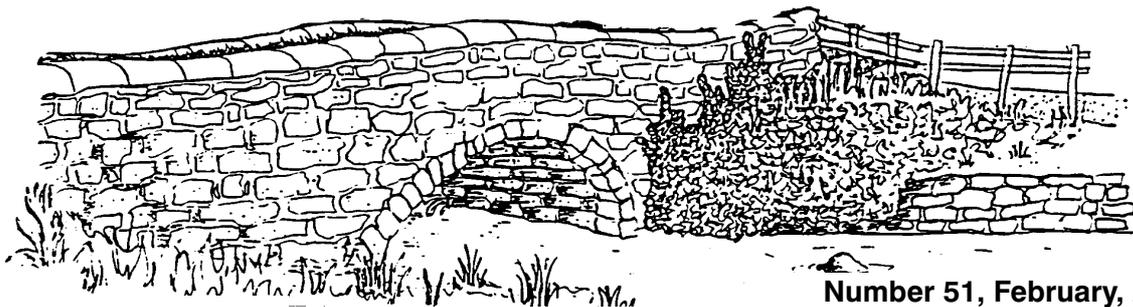


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL

Report of Meeting held 22nd January, 2008

Church clock – St James' Church, Clapham – the Council was aware that the PCC had embarked upon a major project to improve facilities in the church tower. Part of this project is to install an automated winding system in the church clock and the parish council has been asked if it may be able to give some financial assistance. This was discussed at the meeting and the council has decided to give the sum of £200.

Parish Plan – work continues and it's hoped to distribute questionnaires during mid to late February, 2008.

Highways – as usual at this time of year, a number of defects have been reported and these have been passed to the Highways Department at North Yorkshire County Council. The parish council has been advised that NYCC is to undertake a review of its winter gritting arrangements and is to set up a Task Group up for the purpose. Parishes are to be contacted and NYCC hopes to publish its final report around June 2009. The parish council is to ask that the road from Clapham village to the Railway Station, be incorporated into the winter gritting programme.

Churchyard – inspection revealed that several gravestones needed attention to make them safe and the council has agreed to have the work carried out.

Skipton – East Lancashire Rail Action Partnership (SELPAP) – in common with a number of other parish councils, the council has

received a request to pledge its support for the reopening of the Skipton – Colne railway line. The Council discussed the request and was pleased to agree to assist the campaign, a suitable letter having been sent to this effect.

Annual Parish Meeting – this will be held in Clapham Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th March, 2008 at 7.30pm.

Next meeting of the Council – this will also be held in Clapham Village Hall on Tuesday, 18th March 2008, immediately after the Annual Parish meeting but not before 7.45pm.

PLANS REJECTED

The proposed development of 30 homes on the old garage site has been overwhelmingly rejected.

The plans submitted by McGee Homes Ltd met all the criteria laid out by planning law and had been recommended for approval by planning officers.

The plans included 12 'affordable' houses in a development to be handled by social housing group Yorkshire Housing.

Members of Craven District Council's Planning committee said they were horrified at the density which was more suited to a town than a village of 110 homes. It would in fact make the village 25% larger.

A councillor stated that he was amazed they were discussing such a large plan, and there had been no mention of any help for the school with the potential extra children on the new site.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes

'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. (Ecclesiastes 3:v1)

The Bishop of Reading, the Rt Revd Stephen Cottrell stopped commuters in their tracks when he handed out egg timers at his local mainline railway station. The Bishop was urging people to discover what happens when they simply stop and rest. His passionate plea was for the nation to ditch endless 'to do' lists, constant streams of emails, and an increasingly 24/7 culture – as he sees it everyone is on the treadmill of life.

The Bishop challenged passers-by to take three minutes silence a day to transform their lives. He also suggested that people set aside a 'happy hour' at home when all televisions and radios in the house are switched off – giving time to simply enjoy a book, or enjoy each other. As Christians we can get caught out by working every hour God sends us – I think the Bishop helpfully enables us to stop in our tracks to consider what we are doing to ourselves and our families. Have we time for those who are closest to us?

Bishop Stephen has written a book *'Do nothing to change your life'*, which urges people to take time to just pause, wait and ponder. He argues that taking 'time out' can help kick-start an adventure of self-discovery and creativity which could transform the way we see life. He argues that this fresh perspective of relishing every moment with a greater attentiveness will also improve our relationship with God. He said 'by learning to sit still and slow down, by discerning when to shut up and when to speak out, you learn to travel through life differently'.

