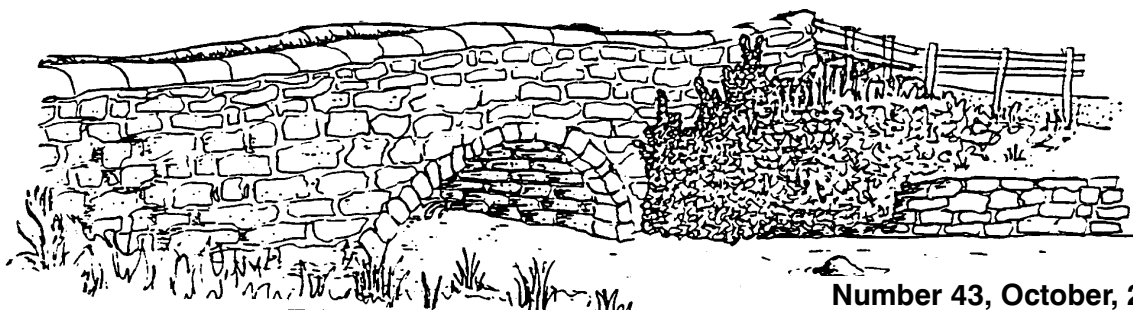


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Clapham by Candlelight

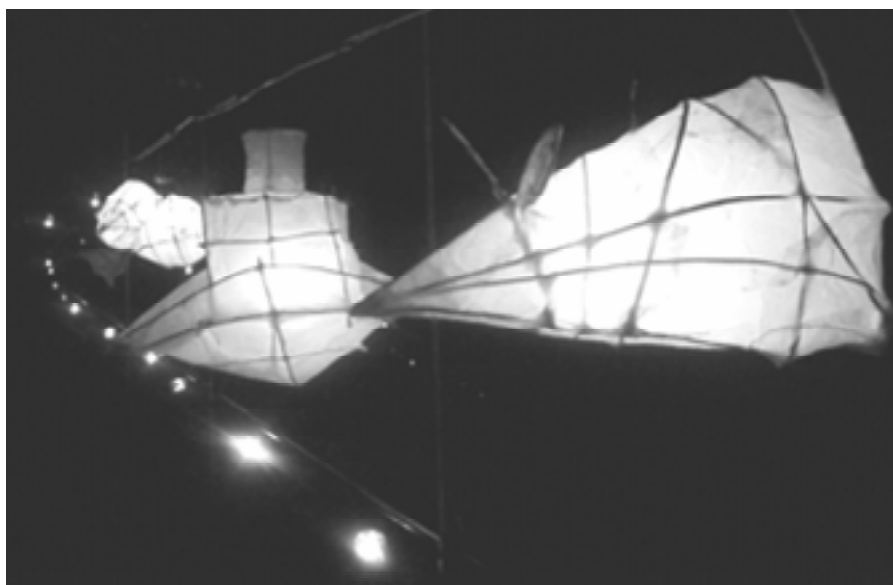
What an evening! If anyone had said a year ago that a Yorkshire village could be transformed into a candle-lit grotto for a whole evening I wonder how many of us would have believed it possible. However, between us (and the weather) we did it! Walking round after the procession, transfixed by how beautiful it all was from end to end of the beck, I felt overwhelmed by people's willingness to participate in such a seemingly mad idea. So, all I can say is A HUGE THANK YOU TO ONE AND ALL

