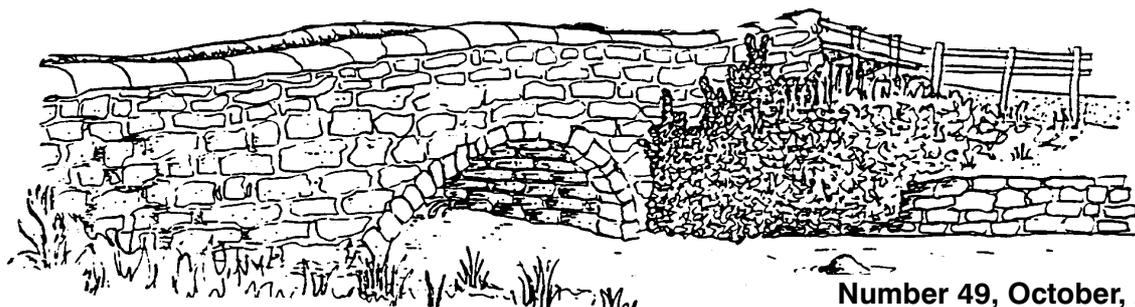


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Clapham cum Newby with Keasden Parish Plan

Community Consultation Open Days to be held in Clapham, Newby and Keasden in November

Winter gritting of roads? Access to healthcare? Broadband connections? Recycling facilities? Affordable housing? Local employment? Transport? Parking? Adult education facilities? Use of redundant buildings? Noise? Anti-social behaviour?

What is important to you?

We want to know YOUR opinions!

Many people attended the Open Meeting at Clapham Village Hall on 10th July, 2007 when the Parish Plan project was launched. We are now moving onto the second stage: that of consulting the whole community.

This consultation is an opportunity for everyone in the civil parish to put forward their views, aspirations and priorities on what they consider important to Clapham, Newby and Keasden.

There are many ways of consulting with the community and the three methods that we have chosen are:

- A photo project with Clapham Primary School – the children were provided with cameras over the school holiday to record what they do and do not like about the area they live in. Subsequently the children have worked with members of the Parish Plan working groups to explain and identify these likes and dislikes and to mount them as a set of display boards.
- A series of open days in Clapham, Keasden and Newby for people to drop in and give their input, verbally or in writing, on what is important to them. The open days will feature a number of display boards, including the results of the photo project, and visitors will be able to talk to members of the Parish Plan Steering Group

and participate in various opinion seeking sessions. The Open Days are open to everyone, not just the residents of the community where each is being held. The open days will be held in November. The information and views gathered at the open days will be used to draw up a questionnaire that focuses on the key issues which have been identified by the community for the community. The questionnaires, which can be completed anonymously, will be delivered during November to each household in the civil parish by members of the Parish Plan Working Groups and arrangements will be made to collect the completed forms.

The Parish Plan project will then move into the next phase of analysing the results of the questionnaire and drafting a Parish Plan for comment. Regular updates on the progress will be included in the Clapham village newsletter.

If you would like to talk or comment on the Parish Plan, or are unable to attend one of the open days but would like to have your say, please contact a member of the Steering Group listed on page three.

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Parish Plan *continued*

Funding for the Parish Plan has been provided by the Yorkshire Rural Communities Council and the Craven District Council and a donation of £500 from the Parish Council. All the work is being carried out by unpaid volunteers from the community.

Parish Plans were pioneered by Rural Community Councils to help rural communities develop their own vision for the future. A Parish Plan is initiated and implemented by volunteers from a community and provides clear and unambiguous evidence of the community's needs and priorities for the future. To date over 3000 civil parishes have carried out a Parish Plan exercise.

"The government wants local communities to have more control of their own lives, to say what they want doing in their own community or parish and to work with other organisations to get it done"

"The challenge is to inspire the community to express their views"

Source ACRE (umbrella organisation of the Rural Community Councils)

Auction of Promises

Clapham Community Playgroup are organising an 'Auction of Promises'

To be held on Saturday, 10th November at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

We would like to ask if you could provide a Promise which can be auctioned on the night.