In the Greek language, the two words for 'time' are Chronos and Kairos. Chronos is clock time, but Kairos time is different. It is significant time, meaningful time, or opportune time. In Kairos time you ask, not 'what time is it? But 'what is this time for'? Kairos time serves a holy purpose. It's a divine moment. The question we should be asking is can we create more Kairos time in our lives so that we have a better relationship with our families, colleagues and God?

Lent is the perfect opportunity to make more Kairos time.

May God bless you all at this special time.

Your friend and Vicar, Ian

LENT 2008

Ash Wednesday is on 6th February 2008 and a service of Holy Communion will be held at St. James Church, Clapham at 7.30pm. Every Wednesday during Lent, beginning on 13th February a study/fellowship group will be held at the Vicarage beginning at 7.30pm. This year we will be using the York Course following the Lords Prayer.

PARISH WALKING CLUB

We are beginning a Walking Club and our first walk will be on Saturday 16th February starting at Austwick Church at 9.30am. The walk will last for no more than four hours. More information available from the Vicar.

VIENNESE EVENING

Saturday, 15th March given by Octameron in the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £6 to include light supper. Please bring drinks and glasses. Details and tickets from Liz Mason Tel. 51319.

SPECIAL SERVICES

Mothering Sunday, 2nd March Family service in St. James at 11.00am.

Taize and Songs of Praise Service in Eldroth Church Sunday evening 9th March 7.00pm.

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday and Wednesday 18th and 19th March. Holy Communion at Clapham at 7.30pm.

Maundy Thursday 20th March special service of Holy Communion with the school at 2.30pm. and a service will also be held at 7.30pm in Clapham Church.

Good Friday. 11.00am Devotions at Clapham and Keasden. 2.00pm at Austwick and Eldroth.

Easter Sunday 11.00am. at Clapham and 6.45pm at Keasden.

The Church ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in Clapham Primary School on Monday, 7th April at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend to hear reports on the work of the Church and to nominate and vote for P.C.C. members.

W.E.A

Workers' Education Association holds its Annual General Meeting on Tuesday, 8th April at 7.00pm in Clapham School. Everyone is invited to discuss proposals for the autumn class and also to hear Gilbert Fielder give an illustrated talk on 'Flowers in the Desert'. You will be most welcome. Enquiries Tel: 51324.

It's time to have your say

In mid to late February you will receive your parish plan questionnaire. This will be hand delivered to every household in the parish by a team of volunteers.

Do you have a view on local housing provision, on recycling facilities or on environmental issues? Are you concerned about parking, road surfaces or the availability of public transport? Do you want to take a course or pursue an activity which is not currently available locally? Do you have a vision for the local community in the 21st century? Whatever your views, this is the opportunity to express them and improve life in the parish.

The questionnaire has been compiled from a variety of issues raised by members of the community at the Open Days held at the end of November, which over 10% of local residents visited. We now need your help to canvass the views of all local residents. When your answers have been analysed, we will draw up a parish plan and lobby for the improvements you want.

Because we recognise that the views of young people are crucial to the future of the parish, there will also be a special youth questionnaire as well as the main one. We would encourage the whole family to take the 10 or 15 minutes needed to complete the questionnaires accurately. Our team of volunteers will return to collect the completed questionnaires and to **offer help to fill them in**, if required.

Please help to improve parish life for the future.

To encourage you to complete the questionnaire, slips will be provided and entered in a draw for a cash prize.

Jim Hall

Parish Plan Steering Group

ISLAMIC AWARENESS DAY

On Saturday 23rd February a small group of Muslims from Skipton is coming to Settle to set up an Islamic Awareness Day in the Victoria Hall. A similar day in Skipton last autumn proved very interesting and informative. It will start at 11.00am. and continue until 1.30pm when Indian snacks will be served until 2 o'clock when there will be a question and answer session for an hour. Tea, coffee and cakes will be served from 11.00 to 1.30pm and from 3 – 4pm.

Hopefully this will prove to be a chance to build bridges with the Muslim community and discover our similarities instead of dwelling on our differences. Any offers of an hour's help in the kitchen during the day will be gratefully received.

Valerie Potter.

60/40 Club

Please support Clapham School PTA by joining the 60/40 Club for the year. It is £11 per year to join. The draw is held each month from February to December. Sixty per cent of the the funds go to the PTA which supports school trips and new equipment, the remaining 40% goes to the winner each month!

Congratulations to Gus Stewart and Janet Raine who won the draws for November and December.

A big thankyou to everyone who supports our village school.

Please contact Jo Williams (51186) for membership details or drop your payment in at 3 Rose Bank Cottages

Whist Drives

The Clapham Whist group meet on Fridays at the Village Hall at 7.30pm. Dates are

February 8th, 15th and 22nd.

March 7th, 14th and 21st.

April 4th, 11th and 18th.