Firstly: thank you to everyone who took so much trouble to 'beautify' their part of the beckside and all who came along to join in the evening – Clapham's a gorgeous village but the huge range of creative ideas on display and the 'buzz' of enjoyment and excitement this generated were remarkable. Behind the scenes our thanks go to Dr Farrer for permission to decorate the beckside and use the barn for storing lanterns; to Tom Redfern for allowing us to hold the barbecue, bonfire and ceilidh in the Ingleborough Hall grounds and classroom; to the

entire BBQ team, those who loaned equipment, who helped out on the night and our local suppliers – the Price's, Burns', Growing with Grace, Terry at Clapham Stores, the Bethel Chapel soft drinks team and everyone who made salads and cakes; to Tom Barron for supplying (I'm told superb) locally produced charcoal from Holker Hall and to Alan Whitaker for the loan and transporting of straw bales; to everyone who helped marshal the procession; to Beverley Lockett and all the musicians young and old(er!), including Steve from Halifax who turned up violin in hand and joined in, and Chris Hart for so ably 'calling' the ceilidh; to Dai and friends for building and looking after the bonfire; to PC Martin for advice and guidance on the procession and the loan of parking cones; to Gerry Holmes for running the five lantern making workshops, Sheena Minnitt and her staff for the use of the school in the holidays and all those who came along to learn how to or perfect their ability to make lanterns (over fifty residents and visitors in all as well as 40+ school children); to all of you who donated cash for

workshop materials and the event in general; and last but by no means least to the dedicated team who came along to all the planning meetings and helped with the organising and clearing up, before, during and after the evening and to Clapham Development Association for its 'enabling' role – 'pump-priming' the event financially and sorting out all the admin bits like insurance and accounts.

At the CDA AGM in October there'll be an evaluation both of how the





event turned out on the night and how successfully (or not) it met its initial principles – to be local, low cost, inclusive, low tech and self-sustaining financially. On this last point it would seem that, thanks to people's generosity with donations and the superb work of the BBQ team led by Brenda and Pete Everson and the advance ticket sellers, we have more than covered our costs. So, if you have any as yet unpaid expenses please contact James Innerdale the CDA Treasurer. Finally, if you have any comments on any aspect of the event – good or bad – they would be most welcome. Please either leave them at Clapham Stores, drop them in to Wenning Hipping, Keasden or leave a message on 51343 as soon as possible so that they can be incorporated into the AGM report.

Many thanks – it's been both enormous fun and a huge privilege personally to help facilitate such a memorable and enjoyable evening.

Sue Cowgill

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The Vicar writes . . .

Over the years I've met a great many people going through hard times in their lives. The passage 'Footprints' was written by someone going through hard times themselves, feeling alone and in desperate need. On their journey of life they suddenly realised that even when they felt alone, God was there with them, indeed at times God even carried them. May we all draw strength from the words of Footprints – an old hymn was titled 'No Never Alone'. May we all know God's presence with us day by day.

FOOTPRINTS

One night I had a dream.
I dreamt I was walking along the beach with God
And across the sky flashed scenes from my life.
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand;
One belonged to me and the other to God
When the last scene of my life flashed before me,
I looked back at the footprints in the sand
And noticed that at times along the path of life
There was only one set of footprints.
I also noticed that it happened at the very lowest
And saddest times of my life
This worried me and I questioned God about it:
"God, You said that once I decided to follow You,
You would walk with me all the way.
But I noticed that during the most troublesome
times of my life
There was only one set of footprints.
I don't understand why, in times when I needed
You most You would leave me."
God replied
"My precious, precious child, I love you and I
would never,
never leave you during your times of trials and
suffering.
When you saw only one set of footprints,
It was then that I carried you."

*Your friend and Vicar
Ian*

Clapham Development Association AGM 2006

The Annual General Meeting of Clapham Development Association will take place upstairs at the Old Manor House at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19th October. As always all are welcome.

