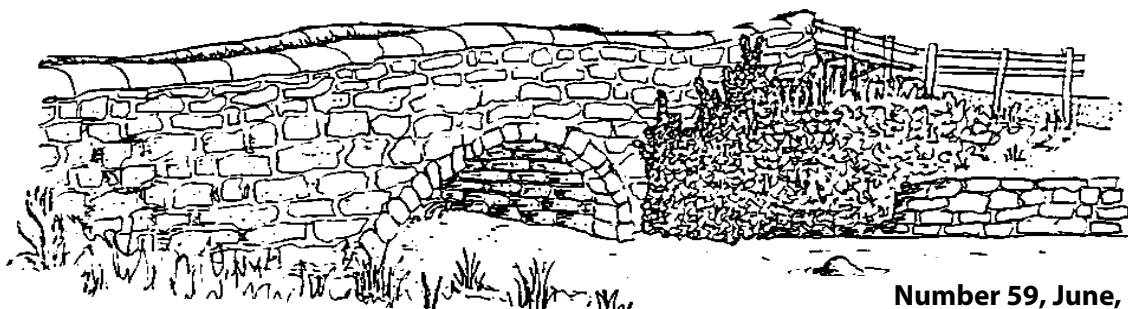


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 59, June, 2009

SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

Clapham Community Co-operative Community Orchard

We are now off the ground and beginning to develop schemes that will help reduce our carbon footprint in the Parish. These include helping to reduce household energy usage and thus lower energy bills, localise food production, generate renewable energy, reduce the amount of waste we produce and so begin the journey to a more sustainable way of living.

You may well have already come across our biodiesel project which recycles waste vegetable oil to produce a low carbon emitting fuel; our domestic heating oil bulk buying scheme; our 4R's scheme that aims to reduce waste, and our car-journey sharing scheme that aims to reduce the amount of car miles.

We are now planning to develop local food projects that will help local people become less dependent on food that has travelled many miles to reach our tables. We are currently negotiating with

the Ingleborough Estate for a piece of land to become a community allotment.

Our next scheme is to create a community orchard of fruit trees and fruit bushes. Land is scarce so we are floating the idea that we could plant at least one tree or bush in local household gardens and share the produce, perhaps celebrating the harvest with an annual Parish Fruit Festival. We would welcome your active participation in this venture or to allow use of your garden.

And we have other ideas beginning to ferment, for example designing a Forrest Garden as a means of learning about Permaculture.

If you would like to participate in the orchard development or any other of our activities, or even join the Sustainability Project itself then phone Eddie 51030 for more information.

Eddie Leggett

eddieleggett@mac.com

Report of the Parish Council meeting – 28th April, 2009

At a Recent meeting of the Parish Council parishioner requests were made that a copy of the local footpath map, and the railway timetable be displayed in the village.

The Police reported that out of 26 recorded incidents for Clapham area only six had been logged as crime. These were mainly theft, including tractor parts and stone. There had been the usual crop of accidents.

A planning decision received was the refusal to allow all year round occupancy, for a period of two years, of caravans to the rear of the former Flying Horseshoe Hotel.

It had been suggested some while ago that the name of the parish should include 'Keasden', after

consultation it seemed people were happy with it as it was. It was resolved that the name remained the same. It was reported that boundary markers on the Mewith Road, and on the Clapham/Ingleton A65 were missing, it was resolved these be attended to.

The usual crop of pot-holes in the roads were reported to the Highway Authority.

Advice was received about the implications of the coming Equality Bill, it was resolved that the Council's obligations under the Act with regard to race, disability and gender equality be carefully noted and acted upon at all times.

The Council sent a letter of support to the campaign to re-open the Skipton-Colne railway line.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes . . .

“Run with perseverance the race that is set before you”

I have been a keen marathon runner for some 25 years now, and have learned some important lessons about life from my running.