All proceeds go to local charities.

PRESTONS

BARBERS

Bethel Chapel

Senior Citizens

Thursdays 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April 2.30pm

Ladies Meetings

Thursday 21st & 28th February, 20th March and 17th April at 2.30pm

Ladies Coffee Evenings

Thursday 27th March and 24th April at 7.30pm
Refreshments will be served after each meeting.

Sunday School Anniversary

Saturday, 23rd February at 7.30pm. A programme of songs and readings given by the children.

Sunday, 24th February at 11am and 6.30pm – Family Service

Sunday, 23rd March – Easter Day Services, 11am and 6.30pm.

We give you a warm welcome to all these events

Clapham Weather

As with many places the climate in Clapham has certainly become different.

Rainfall over the past year was 50 ins (1270 mm) which was higher than average but not particularly great.

However, in each of the following months: January, July, August and December) we had over six inches (152 mm) of rain.

The occasional frost occurred in seven months including May.

Heat units, as measured by the tinned pea growers, show a considerable increase from 1100 in 1994 to 1914 in 2007 (calculated by day's average minus six)

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To book tickets or for further details please contact any of the telephone numbers below.

David (51132), Ken (51816), Eileen (51486)

Proceeds to the forthcoming St. James Church Tower Project.

WESTHOUSE

SEPTIC

The Hot Seat . . .

It's not often we hear what the younger members of Clapham get up to, so this new idea is to get to know a different generation of our community.

In his last year of Clapham Primary School, Jake Blondel is a friendly and outgoing member of the Clapham neighbourhood. He lives near the waterfall with his mum, dad and his younger brother, Tom. Jake's parents are originally from Kent but he has lived in Clapham most of his life.

You've probably seen Jake and Tom patrolling the village on skateboards or bikes. One of Jake's favourite pastimes is to play out with friends and they sometimes make dens in the wildernesses of the village. Clapham at the moment is perfect for Jake; he wouldn't want to change anything. He can go walking, play rugby in the park, take the dogs for a walk and add to his secret stash of sweets from the village shop. He's also walking distance from the school, which means he can go to all the after-school clubs like sports, activity and art club.

During school, Jake enjoys Maths and DT (or Design Tech). Currently, the class are busy making beasts out of mod rock (like plaster of Paris). Jake's model is a sea creature that is similar to the Loch Ness Monster. However, this maybe the influence of the numerous Harry Potter books that Jake avidly reads. He also likes the Horrid Henry series, about a mischievous boy who constantly plays tricks. Hopefully, Henry isn't Jake's role model!

Jake's favourite foods are pizza, chocolate cake and lemon drizzle cake. In the summer, he sold beautifully handmade cakes outside his house to raise money for the park. It was a tempting task, but he managed not to sneak any into his pocket, and so raised quite a bit for the funds. Not only does Jake help his mum with Clapham Park Association, but he is interested in environmental issues. His aim is

to create an eco-bag for Clapham residents to use for shopping. And it would publicise Clapham's interest in being a green village.

In the near future Jake is off to Humphrey Head to explore the crags near Grange-over-Sands. He is particularly looking forward to the adventurous tasks of the trip – the canoeing and rock scrambling. However, he is also excited about being able to make his own packed lunch in order to fuel his daring side. At the moment, Jake isn't keen on entering the catering business. He is considering architecture, for the money, or fire fighting, in order to be a driver of a fire engine. We'll have to watch this space and see. I get the impression that Jake is content with his life and would prefer to see what each day brings him than worry about the far-off future, as long as he is happy with his family, friends and home. But who knows? Jake might become the next Antony Gormley with amazing sculptures, or the subsequent Jamie Oliver depending on how his Humphrey Head sandwiches turn out.

Fay Lockett

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CLAPHAM STREET MARKET

Nearly thirty years ago now, a group of members of St. James' Church met to consider ways of raising money for church funds and local charitable causes. The result of the discussions was Clapham Street Market, which first took place in 1979 on a Saturday towards the end of July (a date chosen to coincide with St. James' Day). It has been held without interruption for the last 28 years, except for 2001, when foot and mouth disease led to its cancellation. Over those years many villagers have contributed to this event but none more than Jean Cloughton who promoted the event at the beginning, encouraged its growth and acted as its figurehead for the last 29 years.

Since 1979 the Street Market has grown into an enjoyable event for the whole village. Church stalls are grouped around the old market cross and sell a variety of goods: cakes and jam, books and plants, crockery or linen or fancy goods and general bric-a-brac. Other local organisations rent stalls to raise money for their own causes, supported by exhibitions and displays, entertainment of various kinds, refreshments in the village hall, the duck race and a celebration supper in the evening.