Church Diary Dates:

- 15th October.** Churches Celebrate Together. At 6.30p.m. Ingleton Community Centre. The Bishop of Bradford, Rt. Rev. David James, led by Rev. Ian Greenhalgh and Ingleton Methodist Worship Group.
- 20th October.** Folk Night at the New Inn, Clapham at 7.30p.m. Tickets £5
- 4th November.** Christmas Fair in Clapham Village Hall. Variety of stalls and Refreshments. 11a.m. to 3p.m.
- 5th November.** A visit to St. John's Cell Church, Bowling, Bradford to meet people in a different kind of parish.
- 10th November.** Remembrance Service for School.
- 12th November.** Remembrance Service in Clapham. Please come a little before 11a.m to be at the cenotaph for the two minutes silence.
- 12th November.** At Austwick Church at 6.30p.m. A special service of remembrance of all loved friends and family. With Bradford Cathedral Choristers. If you are interested please talk to Ian (Tel 51313)
- 2nd December.** An Advent Feast and 'The Natural World' – slides by Colin Preston. 7.30p.m. in Clapham Village Hall. Tickets £6.

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- **Highway defects:** An extensive programme to repair many of the minor surface defects on local roads has now been completed by NYCC Highways. Special attention had been paid to the Mewith road, but works had also been carried out on the roads across Newby Moor, within Newby village, in the Clapham Station area, and within Clapham village (Church Avenue and Back Lane).
- NYCC have been asked to check **surface water drainage** on the Newby Cote-Newby lane (Henbusk) as quite a lot of water runs on the road surface in wet weather.
- **New gates** have now been installed by the highway authority at either end of the A65 underpass on Station Road, Clapham.
- NYCC Highways are being asked to proceed with a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) to deter 'travellers' from parking vehicles on wide grass verges between the A65 and the boundary of Clapham village. It was decided, at least for the time being, not to seek a TRO for the highway itself unless this can be done without having to paint double yellow lines on the road surface.
- A suitable location for a public **notice board** in **Newby** has not been found. Every site proposed so far has either been objected to by local residents or has been found to be unsuitable due to underground cables etc. However, an informal arrangement whereby Newby residents can make use of the Chapel notice board appears to be working quite well. In view of this the Parish Council agreed, at least for the time being, not to proceed with the proposal to install a new board in the village.
- The Parish Council has now arranged with a local builder to carry out safety and stability tests on the memorials in **Clapham churchyard**. Paths within the churchyard will also be made safer by sealing the gaps between the paving slabs with cement.
- The National Park Authority has announced its intention to refurbish the public toilets in Clapham during the autumn of 2006.
- Auditors have now signed off the Parish Council's accounts for the financial year 2005/6.

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Planning applications approved recently:

- Outline planning consent for residential development: land next to Claerson, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham
- First floor extension to Fellbrook, Station Road, Clapham.

Planning applications awaiting decision:

- Siting of garden shed (retrospective) at 2 Clapdale Way, Clapham.

Next meetings: The next two meetings of the Parish Council will be held in Clapham Village Hall on Tuesday, November 14th, and on Tuesday, January 16th. Both meetings will start at 7.30pm.

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Job opportunity: Owing to the retirement of the present clerk later this year the Parish Council wishes to recruit a new part-time clerk as soon as possible. Applications from local residents would be particularly welcome. To succeed in the job, you will need to be well organised and self-confident, a good administrator, and capable of expressing yourself clearly and effectively both in speech and in writing. You will also need basic accounting skills and some ability to use simple computer applications (word-processing and spreadsheets). A full driving licence, together with a good knowledge of the local area, would be advantageous.

If you think you may be interested in applying for the job, or require further information, please telephone Mrs. Eileen Plumridge, Chairman of the Parish Council, on (015242) 51486.

Whist Drive

The Clapham Whist Group meet at the Village Hall at 7.30pm on Friday nights as follows:

October 6th, 20th and 27th

November 3rd, 17th and 24th

December 1st, 15th and 22nd.

MEMORIES OF CLAPHAM

On Sunday 20th August we were very pleased to welcome to morning worship at St. James' Church, a Mr David Evans and his wife and daughter from Leeds and his brother Martin and his wife who now live in Surrey. They had arranged the family reunion to celebrate the life of their mother who would have been 100 years old this summer. On the Saturday they had visited Manchester Cathedral where their mother had been baptised, and were shown the register.

