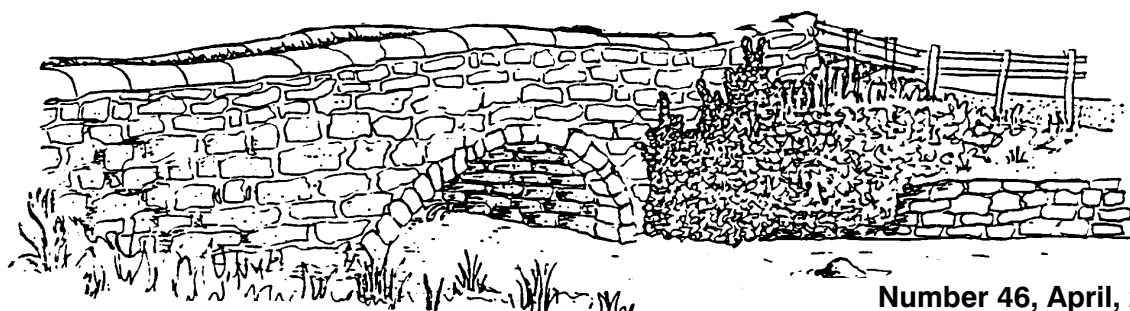


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WHY BIODIESEL? WHY CLAPHAM?

Why biodiesel? Why Clapham? . . . Why not take a look?

As some of you who read the last newsletter may have gathered there is a new project underway, under the auspices of the newly formed Clapham Community Co-operative Ltd, aimed at producing biodiesel initially available to all residents of the Clapham, Newby and Keasden parish. All well and good; but what exactly is biodiesel, and why go to all the effort of producing it when there is a perfectly good source of “ordinary” diesel available at all garage forecourts.

To explain the whys and wherefores of the project, it's worth looking briefly at the history of diesel engine, and the differences between bio and “ordinary”(fossil fuel) diesel already on offer at your local garage.

The diesel engine was invented by a gentleman called . . . rather surprisingly . . . Rudolf Diesel at the end of the 19th century and although a success in mechanical terms, unfortunately it's debut coincided with the rise of the motor industry . . . Henry Ford, Rockefeller and other oil magnates etc . . . who produced cars running on initially ethanol and then petrol.

So the diesel was until recent times confined mainly to use in transport, agricultural and marine engines. The oil crisis of 1973 reawakened interest in alternative transport fuels and work on their potential continued into the eighties as oil prices rose further. A lot of this interest was initially centred around the diesel engine as it's very efficient and the diesel fuel was in relatively plentiful supply, but that line of thought was widely acknowledged to be a short term solution as diesel, although more plentiful, is still like petrol, CNG, LPG etc a fossil fuel.

Fossil fuels were formed millions of years ago and are not immediately replaceable: they are a finite resource . . . put bluntly we are going to run out of



Eddie amidst all the converting equipment

them . . . probably with ever increasing useage and more populous nations such as China and India for the first time starting to use vast amounts of energy, probably in the not too distant future, They also have the disadvantage that when “burned” to produce energy, they produce many pollutant gases, most notably CO² the main cause of global warming, but also many other pollutants that affect the air we breathe and contribute to asthma and other toxic effects such as acid rain.

The diesel engine still came into consideration in this search for alternatives to fossil fuels though, mainly due to one of it's unique characteristics; it

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Biodiesel *continued*

will run quite happily not only on fossil diesel, but also on a quite amazing number of alternates. Rudolf Diesel actually invented the diesel engine to run on a myriad of fuels including coal dust suspended in water, heavy mineral oil, and vegetable oil. Indeed, the time he showed his engine at the World Exhibition in Paris in 1900, his engine was in fact running on 100% peanut oil. Dr. Diesel in this sense was quite visionary, not only for his invention but in the way he hoped it would be applied . . . he hoped that farmers could “grow” their own fuel and become self sufficient, an idea that nearly a century on is again growing in favour especially in the USA.

In 1912 he stated ‘The use of vegetable oils for engine fuels may seem insignificant today. But such oils may become in course of time as important as petroleum and the coal tar products of the present time. `Such vegetable oils are by definition renewable . . . they are literally grown from a crop . . . in the UK and Europe usually rapeseed oil and in the USA “corn oil” . . . and also have the added advantage that, as all plants, using sunlight they absorb CO² from the atmosphere and return oxygen to it.