Running is an important part of my daily routine. I enjoy running, it keeps me fit and allows me to switch off whilst at the same time enabling me to think through problems. Whenever I run marathons there always comes a time when it hurts, my legs feel extremely heavy and I just feel like giving up. However, by persevering I always come through the pain, and on finishing the course feel a great sense of fulfilment, even joy.

Life is very similar to a race. There are times when it is easy, no problems, everything works well and life is good. At other times life is hard: mistakes we make, failure, sickness, bereavements, so many things can lead us to feel like giving up.

The words from Hebrews (chapter 12: verse 1) give us a clue as to coming through the difficulties and problems of life. *“Run with perseverance the race that is set before you”*. The clue to success lies in the second part of the verse which says, *“looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith”*. In my experience as a Christian and even a runner, Jesus enables us to draw close to God when life hurts. If we seek God’s help and strength he will indeed bring us through the pain and knocks that life gives us at times.

My prayer for you all is that God will give you perseverance in order to come through the problems and pains of life, to know the freedom, even elation, of winning the race.

Every blessing
Ian

EVENTS AND SERVICES

Saturday 27th June. Cream Teas at Eldroth Church (2pm – 4 pm)

Saturday 27th June Concert in Clapham Church, Steeton Male Voice Choir 7.30p.m. £8

29th – 30th June The Vicar is running St. Cuthbert’s Way (Sponsor Form in Church)

Saturday 4th July Stars & Stripes Barbeque at Bark Head, Lawkland. Commencing 6p.m.

Thursday 2nd July Quiet Day at Parceval Hall. (List in Church)

Saturday 11th July Parish Walking Club. Meeting at Austwick at 9.30 am. All are welcome for a walk of 3½ hours.

Sunday 19th July Songs of Praise at the Caravan Park near the A.65. Commencing 4.30p.m.

Sunday 26th July At Ingleborough Hall, Clapham. Fun afternoon. From 2.30p.m. to 5p.m. All welcome to come and listen to Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band, and enjoy free afternoon tea.

Tues/Wed 28/29 July. Children’s Holiday Club at Ingleborough Hall.

Saturday 1st August Keasden Church Annual Walk and Barbeque. Commencing 6.30p.m. (see posters for more Information.

Steeton Male Voice Choir

Saturday, 27th June

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Village people . . .

I first met the Whitakers about 1973. Dorothy had been baby sitting for us one Saturday and had stayed overnight because we were late back. The following morning I took her home in time for chapel and I can still remember the scene in their farmhouse kitchen when I walked in. Seven members of the family were there before Dorothy arrived but there was no pop music blaring from a record player, no radio disc jockey burbling an unending stream of mindless drivel and no television to offer the alleged delights of daytime TV. The atmosphere was calm and peaceful as they all sat quietly reading books of bible stories or, in John's case, a large family bible. It was completely different from the world I knew and brought home to me just how important religion was to them.

My interview with Isabel Whitaker was in many ways the easiest one I have done so far. I had persuaded her to take part some time ago and when I followed that up by a visit to her house I found that she had written out the relevant information so all I had to do was to ask one or two supplementary questions.

Isabel, who has lived in this immediate area all her life, was born at Low Moss House, Keasden and was the eldest of four children. Her mother came from the Cautley Spout area of The Howgills and moved to Keasden where she met and married a local farmer. Theirs was a hard life because they soon had to cope with wartime rationing and they had no car to make life easier in such a remote spot. They made the bold decision to invest in a shippoon for 28 cows which was very large in those days and Mum had to help with various tasks including milking and hay making when she was not looking after the children, making peg rugs and scrubbing stone floors. She would have been incapable of understanding such hideous modern phrases as 'me time', 'quality time' and 'chilling out'. Her father invested in pedigree Friesian cows with lovely names like Duchess, Grace and Trixie and their descendents are still to be found on the Whitaker's farm today.

Isabel recalls walking to school and to the Methodist chapel which were a mile away. The walk was tinged with fear because soldiers used the moor for training. When Keasden School closed in 1946 she transferred to Clapham then Ingleton and finally Settle Girls' High School where she particularly enjoyed maths, geography and sport. By this time her father had developed brucellosis and consequently Isabel had to help on the farm whilst still at school



The Whitaker family in 1970

and then turn to farming full-time when she reached school leaving age.