David and Martin originally lived in Stockton-on-Tees but they were baptised at St. James Church in Clapham in 1935 and 1937 by the then vicar Rev. Gorman. The connection with Clapham was that their mother's sister, Mrs Blondie Matthews resided at The Beeches and she was godmother to David whilst her son Jack Treen was godfather to Martin.

Having seen the Baptism Register and a photograph of the Rev. Gorman I feel sure that their visit to Clapham helped make their celebrations more memorable.

Colin Brindle

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Joan F.

NEWSLETTER

The Annual General Meeting of the Newsletter Group will be held in the Village Hall on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30p.m. The newsletter is put together and distributed by a group of volunteers for the benefit of the community. If you feel you could help, or if you just want to make suggestions please come along. We are most anxious to recruit volunteers from Keasden and Newby.

News from Keasden

Unusual Nuptials took place in St Matthews Church on June 24th.

Dr Stephen Sutton, formerly of High Head, Mewith and Rosalind Shim Hing of Kotakinabalu, Sabah Malaya had their marriage blessed by Reverend Greenhalgh.

Maids of honour were dressed in Malay style dresses. Stephen's eldest son was best man and Rosalind's daughter was maid of honour.

The service was attended by academics from universities across the world.

After the service, refreshments were served in the church grounds. Later in the day a buffet reception was held in Austwick Parish Hall, decorated especially for the occasion in the style of a Malaysian jungle by Ann Preston.

The couple return to Malaya in early September to resume their business – specialising in selling books.

An unusual and unique day for St Matthews, one which will be remembered for many years to come. The original wedding ceremony took place in Kotakinabalu on Valentines day.

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The Three Peaks Suite

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We meet for weekly workshop sessions in three 'terms' of twelve weeks and our project for the last year has been the assembling of 'The Three Peaks Suite.' Thanks to a grant from Awards for All, Richard has written pieces and encouraged players to contribute their own compositions. It is an eclectic mix of aspects of the Three Peaks area. Inspirations have come from local hymns, feelings for the limestone and its working, poetry of the hills, and historical excursions into the marital strife of the leaders of the Brigantii, Venutius and Cartimandua. How this is realised in jazz form will only be made truly clear when you come along and hear the Suite played. Jazz Yorkshire has helped with funding.

We will also play a selection from our usual collection which is extremely varied and shows jazz influences from all over the world. Numbers come from South Africa, Brazil, Jamaica, N.Yorkshire, and Macedonia. If you want to have a chat about playing in the band call Ian Moulding on 01756 752240 or Gus Stewart on 015242 51107 or visit www.dalesjam.org.uk for full details. Beginner or experienced player, all are welcome. Sessions are on most Monday evenings in Linton Institute, but check first.

This is our first time at the Mart Theatre in Skipton. For those of you who haven't yet experienced it, the Craven Cattle Mart is transformed into a comfortable theatre with staging, sound and lighting facilities, car parking and a bar. It hosts a wide variety of events including plays, opera, tribute bands, comedians, brass bands, blues and jazz.

While the Mart is just off the A65 Bradford/Harrogate roundabout, approached up the Auction Mart turning behind the Little Chef and Nicholas Smith's garage, the Box Office is at Craven College, High Street, Skipton. Monday–Friday, 10am–4 pm . Alternatively, tickets can be purchased by phone. Tel: 01756 791411 or online at www.themarttheatre.org.uk

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It was a satisfactory outcome to an unpleasant incident, but please will everybody be very careful about what goes down the drains. The blockage may be in a different place the next time and it could be your garden that is flooded!

*Ken and Brenda Pearce
Stonegarth, The Green*

BACKING BRITAIN?

Recently, in a ten day period, I purchased three articles which reminded me of the 'I'm Backing Britain' campaign of the early seventies. First, I was given a fruit sweet which I unwrapped and read the wrapper label – "Made in Dubai"! The sweet was as delicious as were those made in Britain formerly.

Next was a 'waterproof hat which was needed urgently. When I arrived home with a soggy 'waterproof' hat and even more sodden hair, I read the label – 'Made in China'!!