By a stroke of good fortune it was also found that by a very simple chemical reaction known as “transesterification” such vegetable oils can be turned into a fuel that very closely resembling fossil fuel diesel in it’s use in the diesel engine . . . and hence Biodiesel was born. However, this “new” biofuel does have many advantages over it’s fossil fuel equivalent and hence the reason for our start-up Biodiesel project.

Briefly these are: It’s renewable, as already mentioned, and coming from a plant source takes carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere. It can be made from “used” as well as fresh oil . . . yes you can with some cleaning go directly from the frying pan to the fuel tank! Using used vegetable oils, as a raw material to manufacture biodiesel will reduce the need for the disposal of these oils to landfill sites. This has tremendous benefits for the environment. It’s the only available alternate “drop-in” fuel . . . ethanol and others require engine modification, whereas on most modern diesel engines none is required and the biodiesel can be put straight into the fuel tank . . . some older diesel cars require rubber hosing to be replaced due to the solvent nature of the fuel, but that is all.

It gives much lower emissions of all the main pollutants associated with fossil fuel diesel such as particle, carbon monoxide, and sulphur and greater lubricity to the engine, sadly lacking in low sulphur diesel . . . the engine will run smoother.



Mike with the finished product!

All of this whilst giving the same performance as fossil diesel! This gives us the why? of the project for Biodiesel production over the A65 at Growing with Grace . . . we may not save the planet, but even from such humble beginnings it’s certainly a worthwhile step in the right direction . . . as Tesco’s, who are converting their own delivery vans over to a mix of this fuel as we go to press, would put it . . . “every little helps”: it’s certainly a great local community project that could with some help and enthusiasm maybe even grow into bigger things!

If you are interested in any way, or want to know more in a general sense or even to become a “member” as everyone in the parish has a right to do, please come forth and be counted.

Mike Cornwell

Spring cleaning?

Contemplating your Spring cleaning ...Got any jumble?

Clapham Community Playgroup are holding a Jumble Sale on Saturday, 21st April at Ingleton Community Centre, commencing at 12 noon.

If you have any jumble to contribute we will be collecting in the village on Friday, 20th April between 10am and 12pm.

Please leave any jumble on your doorstep.

If you live in Newby or Keasden or other outlying areas please ring Ruthie Woodhouse on 015242 51157 to arrange collection.

Thankyou

VILLAGE PEOPLE

– Tim Hutchinson, the Bird Man of Clapham

Do you always read the back page of The Clapham Newsletter? (*page 15 this issue*). If so, read on because you may like to know more about the person who writes the wildlife notes. If not, shame on you. Ignorance is no excuse because I know less about nature than the overage gerbil knows about philosophy but I always read the nature notes in detail. When Tim writes that he has seen a nightjar I cannot be sure that its different from a jam jar but I am fascinated by Tim's encyclopaedic knowledge of his subject and his passion for his hobby

Tim Hutchinson was born in 1961 in Welwyn Garden City and he has three younger sisters. His mum is German and she came over to this country to look for work, but as a bonus she also found a husband. They moved to Ben Rhydding when Tim was eighteen months old and he attended schools in Ilkley until the family moved to Baildon. Tim's last two years of education were spent at Salts Comprehensive School and it was during his time there that he went with The school Hebridean Society to the Isle of Lewis.

When Tim joined the RAF at sixteen he initially wanted to be a technician but decided that his future would be in catering. His first posting was to RAF Saxavard on the Island of Unst, the northernmost island of the British Isles where he spent five years. Was Lewis where he felt the first stirrings of interest in wildlife or was it Unst? Tim is not sure exactly where it all began but he does recall vividly the experience of sitting among a huge flock of puffins on Hermaness nature reserve on Unst and by this time he was hooked.

For three years he was based at RAF Laarbruck in Germany, followed by a spell at Finningley and four months in the Falklands where the birds and sea life were 'fantastic'. Clearly the RAF must have thought that he had not seen enough species so he was sent to Ascension Island for two years and then went on an oil tanker to St. Helena where Napoleon had had ample time to study the birds and play with his toy soldiers during his exile.

His final stints were in the Shetlands and at Staxton Wold, near Filey. After more than sixteen years' service he moved to Clapham in 1994. It would be lovely to say that he was attracted here not only by the birds but by the delightful natives, Alas the plain truth is that he saw a job advertised at Ingleborough Hall and from that day onwards he and Audrey have catered for between fifty and eighty hungry youngsters every day. He found life here to

be much quieter than life in the services but soon realised that he could indulge his interest in wildlife, cycling and walking.