To co-ordinate the 2008 event, a steering committee has been set up by the Church with Sue Mann as chair. Membership of the steering group is open to any local resident who has an interest in making a success of this year's Street Market. If you want to be a member of the steering group, please contact Sue on 51792 or you can e-mail her on sm.newby@btinternet.com. You can also contact Sue if you would like to run a new stall this year in support of your favourite cause. Let's make the Street Market of 2008 the best yet!

P.S. The steering group will also consider plans to make the 30th Anniversary Market even more special. Ideas for 2009 are very welcome.

Getting to know you

On Saturday, 1st March we are having a party in the Village Hall to welcome new residents to Clapham. We look forward to meeting you and we hope you will enjoy chatting and 'getting to know' us. The party starts at 7.30pm.

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BEST LAID PLANS

I suppose it all really started some 18 months ago. The date was set, Christmas 2007, Saturday 22nd. The church wedding was to be at St. James of Clapham and the reception at Kendal. But my daughter and her future husband lived in Leeds – 50 miles away from Clapham and 70 miles from Kendal. Who in their right mind makes plans for a Christmas wedding? Well my daughter did! So the wedding was on.

Hotel reception time agreed; wedding breakfast sampled and agreed; Church service time fixed; the Vicar is available . . . thank God! All is well, well almost: How are they to get from church to Kendal? I know, I will surprise them and order a vintage Rolls-Royce to be outside church when the service was over, and it was. Jane and Paul managed to have their photographs taken in the car. The bottle of champagne opened and that was that. The only thing was for them to be whisked away to Kendal. Well, they did not get that far, in fact they only managed to get past the Village Store when the Rolls broke down.

My wife and I were just passing on our way to Kendal when we saw the Rolls at the side of the road. We stopped, looked for my daughter and ‘new’ son-in-law, only to be told by the chauffeur that they had thumbed a lift with one of the wedding guests.

Their honeymoon was taken in Nairobi, Kenya



and of course we all know what is going on in that part of Africa. Armed guards would follow them around, food and water being at a premium, but what memories they will have!

On behalf of my wife, Daughter and son-in-law I would like to convey our most hearty thanks to all who made the church service extra special. The carols sung loud and clear with strong accompaniment from our wonderful organist, the flower ladies for their magical arrangements, the bell-ringers for their chimes. Even the flag was fluttering high on the tower. And thanks to Ian, the vicar for being a temporary Leeds United supporter! Even the church felt warm. And finally not forgetting a certain Village vintage car!

Thanks to one and all

Pat & John, Tinklers Cottage

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Pottery Painting café

Drop in any time between 2pm and 5pm on Tuesday, 12th February during half term and enjoy a fun workshop for all the family. Choose from plates, bowls, mugs or teapots and get creative! Help is on hand for ideas . . . or use one of our stencils. Suitable for accompanied children of four and above. Refreshments will be available from the Looking Well Café.

Asian Cookery

Come and learn how to make some favourite Asian dishes alongside an experienced cook at our convivial and relaxed demonstration evening on Tuesday, 26th February. You will enjoy samples of curry, samosas, bread, together with a sweet, and gain new skills and insights about Asian food. Soft drinks

will be served, but you are welcome to bring your own bottle.

Jewellery Making

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Batik

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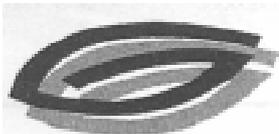
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SUE SEWING

VILLAGE PEOPLE . . .

When I asked Win if she would agree to talk to me she said that she was perfectly willing to do so but modestly suggested that there was little to tell that would be of interest to our readers. I disagreed. Now you can decide for yourself.

She was an only child because, she says, her parents decided that enough was enough when they found out what she was like. Her father was a fisherman who later became a water board inspector and her mother was a confectioner who later ran the guest house in Morecambe where Win was born in 1923. Win was a delicate child who could not play games and could not take up her grammar school place. She attended a commercial college before working in the office at Lancaster station where she met Betty Dinsdale. She also met a handsome young man in the goods department who took her out for the first time to the Winter Gardens variety show. It was the start of a love affair which lasted over fifty years.