Fundraising is vital to the survival of this valuable local amenity, which has been awarded 'Highly Effective' status by North Yorkshire County Council. Only 38 settings in North Yorks. have been given such an award!

Please contact Ruthie 51157 or Gillian 51803 with details of your Promise by 13th October. Your support would be much appreciated.

Many Thanks

Community Playgroup Committee

NEWSLETTER A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting of the Newsletter Group will be held on Monday 15th October at 7.30pm. in the Village Hall. You will be most welcome.

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The Vicar writes . . .

All People that on earth do dwell.

At virtually every Remembrance Sunday service I attended in the military the hymn 'All people that on earth do dwell' was sung. It was written in 1594 by William Kethe.

The Swiss city of Geneva conjures up different images for different people. Some may remember holidays among lake and mountain scenery; others think of the United Nations and international diplomacy. It has also come to stand for the religious traditions of the Puritans, and the historic Geneva Bible.

Even in the sixteenth century, Geneva was a great 'united nations' – of refugees fleeing from religious persecution. William Kethe, a Scotsman by birth, was amongst them. He had shared in translating the Bible but wrote this enduring hymn which is based on Psalm 100. Its famous tune written by a Frenchman, is known as the 'Old Hundredth'

Read the words of this ancient hymn and draw strength from the mercy of our God who understands all our needs.

May the unchangeable God fill you with hope.

Your friend and Vicar *Ian*.

CHURCH DIARY DATES:

12 October. Folk Night at the New Inn, Clapham at 7.30pm. Tickets £5 from Colin Brindle or the Vicar, or pay on the night.

11 November. Remembrance Service in Clapham. Please come a little before 11.00am to be at the cenotaph for the 2 minutes silence.

11 November. Bradford Choristers sing evensong at 6pm in Clapham Church. A special service of remembrance of all loved ones and friends. (Let the Vicar know if you would like him to mention a loved one by name in the service).

17 November. Christmas Fair in the Village Hall. Stalls selling gifts, craft items, Christmas cards and seasonal preserves .

18 November. Confirmation Service at Clapham Church at 6.30pm. by the Bishop of Bradford.

Bishops Visit 12 – 14 October.

Friday Evening. Folk Night at the New Inn 7.30pm. Saturday. Quiet Day at Brettagh Holt near Levens. Saturday evening. Concert of Music in Austwick Village Hall.

Sunday. The Bishop will preach at all the Services.

Calling All Singers. We will be meeting at the Vicarage to prepare for the Christmas Services in all our Churches. (every Wednesday 6.45pm. for 30 minutes). Ring the Vicar for more information.

Steeton Male Voice Choir are to give a Christmas concert in church on Saturday 15th December. More details later.

World Vision. As in the past two years there will be a giant Christmas Card at the back of the Church this year. It is hoped that as many of the congregation as possible will sign this as a greeting to each other instead of giving individual cards and put the money thus saved into the box for World Vision for the Third World, whose Christmas is so meagre.

Help!

We are updating the 'Events' boards in the church and would appreciate any photographs of Christingle or a School event.

You may see gaps in our display which you could fill. We have been encouraged by the interest which visitors to the village have shown. Could you leave photo on an envelope with your name on it so that we can return your photo if it is not used? A date (year) is a great help,. To Hall Garth please.

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THE NEW INN

After running the New Inn Hotel for twenty years, Keith and Barbara have hung up their hotelier trousers and retired to Castle Mannion for a well deserved rest, though a rest for Keith probably involves filling his time with dozens of new and exciting projects, or taking holidays to unlikely destinations.

Since taking over the New Inn in 1987 they have developed the business from a nine bedroom hotel to what it is today and we are very grateful to them for giving us the opportunity to take up the challenge of continuing that development

Eight years ago I was coming to the end of a thirty-two year career in newspaper production and had little idea about where my future lay. I had a vague plan to run a pub, so I worked for a licensee who I had known since 1968 when I started work at the West Lancashire Evening Gazette in Blackpool (newspapers and pubs always seem to have a close connection). He taught me everything I needed to know about the licensed trade and a lot of things I didn't! When in 2000 a vacancy arose for a bar manager in Clapham, it seemed ideal. When I discovered that there is a Clapham which is not in London it seemed even better!