He spends much of his leisure time around here supplemented by his favourite local expeditions to Leighton Moss and Martin Mere. It was at Leighton Moss that he had one of his most exciting wildlife experiences when he was the first to spot a breeding pair of avocets. His bird watching has taken him in recent times to France, Germany, Austria, Spain, Hungary and the Greek Islands and later this year he is off to the Azores. One of his ambitions is to visit all the islands of the Atlantic so this year's trip will go some way towards fulfilling that dream.

Tim's interest in wild flowers, moths and butterflies has increased over the last few years and he is happy to share this part of his hobby, not just via his nature notes but by helping to identify interesting varieties, so if you photograph a butterfly or capture a moth in a jar he will happily discuss it. To a softie like me the idea of capturing anything, even a wood louse, seems cruel but Tim assures me that a moth can be captured and later released without harm.

When you read the *Wildlife in Clapham* page of The Clapham Newsletter in future you will know what a depth of knowledge lies behind the observations and for my part I must learn the difference between a robin and a rook so that I can appreciate the notes more fully.

Stuart Marshall

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PUDDING PARTY

A really wonderful selection of puddings, from a giant heart-shaped raspberry meringue to sumptuous sacher torte, was laid before guests at Saturday evening's Pudding Party organ-ised by St James's Church.

In between the delicious sampling, about 60 guests had a go at Eileen Plumridge's teasing Pudding Quiz and those present were invited to pen their own Valentine ditties, the best of which were read out.

Original creations featured in the best Valentine's headdress parade for the ladies, while the men's award was for the best necktie.

After guests paid another visit to the desserts, the vicar, the Rev Ian Greenhalgh, led a Valentine's sing-along accompanied by Liz Mason on keyboard. Only a sweet-toothed handful could manage a third trip to the puds, although all were invited!

The event raised £300 for church funds and the organisers thank everyone who donated a dessert, especially the Wheatsheaf, Ingleton, the New Inn, Clapham, Brook House Cafe, Clapham, the Traddock, Austwick and Ravenous in Settle.



Three of the ladies wearing their Valentine hats.

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PARISH COUNCIL REPORT

HIGHWAYS – various matters had been advised to the Council. These had been reported to NYCC, Highways Department and Network Rail and the Council had been informed that they would be attended to.

FLY-TIPPING – members of the Council had become aware of a case of fly-tipping and following report, this had been dealt with very promptly by Craven District Council. The Parish Council was very appreciative of this action and congratulated CDC.

PLANNING – the Council resolved to recommend that the applications for a conservatory at Bracken Garth, Clapham and a two-storey extension to the Cave Rescue HQ at Clapham be approved.

FINANCE – it was agreed to donate the sum of £35 to Craven Citizens Advice Bureau and £50 to Settle Swimming Pool.

PARISH PLAN – it is a number of years since one was undertaken and the Council is looking into undertaking another during the next year.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING – this will be held in Clapham Village Hall on Tuesday, 15th May, 2007 at 7.30pm and will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Wanted!

In the near future I would like to assemble a collection of photographs of recent events held in the village, and to place these on a display board at the back of the church, along with the present ones. I would be very grateful if anyone has such a picture to drop them off at Hall Garth.

Many thanks – Joan F.

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BETHEL CHAPEL NEWS

What are you worth?

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So many people today feel that they are worthless, that society doesn't value them.

As we approach Easter I am reminded of the great worth that we have in God's eyes. He loved us so greatly that He gave His son to save us. He doesn't care what labels we wear, what car we drive or what other people think of us. He loves us in all of our unloveliness, warts and all!

Jesus' death on the cross shows us that great love in an awesome way. Salvation is our free gift that cost Jesus everything. His brokenness means we can be made whole; His sorrow means that we can have fullness of joy; His rejection means that we can be

accepted; His pain means that we can be healed; His death means that we can have life everlasting.

This Easter take some time to remember the cross because it is there that we discover our true value, there we discover the price God was willing to pay for us, the greatness of His love and how much we are worth to Him.