Norman who was born in Warton started going out with Win in the summer of 1942. He was keen to join up and he went into the army in December of that year. He was soon selected for officer training and was commissioned into the King's Own Royal Regiment. He came home on leave in June 1944 feeling fitter than ever before. On the 14th he took Win to Lancaster and bought her engagement ring at a cost of £19. Their plans for a three day break in the Lake District were cruelly ended by a telegram recalling him from leave because this was the month of the D-day landings in Normandy. The next day he left by train and met for the first time a fellow officer from Glasson Dock by the name of Tom Gardener. Their friendship lasted only three weeks because on July 11th Tom was killed and Norman was critically injured. His parents received a telegram informing them that Norman was in hospital, dangerously ill from multiple wounds. All they knew was that the hospital was in a restricted area and that they could obtain two passes for visiting from Carnforth police station. Norman's mum invited Win to join her. When Win told her parents that she was going it was the first time in her life that she had made a decision without asking them. She was 21. How different life was in those days. They had a dreadful journey because, in addition to the anxiety about Norman, they had to dodge air raids and change trains several times, all of them being severely overcrowded, until they reached their destination, Gosport, near Portsmouth.

. . . The Win Graveson story

They knew nothing of the nature of his injuries so you can only begin to imagine how they felt when they saw him and discovered that his left leg was amputated below the knee, his right leg very badly injured and he had other wounds to his face, arms and wrist. He was so ill that he had been put in a special ward with five other men who were not expected to live. The next day he began to speak and, when planes flew overhead, he said, "It's alright, they're ours". When they had to return home it was a sad and difficult time, the only consolation being that the ward sister said that she thought he might make it because of his determination and the fact that he had been supremely fit before being injured. Win remained optimistic about his chances but soon she received a letter from him saying that in view of the extent of his injuries he would understand it if she wanted to call off the engagement. She declined the suggestion.

Eventually he was moved to Staffordshire and Win was able to go down at weekends, thanks to the kindness of families who gave her a room for the night. When she went to visit, the sister always drew the curtains round the bed to give them some privacy but there were inevitably frequent comments from the other occupants of the ward. One Saturday Win was met at the entrance by a smart young officer in uniform, on crutches, waiting for her. It was an unforgettable moment. Whenever they went into town on Saturdays after that they were not allowed to pay for anything and people were so kind to them, presumably appreciating the sacrifices that Norman and others like him had made on their behalf.

When Norman came home after having his artificial leg fitted in Leeds, he worked hard to get used to it, walking until his leg was raw because he thought this would toughen up the stump to stand the pressure. He continued with army service until after the war and in January 1946 he and Win got married and enjoyed a weeks honeymoon in Chester. He returned to railway work initially but they decided to try running a pub in Oldham and they did so well that they moved to a better pub in Edenfield, near Ramsbottom. It was here that Win, who had only cooked at home before, started catering. So successful was this venture that the brewery begged them to stay on when they announced their intention of running a shop. They took over the shop in Clapham in 1957, by which time they had two children, Trevor and Christine. Each week Norman would deliver the groceries in a box and our account book which we

have kept shows that on June 13th 1973 we bought 32 items at a total cost of £5.21, including 1lb of demerara sugar at 9d and a large jar of beetroot at 8d. delivery was free. The increasing influence of supermarkets forced reluctant changes and in 1960 the shop became self service deliveries ended and so did weekly accounts. They worried that they were letting customers down because they saw the shop as a public service at the heart of village life but they became busier than ever. Eventually they left the shop, enjoyed their first proper holiday and moved into a cottage converted from the stables at Hall Garth.

The strain on Norman's good leg necessitated an operation but when he came home from hospital with his good leg in pot and one artificial leg there was no advice as to how he should go upstairs. The solution required ingenuity.

The other thread in Norman's life was rugby. Early in their romance he invited Win to go to Barrow to watch a match with the promise, "don't worry love. If you don't like it, we'll never go again." Win loved it and became a fan. One day he was introduced to Eddie Waring and became his right hand man, feeding him information throughout the commentary. I remember that before one international match the French sent him details of all their players but the French have an unfortunate habit of speaking and writing in their own language which Norman could not translate. He was so desperate that he turned to me and it could be that some of our problems with our neighbours across the channel stem from my inadequate translation that day.

In 1985 he suffered a stroke and made a slow but determined recovery, helped by Win. Many villagers will remember him in his electric chariot, always smiling even when he could not speak. He learned to drive again and they enjoyed holidays in Wales, Scotland and Portugal. Sadly he died in 2002 but is remembered with great affection by all who knew him. If the Win Graveson story seems to be mainly about Norman that is because it reflects Win's account of their lives. It is very clear that she was devoted to him and equally clear that she is too modest to boast about herself. There is, however, much for her to be proud of, not least the way she has coped with cancer. It was first diagnosed in 1999 and meant that, in addition to the worry, she had to arrange for Norman to go into care for a while. She is quite open about her condition and believes that you have to learn to live with it as best you can.