Martin and Renee

Seven years later having seen many people come and go; I'm still enjoying my time at the New inn. There are a few changes in the planning stage but nothing too drastic. So come in for a drink or a meal or a chat, you are sure of a warm welcome.

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How we can help our Post Office and Shop

There have been previous articles encouraging us to make use of our local facilities, but in view of threats of post office closures and the difficulties that village shops sometimes have in making ends meet, I feel a reminder of what is available can be useful.

The range of stock in the shop has been much enlarged over recent months and prices have dropped. It's worth having a good look round. In many cases there is no need to go to town when what you want is virtually on the doorstep.

The post office has facilities of which many of us may not be aware. 26 Banks and building societies have agreements with the post office, so that investors can use it to withdraw cash with a card and pin number, and in many cases to deposit cash and cheques and make balance enquiries too. The post office can provide car, van and home insurance. Post office credit cards are available. A post office home telephone does not have to pay BT for line rental and so is cheaper. Council tax can be paid at the post office and savings stamps can be bought to save for car tax, electricity and other bills. Premium Bonds can be bought in multiples of 10 with a minimum investment of £100. There are many savings schemes, including cash mini ISAs, child trust funds, fixed rate

savings bonds and index-linked savings certificates. Find information on these schemes, plus others, at the post office. Personal loans are available, as are mobile phone top-ups, and foreign currency is supplied commission-free.

There is a bookshop, art gallery and information centre upstairs at the shop. The range of books, fiction and non-fiction, is comprehensive and well worth a browse. We all want to keep our post office and shop. If we each do our bit we can ensure its survival.

Brenda Pearce

The Newsletter Committee would like to thank Terry for displaying extra copies of the newsletter on the counter for anyone who misses out on the deliveries.

We also thank him for the use of the shop as a dropping-off point for anyone with any news for the newsletter.

Art and Culture

Ingleton Middle School is celebrating children's art and culture by holding its second international children's art exhibition. Entries have been received from fifteen different countries on the two themes of 'Through the Window' and 'Faith, Hope and Charity'. Children from local schools have also submitted work.

Interart Expo 2007

The Interart Expo 2007 exhibition is running in Ingleton school hall from the 2nd – 14th October, and is open to visitors from 2 till 6 on weekdays and from 10 till 4 on the weekend of the 6th and 7th October. All guests are invited to vote for their favourite pictures in each age group and there will be both 'people's prizes' and 'judges' prizes'. Please come and support this event.

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VILLAGE PEOPLE – Sue Mann and Marylin Galpin

Two Candidates, one job, no problem

Sue Mann was born in Islington in the days when it lived down to its placing at the cheaper end of the monopoly board. Her father was a Londoner but the young lady he met at a dance one day was a no nonsense lass from Hartlepool who soon cured him of his habit of wearing a Stetson. Dad was a machinist and mum an M&S girl and they moved to Swindon when Sue was three. Sue and her younger sister enjoyed a happy childhood because, despite their lack of wealth, their parents worked hard to ensure that they had life's necessities plus the luxury of an annual holiday.

Sue studied history at Manchester University and then stayed on to train as a teacher. When she attended an interview for her first teaching post at a secondary school in Horsham, Sussex, one of the other candidates was Marylin Galpin. In those days headteachers were actually allowed to think for themselves and she recognised that these two young women were enthusiastic and talented so she juggled the timetable and appointed them both. Had she been restricted by today's regulations then either Sue or Marylin would have been unsuccessful and they would never have met again.

Marylin was born and brought up in Dorset. She also has one sister and she too moved around in her childhood from Bere Regis to Steyning to Bridport. Her outstanding achievement was to be made captain of her primary school football team. Back in 1960 that was big news and the story was picked up by the local paper and then a national paper. The headmaster could not cope with the publicity and so, to his everlasting shame, he banned Marylin from playing. If I had been banned from playing football at that age I would have become the youngest axe murderer in history but Marylin is a more balanced person and the head survived. After she left school Marylin also trained as a teacher. She studied at Didsbury and her course included one term at a college in Buffalo, New York.