Number three: underwear for my husband – pure cotton, from a well known High Street Store, well tailored – was made in Egypt!

What has happened to the Britain that we were exhorted to back? Why can other countries produce our goods which we are happy to buy? Please don't say 'because they are cheaper'. The problem is deeper than that and politics should not be used as an excuse.

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Thieves in our Village!

Clapham by Candlelight was really good, my Grandma and Grandpa (Barbara and Stuart Marshall) rang up to see if we would like to decorate the becksides in front of School so it would look bright and cheerful. So we went and decorated the School with 56 Glow Sticks. They looked really nice at daytime and we couldn't wait to see them all glowing at night.

We went around the village looking at all the wonderful decorations people had put around the river. After all the excitement we went back to Grandma and Grandpa's house thinking about all of the lights and what a lovely time we had had. When we walked past School there was a big sigh of disappointment as ALL of our Glow sticks had gone. People had stolen them – every single one, which we had spent a long time putting up. We think that these people should be ashamed of themselves, as Clapham by Candlelight was a lovely event enjoyed by everyone.

Yours Sincerely,
Anna and Amy Marshall.



Clapham Bookwormers

The Clapham Bookwormers met at Brenda Pearce's house at 8.00 on Tuesday, 5th September (and very cosy it was too – thanks Brenda). We were discussing *Scarlet Feather* by Maeve Binchy. The discussion was a lively one. Some thought the book was an enjoyable read with an easy plot, others felt that the characters were not credible and that there was little or no plot at all. One thing was agreed upon and that is that The Clapham Bookwormers provide a great opportunity to meet up and discuss books and the pleasure of reading.

The 'Wormers' meet one evening every two months which gives everyone plenty of time to read the next book and you don't get the cane nor are you given 100 lines to write for hating/loving or chucking the book in the bin – just a point of view is all that's needed to get a good discussion going. It's fun!

Next reading book is Graham Green's *Brighton Rock* followed in January by *A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian* by Marina Lewycka – yep, the title is a bit daunting but this book is in fact very, very funny. The next Bookwormers Blah Blah is on 15 November at 8.00 pm at Rachel Blondell's. If you are interested in becoming a Wormer give Sue a ring on 51684.

Lost Property

A red, white and blue striped golf umbrella was left at Ingleborough Hall after the Clapham by Candlelight barbecue on 26th August. If it is yours please telephone 51816.

Farewell to Clapham

Martin and Christine Wilcock would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for presents and cards wishing them well in their new home near Bedale, but like bad pennies they will return!