April 5th	2.30pm – Senior Citizens taken by Wray Ladies
April 19th	2.30pm – Ladies Meeting taken by Joanne Parkinson, Preston
April 26th	7.30pm – Coffee Evening
May 3rd	2.30pm – Senior Citizens Mr Colin Townley, Melling
May 17th	2.30m – Ladies Meeting Mrs Mary Dobson, Nidderdale
May 31st	7.30pm – Coffee Evening

Services are as usual over the Easter Weekend:

Sunday	10.15 am	Sunday School
	11.00 am	Morning Service
	6.30 pm	Evening Service

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The joy or the Resurrection is something we must learn to experience, an experience which like Luther will give us confidence in God's grace.

The Resurrection of Jesus is the joy of life recovered, the joy of the life that no one can take away any more. The joy of a life which is super-abundant, which, like a stream, runs down the hill, carrying with it heaven itself reflected in its sparkling waters. It is not only with our hearts but with the totality of our experience that we know the risen Christ. May we all this Easter have real joy in our hearts, and a real confidence in our faith.

Your friend and vicar Ian

Services for Easter

Maundy Thursday, 5th April at 7.30p.m. United Holy Communion Service at Austwick, followed by Watch of the Passion.

Good Friday 6th 11.00a.m. Good Friday Devotions – Clapham Church.

Easter Sunday 11 00a.m. Holy Communion at Clapham. 2.00p.m. Holy Communion at Keasden.

Forthcoming Events

Sunday, 15th April – Special United Sung Evensong (with choir) at Keasden Church at 6.45 pm.

Diocesan Day – Saturday, 28th April at Bradford Grammar School. Theme 'Caring for God's earth and his people', (contact Vicar for more information).

Sunday, 29th April – United Service at Eldroth Church at 10.30 am,

Wednesday, 9th May – Deanery Service and Visitation at St. Andrew, Sedbergh at 7.30 pm. Please support this important Service.

Saturday, 12th May – Ceilidh (Barn Dance) in Clapham Village Hall at 7.30 pm (tickets on sale from Churchwardens).

Sunday, 20th May – Rogation and Pet Service at 11.00 am

Sunday, 20th May – Lambing Service at Wenning Side, Keasden at 7.00 pm

Ladies' Study Group meets every Monday afternoon (contact Melanie on 51313 for further information)

Christian Aid – There will be a house collection during Christian Aid Week May 13th – 19th. Thank you for your support.

Children's Holiday Club – 30th – 31st July at Ingleborough Hall. (All ages welcome).

Soccer Club – Wednesday 15th August – Saturday 18th August at Ingleborough Hall. A special soccer school for boys and girls aged 7–14 of all abilities – run jointly by Bethel Chapel and Revd Ian Greenhalgh on behalf of his Churches. Qualified football coaches will run the club and all children are welcome to attend. Cost will be £40 per child (this may be subsidised) Please contact the Vicar for more information.

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The Reading Room – 122 years on

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In the first year £24.42 was spent on books and the librarian was given an extra guinea for his many successes.

Report of the A.G.M. on 14th November 1890:

This year, in our history, is a momentous one. We have been transferred from the old premises to this handsomely restored and commodious building, and we are grateful to our president J. A. Farrer esq. For completing his father's plans in providing an institute, which is a real boon to the area.

Apparently, the Manor House in 1889 was uninhabitable, and was occupied by a cobbler who carried out his business in a corner of the building. Restoration was begun, changing the Manor House into a Reading Room and Library.

At the Committee meeting of 7th January, 1929 a total of 3604 books in the Library were cleaned, Mr. Harry Harrison the Secretary and Librarian completed 43 years service in the same year.

At the A.G.M. of January 1942 it was proposed that the books and fittings be sold, the proposal was carried. The sale included a set of books by Mr. Reginald Farrer. The President, Treasurer and Hon. Secretary having a free hand to dispose of all the books. No mention is made of the outcome of the sale.

At the Annual General meeting of 1952 it was proposed and seconded that ladies be allowed to become members, commencing November 1952 on



The snooker table frame in the process of being removed

a six-month trial. They will also be allowed to play table tennis and have the use of the upstairs room for reading and playing cards. Membership fee being four shillings. At this meeting it was decided that no more newspapers would be provided.

In January 1955 a room could be hired at a charge of three shillings and six pence per night.

PARK ASSOCIATION

A meeting was held recently to discuss the management of Clapham Village Park and the potential of fund-raising to provide more suitable equipment for the children.