After four years in Horsham, Sue became head of history at a school in Bournemouth and Marylin joined her there to set up a history department which enjoyed outstanding exam results. Marylin stayed on when Sue left after nine years to become deputy head of a school in Southampton. Sue really enjoyed her new role, especially the pastoral work which entailed many hours helping pupils from disadvantaged homes but after four years she pondered her next move. Headteacher? Only the brave and deranged apply for headships in an era when new policies are issued every day on matters affecting the curriculum, discipline or health and safety and where you must have an up to date written policy on everything, including left handed Lithuanians who want to learn Latin.

Marylin had become disenchanted by changes at her school so they took the dramatic step of resigning, selling their house and moving to Newby, without having jobs to go to. Marylin went into the field of financial services and when she had gained some experience she set up her own business in Garstang with a partner where they offer financial advice. Her experience as a teacher has proved invaluable and made her successful in her new role because many people feel insecure about savings and investment and so it is reassuring to receive advice from someone who appreciates the importance of explaining things clearly.

Sue's first job was selling Betterwear in Burton but her shiny new career ended after one week when she resigned. The next little earner was delivering Yellow Pages. This too came to a swift end, perhaps influenced by John Dalby's warning not to go to Eldroth because "it's Indian country out there". Was he joking? Have any readers been there and survived without an arrow in their back? Her next job was in Keighley at Relate, formerly the Marriage Guidance Council, where her role involved fund raising, recruiting and organising the team of counsellors.

Fifteen months later she became Chief Officer of Age Concern in North Craven, a post she held for nine years. She loved her work with old people because it helped to change some people's lives for the better and she regarded it as a privilege to work with the volunteers. She set up a network of village activities including lunch clubs, coffee mornings and day centres. She was able to offer information and advice and give them access to benefits. Sue moved on to a regional role with the same charity and then in December 2006 she was appointed Regional Development Officer for Help the Aged with responsibility for North Yorkshire, York, Bradford and Calderdale.

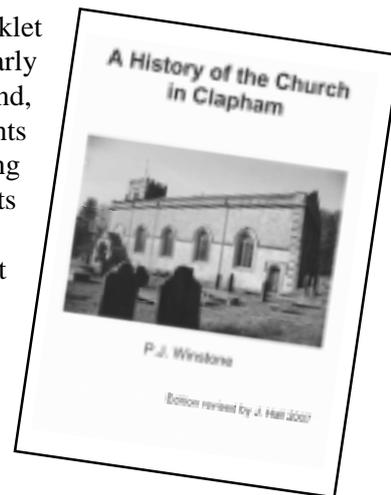
Sue and Marylin love their lives in this area because they appreciate not only its beauty but the fact that we all belong to village communities and consequently we enjoy a quality of life which is hard to find in a large city. They both enjoy reading and the theatre and walking their springer spaniels, acquired from a rescue centre. They take every opportunity to travel abroad and recent destinations have included Russia, Sweden, India, Cuba and the USA. Life could hardly be better and yet I cannot help wondering if Marylin might have become the next George Best had her headteacher been more enlightened. On second thoughts, when I consider what George did with his fame and talents, she is almost certainly better off as Marylin whose fame comes from supplying those moreish bacon butties on Street Market day.

Stuart Marshall

A HISTORY OF THE CHURCH IN CLAPHAM

A new edition of Peter Winstone's classic work is now available. The booklet tells the story of the church from 1100 to the present day; covering the early days when the Parish Church was in the gift of the Archdeacon of Richmond, the Reformation, the rise of Methodism and other non-conformist movements and the heyday of the Anglican Church, and ends with a new chapter bringing the story up to 2007. The history also offers numerous fascinating insights into village life in the last 900 years.

Complete with new colour photographs, the 64 page booklet is priced at £3 and is available from church members and from Clapham Village Store. All proceeds will go to the provision of new kitchen and toilet facilities at St. James' Church. All enquiries should be addressed to J. Hall, Kinsdale, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham (Tel. 51232). The booklet has been produced with financial help from Craven District Council.



EAST TIMOR UPDATE

During July and August this year the Secretary to the Peter Trust (Provision for East Timorese Education and Relief) was able to travel extensively in East Timor to visit all the projects supported by the Trust with money given by people like you in Clapham.