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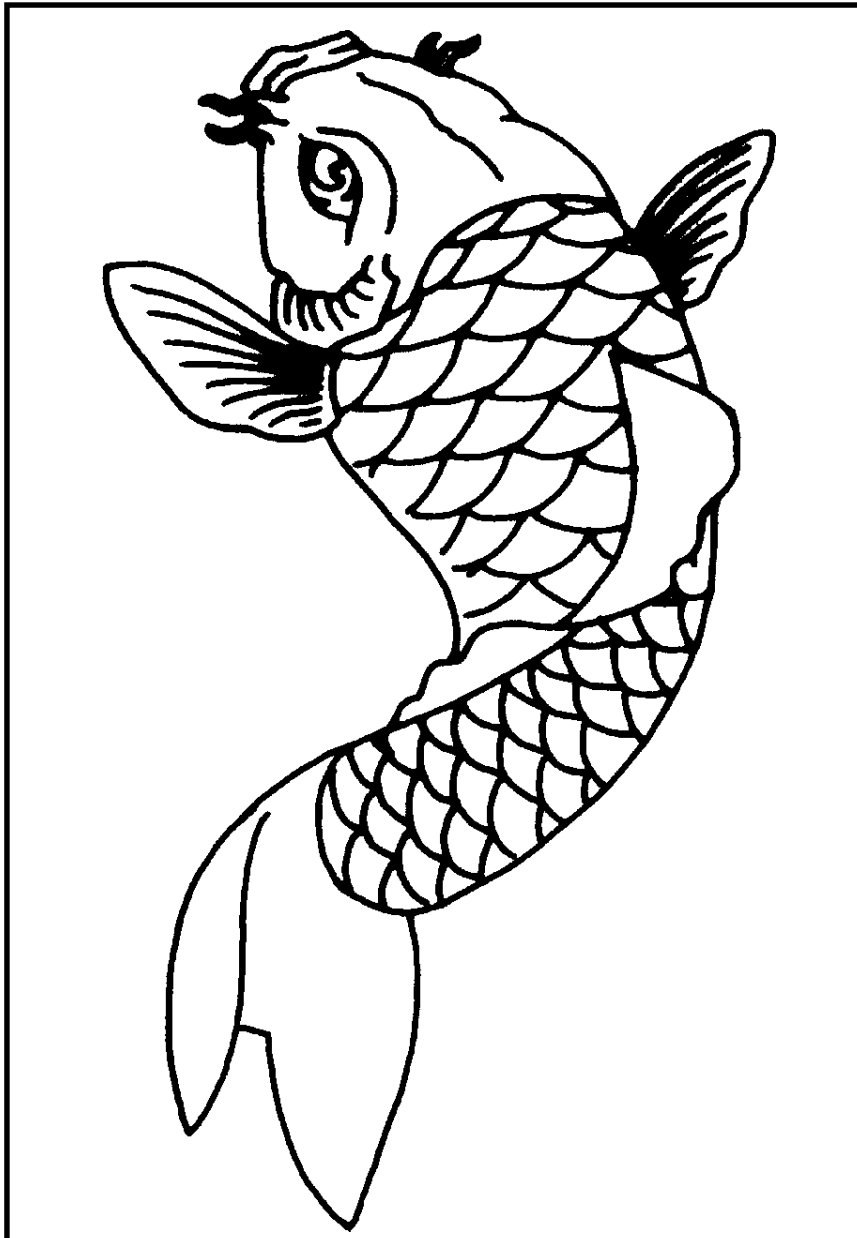
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Both children were presented with art materials.

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Lesley Crutchley,
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Competition closes
28th October.

Super prize for the winning
entry. Good luck!

Name:

Age:

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An obituary for the original Mallabands

During the late 50's and early 60's a family of visitors consisting of dad, mum and two brothers were often seen in Clapham, usually staying in Deighton House with Bill and Betty Brewin and their two sons, Michael and John. During one visit in January 1963 mum, namely, Nancy Mallaband, saw Rosebank Café (later the Spindle Tree and now, of course, Café Anne) for sale.

Harry and Nancy dreamed of living in Clapham and so the café was bought and the family moved in the May. Stephen, aged 19, began work with Telamite at Bentham, and Richard aged 14 attended Settle High School. Nancy ran the café and Harry motored round the Dales with his mobile greengrocery van that came with the café.

In January 1964 a certain Miss Taylor began teaching at Ingleborough Hall Residential Special School and on the first Saturday evening was invited down to the New Inn by two of the assistant matrons. Who should Jean meet but Stephen and that was the beginning of a long romance! Leaving Clapham in 1968 they moved to Bristol, Cardiff, Northampton (where they were married), Rugby, and Kirkby Lonsdale before returning in 1978 to Clapham, and Deighton House where Stephen had spent so many holidays.

Richard, after leaving school, began work like his brother at Telamite and then opened his own motor accessory business in Lancaster and married Helen from Caton. Stephen was Assistant Sales Manager (UK) for Triplex with his office in Birmingham, when Richard suggested that they begin a partnership selling motor components and refurbishing products, and so Mallaband Factors began.

Harry and Nancy eventually moved to Bentham but their love of Clapham remained and they returned to the village in 1972.