At this meeting it was decided that an annual meeting should be held on Wednesday, 16th April in the ICT room at Clapham School with a view to forming a committee so the project can move forward. It is hoped this meeting will be well supported.

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CLAPHAM BOOK GROUP

The Clapham Book Group held its March meeting on the 7th at the home of its only Bentham member.

The book under discussion was the much acclaimed classic, *Jane Eyre*. Everyone had read the book, but not all had done so recently and memories were a little vague on some of the detail.

There was, however, almost unanimous agreement that the book deserved its place as one of the great novels of English literature. It was thought a little protracted perhaps, but no doubt this was common in novels of that era.

Very little mention was made of the minor characters in the book, which may be because the central ones of Jane and Mr. Rochester are so powerfully and vividly described and dominate the novel to such a degree. Although Jane is described in the book as small and plain, she is a very strong character, either because of, or despite, her harsh upbringing. This makes her well able to hold her own with Rochester, who is also a very strong individual. It could be said, though, that despite some initial reserve on Jane's part and what seems to her to be coolness on his, the reader soon comes to realise that 'they were made for each other'.

The members felt that some later parts of the plot seemed a little contrived, but due to the general excellence of the novel, this could be forgiven, and everyone agreed it was 'Well done, Miss Bronte'.

The next meeting of the group will be in Clapham on Wednesday, 16th May. Please ring Sue on 51684 or Jill on 51030 for details.



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Hot and cold drinks and ice creams will be on sale during the interval.

For further information and forthcoming film shows, please see the *Tramps* website at www.tramps.org.uk.

"The Queen" will also be shown at the same time on the evening before, Friday, 20th April, at the Langcliffe Institute.

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Lucy McNamara PTA
Secretary (Tel. 51007).

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP, BABY & TODDLERS

Sponsored toddle

For those who are not up-to-date with the comings and goings of Clapham's pre-school age children, it may all be a bit confusing; some meet at the village hall, others at the school. Is it a playgroup? Or a nursery? Or a mother and toddlers group?

Look no further! All shall be explained.

Clapham Community Playgroup is an umbrella term that covers two separate community groups, the **Early Years Group** and the **Baby and Toddlers group**.

The **Early Years Group** is an Ofsted registered pre-school nursery for the 2–4 years age range. This group runs daily in the school hall and is led by two well-qualified practitioners, following Montessori principles. Parents do not stay with their children at this group, except while children are settling in. Recently (November 2006) it passed its first Ofsted inspection with flying colours, receiving "good" outcomes in all areas, and this year (February 2007) was awarded "highly effective" status by North Yorkshire. This puts Clapham Early Years Group in the top 10% of settings throughout the region, something we must be very proud of.

The **Baby and Toddlers** group meets once a week (Tuesday morning) in the village hall. It is a small and friendly playgroup, welcoming children (0–2 years), parents, and carers from the village and surrounding areas. Parents stay with their children and a rota operates, so the tasks of setting up the hall and co-ordinating activities for the children is shared by all involved. Most children move from Baby and Toddlers to Early years Group at two years.

In the past, **Baby and Toddlers** has been subsidised by the **Early Years Group** as there are simply not enough babies and toddlers around (Babies paying

50p and Toddlers £1.50 per session) to cover the cost of village hall hire, toys and resources, insurance, fruit, milk etc. each week. From now on, this part of Clapham Community Playgroup will attempt to run independently by putting on one fundraising event per year. The deficit is only £150 and we hope that with the support of the local community we should be able to raise the amount each year.



This year we are putting on a **sponsored toddle** up the nature trail as far as the 'money tree'. The toddle (or ride for those in pushchairs) will take place on 3rd April, 10am, starting at Sawmill Cottage. **Please support this event, either by joining the toddle, sponsoring someone, or making a donation to the event. As little as 50p or £1.00 will make all the difference to our small target.** Please speak to our treasurer Gillian (51803) for more information, sponsorship forms, or to make a donation.

Thank you

Jo Williams
(Secretary, Clapham Community Playgroup)

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A Windy Day

Have you ever sat and listened to the wind in peace and quietness?
To hear the howling of the trees, throwing away their messages.
To hear the wind rustling through the hedges, and sounding like a duchess.
To hear the wind go still, and then, stop for ages.

Have you ever wondered what the wind is saying?
All the noise of the leaves whispering, sounding like praying,
But to hear the wind sounding like an old piston
It really is telling us, to shut up and listen.