Stuart Marshall

Exhibition at the Folly

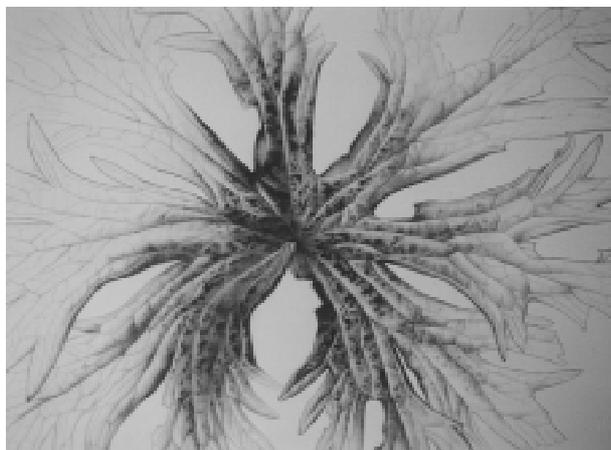
Some of you may have seen me walking up the old road to Newby Cote staring into the hedgerows, or returning from the slopes of Ingleborough clutching clumps of dried-up grasses and moss – you may have wondered what on earth I was doing!

My drawings and paintings, some of them the result of these ramblings can be seen at the Folly in Settle from 21st March to 6th May. (Open Tuesdays, Saturdays, Sundays and bank holiday Mondays 10-30 to 4-30.

The exhibition is entitled *Anne Farrer; Plant Forms on Paper: a fresh approach*. I have moved away from traditional botanical illustration, still fascinated by detail, but showing it in a new way. After an inspiring course at Malham Tarn Field Centre with Katherine Holmes I have even experimented with throwing paint at the paper!

Please come and see!

Annie



Geranium – from the road to Newby Cote

Songs from the shows

On Saturday, 23rd February Valerie Baulard and Singers will present selections from a wide variety of musicals from favourites such as *South Pacific* and *Les Miserables* to *Ivor Novello* and *Gilbert & Sullivan*.

There is wide scope for the audience to come in costume. Watch for poster for the programme to give you inspiration! The event will take place in the Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets (6) available from Sue Mann (51792) or Joan Farrer (51302). Mulled wine and nibbles included.

Clapham Tennis Club

Clapham Tennis Club are holding their Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm on Wednesday, 20th February at 3 Rosebank Cottage. Telephone Stephen on 51186. The meeting is open to all interested parties.

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Scottish Evening

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We have grown accustomed to the rapidity with which news travels here; just a few weeks after arriving, local people were able to direct friends of ours to "The new dentist's"! We enjoy walking down the main street and invariably meeting someone we know. With many patients living nearby we can give any forgetful friends a phonecall and they arrive five minutes later, somewhat out of breath! You will find many of your dental stereotypes challenged if you visit us. It is a ground floor practice with large rooms which have kept many of their original features. We have tried to create a relaxing and calm atmosphere because we know that many people feel nervous when visiting the dentist. Mark has a relaxed and gentle approach to dentistry, taking time to listen to patients' concerns and giving advice that will help them in the long-term.

A common question we are asked is "Are you NHS or private?" Not fitting comfortably into either of these categories Mark calls himself "Independent". In practice this means that we offer high quality dentistry but at prices which are half way between NHS and high end private charges. Mark felt he wanted to work independently so he could spend longer with patients, offer a wider range of treatment options and be able to invest in training and equipment.

If you would like to find out more about our practice then why not drop in if you are passing, or telephone us on 015242 64813 and we'll tell you more about what we offer. Currently we are open Tuesdays, Thursday afternoon/evenings and Fridays.



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Clapham Park Association

Now Christmas is over and we can see light at the end of the winter tunnel, I thought I would bring you all up to date with the position regarding the play area.

The bank balance currently stands at £3724.65. Our income last year (from 5th April) was £1829.35, £1475.35 of which came from donations and the rest from fundraising.

Our yearly costs are as follows:

- Public liability insurance is currently £600 per year, this price will increase every time we add a new piece of equipment.
- Insurance for the mower is £52.50 and last year we also spent £157.65 on repairs.
- The average yearly bill for fuel is £50.00
- Also each year ROSPA charge £75.00 for their inspection and report.

In addition to this we purchased a strimmer at £350.00, and a gazebo at £25.00 for outside events.

We hope to do lots more fundraising this year and are keeping our fingers crossed for a good summer.

The next step

Last year we spoke to a few of the local children to get an idea of the kind of equipment they would like to see on the park. After much deliberation they managed to narrow it down to the entire contents of four brochures! Seriously though a couple of items kept cropping up.

The Cantilever Swing costs £2400 plus installation, plus VAT.

The Aerial Runway costs from £3820 plus installation, plus VAT.

There are also a variety of items aimed at younger children priced at £350.00 upwards.