In the matter of eleven years that happy family that yearned for a life in the Dales is no more. Nancy died in 1996 aged 77, Stephen died in 2000 aged 57,

Harry died in 2001 aged 86, and in August of this year Richard, aged 58, died whilst on a golfing holiday in France.

The Mallabands do continue. Stephen is survived by Jean and his children Philip and Jane, and grandson Morgan, and Richard's family of Helen, Kate and James live in Burton-in-Lonsdale.

Park Information Point

We have received endorsement from the Yorkshire Dales Park Authority to run a Park Information Point in Clapham. This gives us an opportunity to promote local businesses in this Point above the village shop.

We are willing to display any leaflets or brochures you may have, or promote any event you may be organising in this area.

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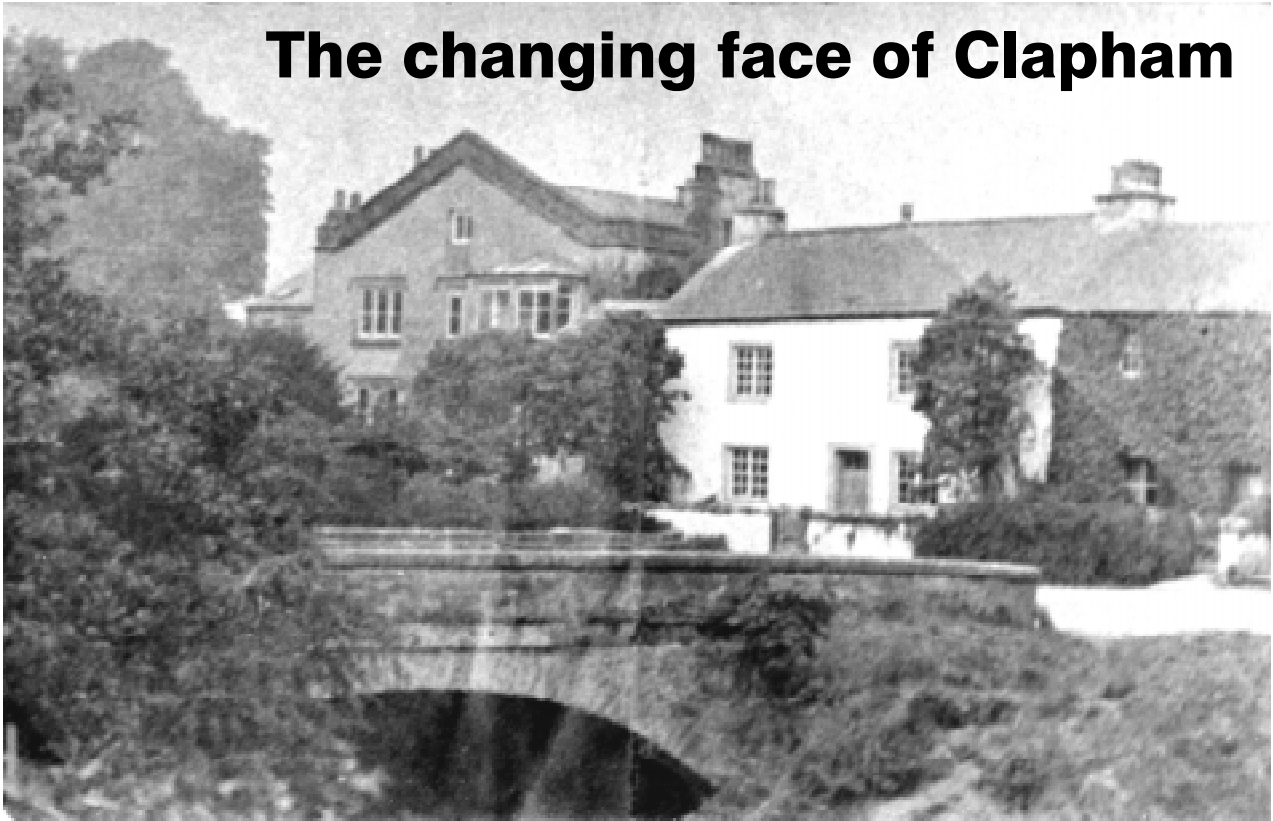
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The changing face of Clapham



Investigation and research by Clapham History Group continues to reveal the fascinating snippets of the history of the village. The two images shown are of Jacques Farmhouse on Riverside; one taken at the turn of the C20th, a view obscured by vegetation and one taken in 2006. The earlier photograph reveals a number of changes particularly to the front of house.