Branches bending, large trees blowing in real display,
All speaking to the wind. Please leave and go away.
But, you stay, for it cannot be wrong.
For the wind cannot damage, and spoil the throng.

In time, when the wind has been taken away
And the trees are released, and the branches start to sway
You realise that wind is a friend of delicate design
For all you need to do, is listen, for peace, and then resign.

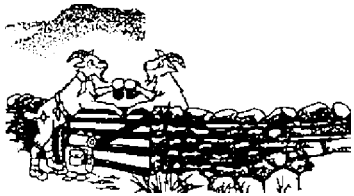
John Sanders, Tinklers Cottage

Clapham Playgroup

Clapham Playgroup are holding their AGM in the School at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 18th April. The purpose of which is to select a committee, discuss fundraising events and air any ideas for improvement. Anyone interested in helping out or being a member of the committee is welcome.

If you need any more information or if there is a problem please let me know.

Thanks, *Sue Latimer*



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CLAPHAM SCHOOL PTA

Clapham School PTA would like to thank all those who supported their Quiz Night on Friday, 9th February. The quiz was a huge success and we raised £470.27! A big thank you also goes to Stuart Marshall and his wife Barbara who compiled the quiz and made the evening so enjoyable. We would also like to thank Richard and Justina Sexton who kindly helped all evening running the bar and the raffle. The Quiz was won by "Gildersbank Sailing Club" from Clapham.

Plant Sales

Enclosed in this addition of the Clapham Newsletter, is an order form for plants which has been a successful fundraising event for the previous three years. The plants are of excellent quality and much praise has been received in the past.

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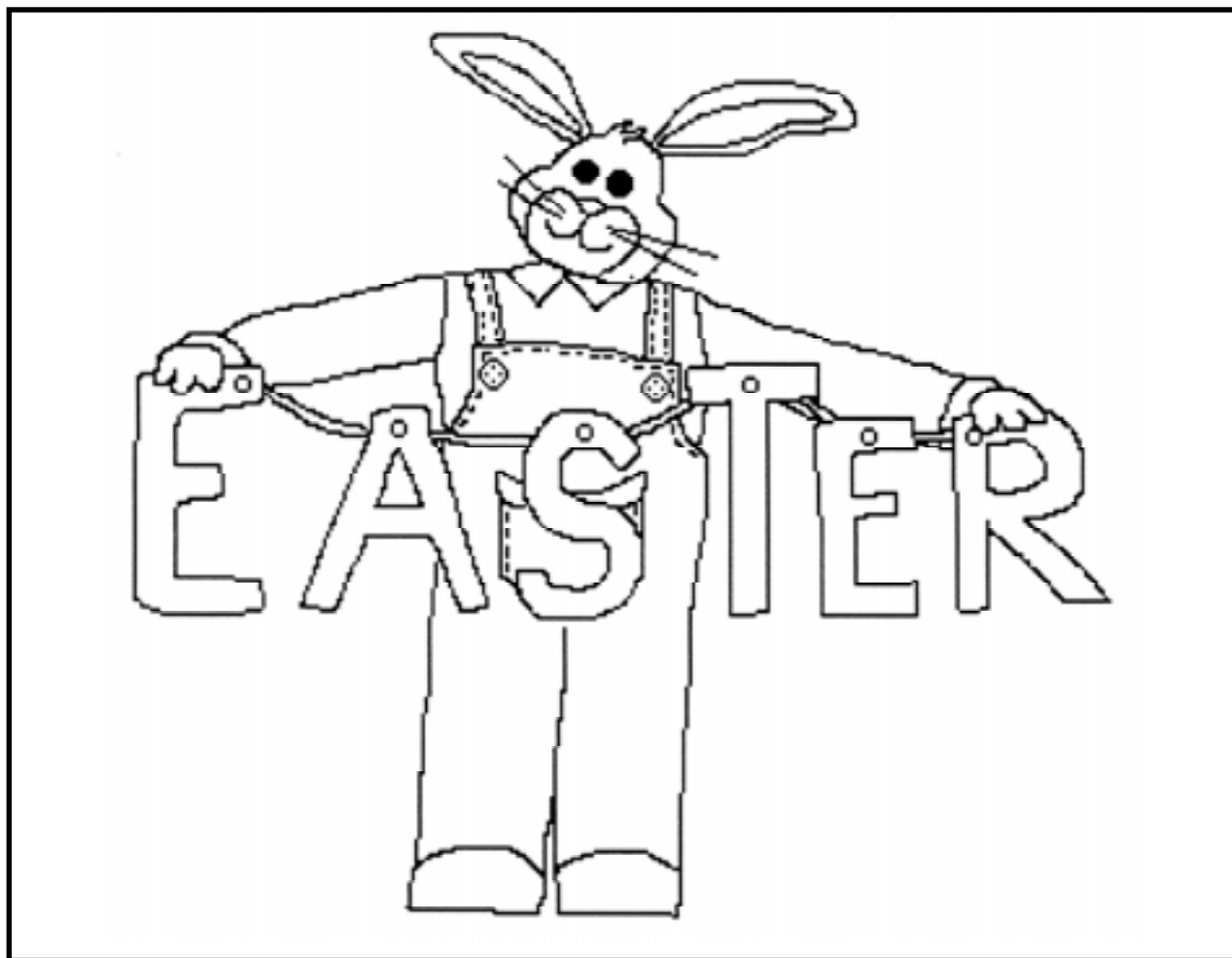
Orders must be received by Monday 16th April and the correct money to be enclosed with your order.