The Peter Trust has been able to help with food, education costs and much else desperately needed in this poorest East Asian island. There is no government provision in East Timor for the many disabled children and others, who are thus completely dependant on people like you, the reader, for your goodwill and charity.

Those caring for the disabled get no help whatsoever for their daily labour with the helpless. The Trust has contributed for many years now to the purchases of medicines and for the salaries of nurses and drivers to travel about the uplands and villages seeing and treating about 200 cases a day. The work of the Christian

churches is crucial to this small poverty-stricken island where severe deprivation is all too apparent, unemployment is sky high and there is inadequate health and education provision.

Many new projects of great and immediate need have been added to the list of funds required and an intense fund-raising effort will be necessary this coming year to meet and relieve some of the food provision and educational needs of the very young and of schoolchildren.

Many thanks to the people of Clapham for all their generous help to people who will remain very poor for years to come and who are very grateful to all our donors for their thoughtfulness and support.

At the recent barbecue held at Fall View, the home of Justina and Richard Sexton's a total of £1100 was raised.

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Fun in the beck

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CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of Meeting held 18th September, 2007

Policing – Police Sgt Angela Moorhouse, newly-appointed and based at Ingleton, accompanied by PC Monika Nagy attended this meeting and updated the Council on current policing matters. Concern was expressed about speeding vehicles in Clapham and this was noted. Recent reports of some anti-social behaviour were discussed and the Council was advised that any further incidents should be reported to the police at the time.

Finance – the report of the External Auditor had been received and the Council had been advised that there were no matters which required attention.

Parish Plan – the Council has received a grant of £1000 from Craven District Council's Community Fund and this will augment the grant of approximately £2400 received from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council.

Newby notice board – parish council agendas etc. are now being posted on the notice board outside the chapel.

Closure of post offices – the Council had received a letter from North Yorkshire County Council regarding the action already underway by the Post Office to rationalise the post office network and it was decided to respond by urging that all post offices in the local area be retained.

Clapham churchyard – the Council is responsible for the churchyard and has decided to conduct another inspection of the gravestones. Regarding trees overhanging the church, the necessary tree works have now been completed and the timber which had been cut down has been left for parishioners to take if they wish.

Next Meetings of the Council: Tuesdays, 20 November 2007; 15 January and 18 March 2008.

The Annual Parish Meeting will also be held before the meeting of the parish council on 18th March, 2008. Meetings commence at 7.30pm and will be held in Clapham Village Hall.

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SCHOOL NEWS

The new term at Clapham School has begun with a new head teacher, Andrea Walker, she was welcomed with a tea party. A new pupil award for effort and achievement in any aspect of school life and work was awarded for the first time to Sam Marshall, and the following week to Emily Woodhouse.

Over the next few weeks, members of the Peripatetic Music Service will be staging mini concerts for pupils to see and try different instruments.

The school has an overhead projector in need of a new home (for a small donation). The school will host two adult learning courses beginning on Wednesday for 10 weeks between 7pm and 9pm. The first is cake decorating and sugar craft and the second digital photography.

Nine pupils from Clapham school all ran well in the local schools cluster cross country event at Ingleton – Jake Blondell and Bretten Lord for Year 5, Ewan Maloney, James Thornton, Nathan Latimer and Patrick Walker for Year 4 and Caitlin Storrey, Jessica Addison and Richard Burns for Year 3.

Sam Marshall had his hair cut for charity and raised £160 for CLIC-Sargent, which supports children who have cancer or leukaemia.

W.I. NEWS

The Annual General Meeting and election of officers will take place on Wednesday, 10th October in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

A Christmas themed Bring and Buy and pie and peas supper will follow the A.G.M.

Anyone who would like to see what the W.I. is like will be most welcome.

W.I. Group Show. Members of Clapham W.I. were very successful at the recent show of the Ingleborough group of institutes. Barbara Marshall was awarded the trophy for the most points in the handicraft section and also the trophy for the most outstanding individual exhibit. Kath Hewitt won the trophy for the most points in the pot-plant classes, and Emma Nelson, Ruthie Woodhouse, Moira Ings, Eileen Plumridge and Barbara Marshall won the trophy for Clapham for the co-operative table – a display of six exhibits of flowers, handicrafts and home-made produce depicting “Village Life”.