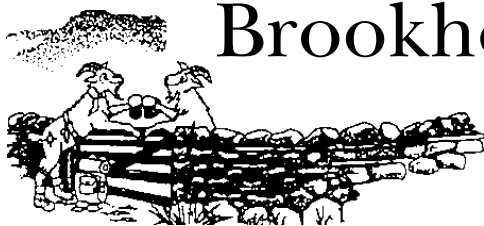
The bright limewash finish to the flush pointed or rendered stonework would have been common to many of the houses in the village at that time. More striking however are the changes to the windows.

Whilst the openings are much as now, the windows themselves are multi-paned casements rather than the later sash windows as seen today. This squarer opening common from the beginning of C18th as part of the transition from the earlier stone mullioned windows and the taller C19th sash windows. Closer examination of the cottage front today also reveals an earlier blocked doorway to the right hand end and one end of an earlier possibly stone mullioned opening to the left of the current doorway. As with many of the houses in the village the building's C19th frontage hides an earlier C17th or C18th building behind



The photograph also interestingly shows that the metal estate fencing alongside the beck was yet to be installed and a now demolished two-storey property adjoining the Vicarage, now Arbutus House. It is also now clear why Ivy Cottage to the north is so called! If you have any stories or information that you think would be of interest to the History Group please contact Ken Pearce on 51816

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WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

Every so often there is a major influx of Moths, Butterflies and Dragonflies into this country and this year is no exception. The Hummingbird Hawkmoth breeds in North Africa and Southern Europe, but they also fly north to find new breeding areas. This year has been a very good year for the Hummingbird Hawkmoth. The first was seen at Clapham on the 17th June and they have been seen throughout the summer around the local area. During September at least two Hummingbird Hawkmoths have been feeding around several gardens at Clapham. They were seen at Smithy cottage, Pete and Brenda's house on the Green, The New inn, Ingleborough hall, Rose and Ray's at Park view and at Dave and Leslie Crutchley's house. The Hummingbird Hawkmoths were still being seen up to the 22nd Sept.

The Butterfly that breeds throughout Southern Europe is the Clouded Yellow and that sometimes arrives in this country in large numbers. One was seen near Meldingscale Farm on the 29th Aug. One was also seen just outside the local area at Bentham golf club by Dave Crutchley. The final Insect to arrive within the local area from Europe was a male Yellow Winged Darter. This was found at High Hazel Hall farm on the 6th Aug. The male Yellow Winged Darter looks similar to the Common Darter which breeds around the local area, but it has a brighter red abdomen and the hind wings on the Yellow Winged Darter are yellow where as the Common Darter has a clear hind wing. Several more Yellow Winged



The Hummingbird Hawkmoth

Darters were found outside the local area. One was seen at a garden pond at Preston and five were found on a fishing pond by the River Lune near Lancaster. A Speckled Wood butterfly was seen at Park View on the 22nd Sept.

The local breeding Swifts finally left the Clapham area on the 18th Aug, but Swallows and House Martins were still being seen around the local area up to the 22nd Sept. Two Whinchats were found at Newby Moor on the 27th Aug. They are the first Whinchats I have seen this year around the local area. They used to breed on Newby Moor and Hardacre Moss but they seem to have disappeared from the area. One Whinchat was seen at Crook Beck and four were at Newby Moor on the 10th Sept. and one Whinchat was seen at Hardacre Moss on the 22nd Sept.

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