seen at Clapham Station on the 6th; one female Ring Ouzel at Clapham bottoms on the 9th; one male

Pied Flycatcher was singing at the top of the Nature trail on the 10th and one Whitethroat was heard singing at Clapham Station on the 12th and 21st.

Seven Sedge Warblers were seen and heard singing on Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor on the 12th and two more were found at Meldingscale Farm on the 21st; one Chiffchaff was heard singing at Ingleborough Hall from the 15th; the first six Lapwing chicks were seen at Meldingscale farm on the 12th and one Lapwing chick was seen near Nutta farm on the 21st.

The first Butterflies to be seen this year were two Large whites in Clapham Churchyard on the 16th, other butterflies that have been seen this year are: small white, green veined white, orange tip, small tortoiseshell, peacock and red admiral.

Red Kite news! One was seen over Clapham lake in the first week of May by Sue Latimer and the same or perhaps a different Red Kite was seen over Meldingscales Farm at the end of May.

WHIST DRIVES

The group of people who play whist at Clapham Village Hall on Friday nights donated £ 100 each to Clapham Cave Rescue and Manorlands Hospice in February. In May the chosen charities were Settle and Ingleton Swimming Pools and each received £100. Anyone wishing to join us is most welcome at 7.30p.m. in the Village Hall on June 3rd, 10th and 17th then we miss one week and then back for another three weeks.

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