Donations

The following is a letter from a David Clapham of Cyprus:

Please accept the enclosed £10 towards the cost of your newsletter.

I have just completed about 20,000 words of my family history, which includes our living in the village around 1730 when the family moved to Slaidburn. My story is factual as far as possible with a bit of imagination thrown in. I would be grateful for any information which your readers may have, on life in the village in medieval times.

Best regards, David Clapham
davidclapham@cytanet.com.cy

We are also very grateful to a local resident for another donation of £20.

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Dales Jam plays Jazz at the Mart

It was too wet to be lovely weather for the ducks at Gargrave Duck Day and the marquee suppliers didn't supply any marquees for Natural England's family day at the Hill Inn, so with these two concerts having been cancelled, the band has a lot of pent up performance potential for November 17th at 7.30 pm in the Mart Theatre at Skipton Auction Mart.

For those of you who don't know about or haven't heard Dales Jam, we are usually about twenty five strong, with all the instruments you would expect in a big band, and some you wouldn't. We try and cater for all ages, all instruments and all abilities, although it helps if you can play a bit. We run thirty six workshop sessions a year at the Skipton Auction Mart and occasionally venture out to give performances in front of an unsuspecting public. Our musical director, multi instrumentalist Richard Ormrod comes from Leeds, where he runs his own bands and teaches.

Even if you aren't a 'jazz' fan, it's quite an experience to hear this huge sound and to see how architects, electricians, doctors and students by day, can get up on stage and join together to play by night. The music comes from all over the world. Imagine the Glen Miller Orchestra – well, we're nothing like that, so come along and see for yourself.

Tickets are £6.00 and are available from the Mart Box Office: 01756 791411 or on line at www.themarttheatre.org.uk

Details of the weekly workshop sessions from Gus Stewart: 015242 51107.

Gus Stewart

BOOK GROUP

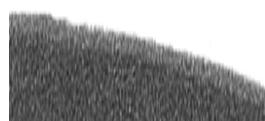
Simon Armitage's 'All Points North' met with mixed reactions from Clapham Book Group. Most of us were new to this writer and although, overall, there were aspects of his writing that impressed and amused, the book as a whole was not met with unbounded enthusiasm.

All Points North is catalogued amongst travel books but that might be a desperate act to fit it in somewhere. It comprises prose pieces, writings, jottings and scripts and includes snatches of song and poetry, all strung together with a connecting thread of 'northern-ness'.

It's a very personal and particular take on that 'northern-ness' too, rooted in the author's own homeland – an area of Yorkshire south and east of Huddersfield – just a short but possibly dangerous step from the Lancashire border. This aspect proved an alienating factor for some whilst others felt instantly at home with the familiar, enjoying the recognition of characters and landscape.

Armitage's prose is dense and precise. We liked his use of startling images and wonderfully apt phrases which caught and skewered the image on the page. We enjoyed his humour, the wry observations and comments but failed to find the book as a whole absorbing.

The next meeting will be Thursday, 22nd November at 8 o'clock, when we will be at Brenda's house – Stonegarth – to discuss Richard Mabey's "Nature Cure". We have a number of library copies of this book on long loan. Please contact Sue Stark (51684) if you would like to borrow one. New members always welcome, phone Brenda (51816) or Jill (51030) for more details.



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News from Looking Well Studios – Arts and Health Charity in High Bentham

Indian Dance

2nd, 9th, 16th & 30th October, commencing with free 'taster' on 2nd at 7.30pm

This short course is an enjoyable introduction to Sharata Natyam, which is the most ancient of all classical dance forms in India. Just come along to the free session on 2nd October, or contact Sue or Janice to book your place for all 4 sessions – 015242 62672 or email janice@pioneerprojects.org.uk.