The plants will be available for collection on Friday, 18th May at 3.30pm from Clapham School.

Thank you for your support

Lucy McNamara

Clapham School PTA Secretary



Art Competition

A special competition for children up to the age of ten

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

Competition closes 30th June. Super prize for the winning entry. Good luck!

Name: Age: Tel:



Congratulations to Kitty Morrison aged 5, (left) winner of the February competition and Erin Moorhouse aged 4, (right) winner of the December competition

STREET MARKET

A Street Market meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16th May at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall. If you are involved in any way, or could give a little time on the stalls, stewarding, setting-up and down or helping generally, please come, or speak to the Wardens Liz and Colin 51319 or 51426.

KNIT & KNATTER

Monday dates for your diary:

16th and 30th April, 14th May
4th and 18th June, 2nd, 16th and 30th July
13th August, 3rd and 17th September
1st, 15th and 29th October
12th and 26th November

All to be held at Park View from 1.00 to 3 pm

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RACE FOR LIFE

The Marshall family are in training for this year's Race For Life organised by Cancer Research UK. Clapham's Barbara Marshall and her daughter-in-law, Sue from Keasden will be joined by Barbara's daughter, Jane from Clitheroe and Barbara's twin sister, Anne from Ludlow. However Barbara will also be supported by her four grand-daughters, Anna, Amy, Rani and Maya who are all aged between eight and ten and will be running with her wearing identical tee shirts bearing the title, 'Grandma's Team'. If you would like to support this worthwhile cause by sponsoring them, then Barbara or Sue would be delighted to hear from you. The race takes place in Skipton on Sunday, 13th May.

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WHIST DRIVES

The Clapham whist group meets on Fridays at the Village Hall. Proceeds go to various charities. We have given £100 each to St. John's Hospice, Lancaster, and to Airedale Hospital for patient care.

Future dates: 6th, 13th and 20th April. 4th, 11th and 18th May. 1st, 8th and 15th June. All at 7.30p.m.

Asylum Seekers

I was pleased to read that Tim Hutchinson had offered a safe haven for tortoiseshell butterflies. Some weeks ago we too, were delighted to welcome three 'visitors' who have so far escaped the vacuum cleaner . . .

Beth is passive, self-absorbed, even lazy, with no interest in her surroundings.

Betsy is vain and precocious and takes every opportunity to show off her beautiful colours, fluttering her wings.

Butch lives up to his name, even travelling to other rooms for a night or two before returning to 'the girls' in the bathroom.

It is good to know that in a small rural village we welcome 'asylum seekers'.

Joan F.

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DOG FOULING AND THE DANGER TO CHILDREN

We have received the following information from the dog warden at Craven District Council.

Dog faeces carry harmful infections, the most widely known being Toxocanasis. Human toxocanasis is potentially a serious infection and is a direct consequence of soil or sand contamination with faeces carrying eggs of the parasite. The parasite can only infect humans if swallowed. Once swallowed the infection can last between six and twenty four months. Frequently the infection is through the hands but can also be with the dogs themselves, or through such things as wheels of toys and soles of shoes. Toxocara eggs are not infectious until they mature, which usually takes at least 2–3 weeks after they have been deposited by a dog, so if owners immediately clean up after their dog the threat of toxocariasis would be virtually eradicated.