So as you can see equipment is expensive and we still have a long way to go. In the meantime we will make the best of what we have and yes we will repair the roof on the playhouse.



If anyone is interested in joining our committee or helping out in any way please let me know.

Clapham Play area committee would like to thank everyone who gave donations or helped with fundraising last year.

Sue Latimer (51360)

Clapham Village Hall

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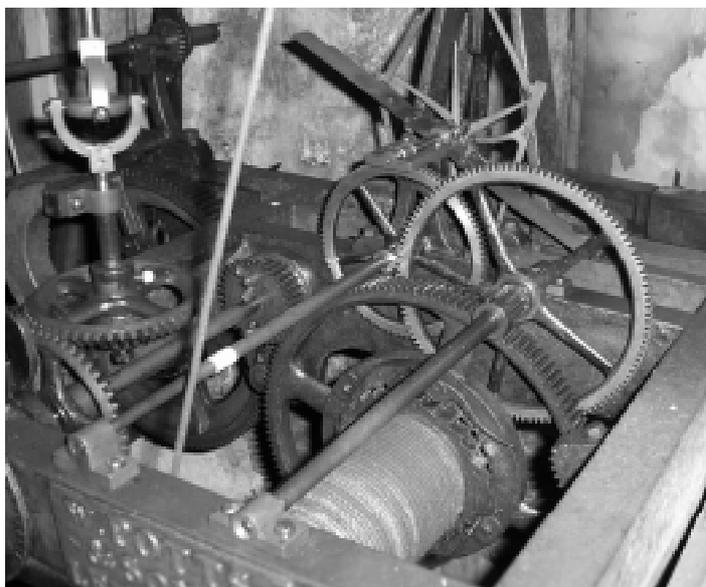
One of the interesting details which has emerged from scouring the voluminous and far-flung archives concerns the Clapham parish church clock.

The present clock was installed in 1885 to replace one which had been in position for about 100 years. This replacement timepiece was made and installed by Messrs. W.Potts & Co. of Guildford St., Leeds. They worked hard to promote their wares. Their quotation was addressed to churchwarden John Hartley with a covering letter dated 14th January, 1885. This letter is worth quoting. It said “ ... we have great pleasure in enclosing you specification & tender for a first class clock, not one of those rough washing machine kind, not half finished but well put together & no expense saved in its construction.” It goes on to state that W.Potts & Co. had charge of all Midland Railway clocks on the Leeds to Morecambe and Carlisle lines and branch lines. The proposed clock for Clapham was to be warranted for two years to keep time to an accuracy within one minute per year.

The accompanying specification for the clock makes it clear that this wondrous machine was designed by Sir E.Beckett, Bart., of St.Albans, who also approved its construction.

Sir Edmund Beckett (1816-1905) was a surprising character. By one of those typical Victorian deals which tied an inherited fortune to a particular family name he was also known as Edmund Beckett Dennison. Educated in Doncaster, Eton and Cambridge he became a lawyer, a QC and for 35 years Parliamentary Counsel for his father's Great Northern Railway Company. He made a fortune from litigation surrounding the construction of the early railways and became the first Baron the Lord Grimthorpe. By all accounts he had an arrogant and overbearing manner, like his father.

But he also became an authority on church



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architecture and a superb horologist. When professional clockmakers abandoned the task of designing a clock for Barry's new Houses of Parliament Edmund took on the project and produced designs for a clock of a revolutionary flat-bed type. A clock to this design was built and test-run for five years before being installed as The Great Clock of Westminster, now known to us as Big Ben It incorporated not only Beckett's radical flat-bed frame but also another of his inventions, the double three-legged gravity escapement. Potts' specification for the Clapham clock states “The above clock as specified, is from the designs of the inventor Sir E. Beckett Bart., specially made for us, with all his latest improvements inserted.” and “The Escapement to be the Double Three Legged Gravity by Sir E.Beckett Bart., with Compensation Pendulum . . . ”

So, Westminster has its Big Ben but Clapham can surely claim to be graced by a Little Ben, another of Clapham's claims to fame – and all for just £105.2.00.