Stained Glass Workshops

Come and make your own stained glass panel at our weekend workshops on the 6th and 7th of October. You will learn traditional techniques using lead and coloured glass and have a panel to take home at the end of the two-day course. Jackie Hunt, a local glass artist, will be leading the workshops and all materials and tools will be supplied.

email redcarfarm@aol.com telephone 07785 512546

Rag Rug Workshop

Enjoy a day experimenting with traditional rag rug techniques on 13th October at a cost of £28. You'll recycle all sorts of eccentric stuff into an exciting textile piece. All tools and materials will be provided. Telephone Sue or Janice at Looking Well on 62672 or email janice@pioneerprojects.org.uk.

'Simply Connect'

This monthly informal group, inspired by Resurgence Magazine, will be meeting at Looking Well every 4th Sunday afternoon from 3–5pm, looking at the theory and practice of good living, through permaculture, local economics etc. All are welcome – just come along at 3pm. Tel. Chris Newsam on 015242 61234 for more information. (Resurgence magazine is available from Growing with Grace)

Colour Me Confident

The image we present can be very powerful, affecting how we feel about ourselves and how others see us and react to us. Join in this fun session on Saturday, 3rd November 10.30 – 12.30, to help you discover which colours and styles flatter you. Cost £8. Tel: Sue or Janice at Looking Well on 015242 62672 or email janice@pioneerprojects.org.uk.

Traditional Chinese Medicine Unwrapped

Would you like to know more about Acupuncture and Chinese Medicine? Come along to this interesting talk and demonstration by Paul Underhill on Wednesday, 7th November from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Cost £1. No need to book.

Quilting Workshop

An introductory day to quilting. on Monday, 12th November, by an experienced quilter who works creatively with traditional methods and natural materials (www.quiltingmellons.co.uk). You will learn some simple quilting skills, and take home a small hand-sewn quilt and the skills to develop this into a larger piece. No particular skills are required for the day, though some experience of hand sewing would be useful. All patterns and materials will be provided, but please bring an iron if you can, and scissors. You are welcome to bring fabric, too. Cost £30. Tel: Sue or Janice at Looking Well on 015242 62872 or email janice@pioneerprojects.org.uk.

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Name

Road or house name

The newsletter appears on the Clapham website, if you do not want your entry included please put a cross in the box

WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

With autumn taking over from the summer our local and summer visiting birds begin to flock ready for the winter ahead or to fly south to warmer climates. Large flocks of Blue, Great, Coal and Long Tailed Tits can be seen around the local area. Willow Warblers, Chiffchaffs, Blackcaps and Garden Warblers will sometimes join these flocks and feed up ready for the long flight south.

Large flocks of adult and juvenile Swallows were being seen around the local area at the end of September. Most of the local breeding House Martins had left by the 7th September, though one juvenile House Martin was still in the nest at the Millennium Office on the 16th September and two House Martins flew over Nutta Farm – 21st September.

The Swifts were last seen and heard screaming around Clapham on the 9th Aug. Three Swifts flew south over Ingleborough Hall – 17th August.

The last Curlews to be seen were three flying over Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor – 7th September and the last Oystercatcher flew over Crina Bottom Farm on the 22nd August.

Most of our Spotted Flycatchers had departed by the 22nd August, but on the 9th September a pair with two recently fledged young were found at the Flying Horseshoe. They were seen two weeks later on the 21st September feeding around Clapham Station.

One Long Eared Owl was seen in some bushes on Newby Moor – 7th September.

Up to four Whinchats have been seen on Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor between the 22nd August and 21st September.

Six Grey Wagtails were seen feeding on Clapham



Whinchat

Beck between the road bridge and Brokken Bridge – 16th September.

Four Golden Plovers flew over Hardacre Moss – 16th September and a flock of twenty four Snipe and one Jack Snipe were seen at Meldingscale Farm – 21st September.

The first Redwing for the autumn flew over Ingleborough Hall – 19th September and the first Wigeon of the autumn was seen at Meldingscale Farm – 21st September.

The only Comma butterfly of the year was found at Ingleborough Hall – 22nd August. Speckled Wood Butterflies continue to increase with four seen on the old railway line – 9th September and two at Ingleborough Hall – 18th September.

At the end of August a Garden Tiger Moth was found at Green Close by Keith Richardson and his wife.

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