Under the Dogs Fouling of Land Act 1996 failure to clean up dog fouling is an offence subject to a maximum fine of £1,000. Local authorities can also give offenders the option of paying a fixed penalty of £50 rather than going to court. Authorities can authorise contractors such as dog wardens to enforce the scheme and can also give the powers to other

designated persons such as parish councillors. Being unaware that your dog has fouled is not an excuse.

If individuals wish to take action against a dog owner who has not cleaned up after their dog, they should note the details of the offence. Details should include the name and address of the person in charge of the dog, description of the dog and details of the date, time and place. They should then contact the local authority and ask for details of the Dog control procedures.

Special doggy bags are provided free of charge by Craven District Council and are available at Council Offices and many post offices. The used bags should be put in dog bin, or taken home and put in an outside bin. As a last resort they should be double wrapped and placed in a litter bin.

Delivery in Keasden

After this issue Laurie Penrice will be unable to continue the delivery of the newsletter to houses in Keasden. We thank Laurie for his help in the past and assure Keasden people that the newsletter will be available for collection at the village shop in Clapham. If anyone in Keasden can help with delivery, if even to a small cluster of homes, we would be very grateful.

Please phone 51486 if you can help.

CLAPHAM W. I. NEWS

Would you like to frighten the neighbours?

At Clapham W.I. on April 11th, Jane Crisp will turn someone into a casualty with skilful make-up. Come along and have a look. On May 9th Jean McHale will present the sound of music (not the musical). A lively evening is promised.

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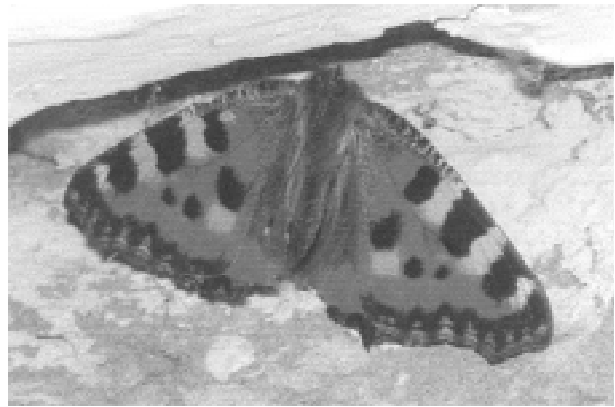
WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

Last year we had the coldest March for twenty years, this *year* February and March were mild except for the odd cold spell and this mild weather brought in some early spring migrants to the local area.

Flocks of Lapwings started to arrive in to the local area from the 2nd February. Two Oystercatchers were seen at Crook Beck on the 16th, (about two weeks earlier than last year). The first two Curlews were seen around the Hardacre Moss area by Kevin MacSherry on the 1st March (ten days earlier than last year), by the 9th flocks of Curlews were seen flying inland over the local area. Two Redshanks were seen at Crook Beck and two more were at Meldingscale farm on the 9th.

The mild weather also bought in a very early spring migrant, one Wheatear was seen by Jess Hart and Sue Hamblin on Newby Moor above Newby Cote on the 27th February. This is very early for wheatears as they don't normally start arriving into the local area until about the middle of March. The next Wheatear was seen near the Allotment on Ingleborough on the 11th and one male Wheatear was seen at Clapham bottoms on the 23rd.

The local breeding birds were all heard singing during February and March. The first Song Thrushes



Hibernating Small Tortoiseshell at Smithy Cottage

to be heard singing were at Clapham Station on the 2nd February. Most of the local Song Thrushes were back on territory by the middle of March, but on the 18th during a heavy snow shower a large flock of Meadow Pipits, 15 Song Thrushes and 10 Redwings landed in a field next to Ingleborough Hall, these birds will be migrating to their northern breeding grounds in Scotland or Northern Europe.

The first Skylarks started arriving back to the local area on the 2nd February and the first Skylark was heard singing on Hardacre Moss on the 18th.

Two Canada Geese flew South over Newby on the 24th February and one Great Crested Grebe was seen flying north over Clapham Moor near Crina Bottom Farm on the 25th, the Great Crested Grebe is a new species to the local area.

A pair of Tufted Ducks was seen on Clapham lake on the 23rd March.

The Small Tortoiseshell Butterflies are still hibernating at Smithy Cottage and 11 species of moths and two moth caterpillars have been found around the local area this year.

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