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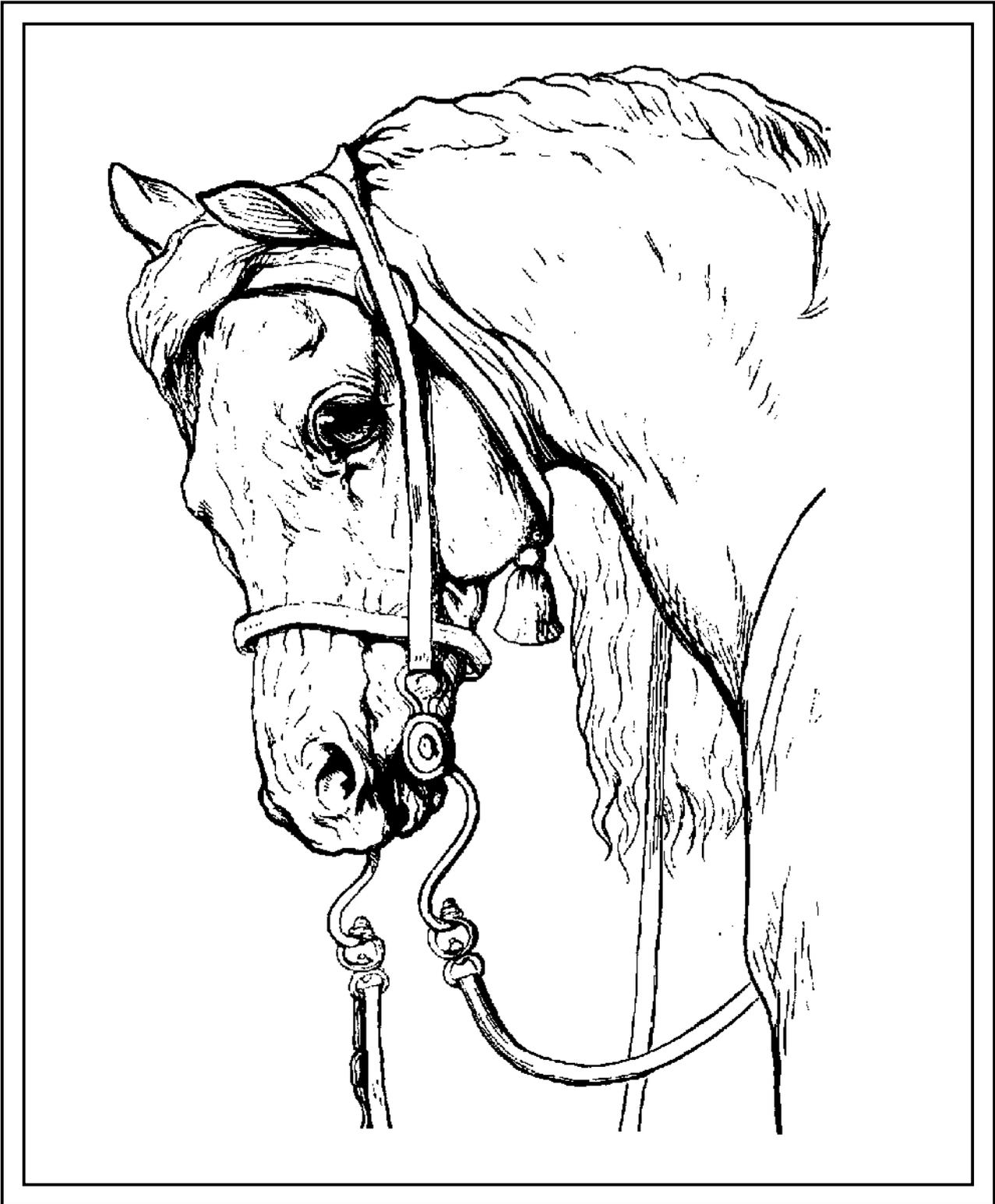
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WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

December and January were both quiet months bird wise for the local area, though some good birds were to be seen.

A female Gadwall was found with a small flock of Mallards and Teal on a flooded field near Nutta Farm on the 28th December and 1st January. It looks very similar to a female Mallard, but it is smaller and has a greyer head and neck. The bill is a brighter orange than the Mallard. In flight the Gadwall shows a very distinctive white patch on its wing not the blue and white patch that the Mallard has.

A flock of 35 Snipe were seen at Meldingscale Farm on the 1st January. This is the largest flock of Snipe I have seen in the local area.

One male Hen Harrier was seen hunting over Hardacre Moss on the 28th December and a female or juvenile Hen Harrier was hunting over the same area on the 11th January.

One Chiffchaff is spending the winter around Ingleborough Hall and the Nature Trail with a flock of Tits. It was first seen at Ingleborough Hall on the 20th December, then a couple of weeks later it was found on the Nature Trail on the 18th January.

Other highlights include two dead Salmon in



The Mottled Umber

Clapham beck near Mafeking bridge just before Christmas, these were seen by Ken and Brenda Pearce.

With the mild weather we have had recently, we had five species of moths at Ingleborough Hall this year, these are Winter Moth, Mottled Umber, Dark Chestnut, Chestnut and Pale Brindled Beauty.

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