John, the third child in a family of five, lived in Wrayton as a boy and walked to Melling School until he transferred to Burton for his final years of education where history and music were his favourite subjects. His early experiences of the world of work included a spell as a grocery boy in Hornby, working as a gardener at Melling Hall and farming.

When he took up a job as a farm-hand at Ernest Townley's Nutta Farm he attended Keasden Chapel where he caught the eye of a young lady and was courageous enough to ask if he could walk her home. En route one Sunday, Isabel's uncle wound down his car window as he passed and said to John that he too would have to call him uncle soon. His prediction was accurate because John and Isabel were married in 1956 at Keasden Chapel and their first home was the converted school known as Bracken Brae. They have six children: Dorothy, Alan, Grace, Ian, Joyce and Robert. Before the arrival of Dorothy they had moved to Moss House when Isabel's father retired. They had an extremely challenging life because,

Faith and the Family

in addition to raising a large family and doing all the usual farming jobs, they decided to keep large numbers of hens and they sold eggs as well as milk. In those days before global warming winters were more severe and much time and effort were required to overcome prolonged disruption of water supplies on isolated farms. The children, however, were too busy sledging and building igloos to notice.

They were very pleased to move to Bowsber Farm because it was much bigger and its location meant that the children could continue at the same schools. At this time John was heavily involved in helping to build Bethel Chapel following the decision to break away from the Methodist Church and set up an independent evangelical place of worship. Fifteen years later they moved to their present home down The Green and at first this was a strange experience because for the first time they had neighbours and villagers could walk past the window. Isabel's note says 'No more curlers' and so I assume this refers to her and not John. He continues to work on the farm now run by Alan but he tries to pace himself. They love living in the heart of the village and are still very active in Bethel life where Isabel plays the organ at both Sunday services. She travelled by train to Bentham as a girl for her piano lessons and what she learned then has come in useful ever since. John is a preacher and senior member of the congregation.

Faith and the family are the most important things in their lives and the Whitakers, like the other Bethel families I know, are a wonderful advert for their beliefs.

Stuart Marshall

Christian Aid

The Christian Aid Week house-to-house collection for Clapham, Keasden and Newby raised £647.01. This does not include the School who are busy now making their contributions.

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The NSPCC's North HACK takes place on Saturday 5 September, 2009, starting in Clapham. The route will go through some amazing countryside, natural woodlands, valleys, viaducts and gorges, rising up to see striking views across Yorkshire from the pinnacle of one of the peaks. The route will then wind back down through several picturesque villages, finishing back in Clapham, just minutes away from the birthplace of Benjamin Waugh, one of the founding fathers of the NSPCC 125 years ago.

The HACK is a great way to start a keep fit campaign, and is an amazing challenge and experience. The HACK will be a fabulous day out in the great outdoors and a valuable opportunity to support the NSPCC. You could even make the walk part of a great weekend away. Every penny of sponsorship money will be used to support NSPCC projects and services across the United Kingdom and Channel Islands .

As usual there are limited places available for each walk. The registration fee is £15 and is for over 18's only (£1 of the registration fee is being donated to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to help support path maintenance and enhancement in the Three peaks area of the national park). For further details (including video and photos from HACK 2008) and online registrations and payments, please log on to www.nspcc.org.uk/hack or contact the NSPCC North appeals office on Tel: 0113 2299 313 or e-mail: canuHACKit@nspcc.org.uk

*Michelle Thompson
Divisional Communications Officer*

LOOKING WELL NEWS

We are all excited about our Open Day on Saturday, 6th June, which has LOTS to offer all ages – activities, demonstrations, information, art exhibitions as well as stalls selling plants and crafts, and our café serving homemade cakes and soup. Specific activities include: a local walk, (to include birdwatching, starts from Looking Well at 10.30); 'plant your own hanging basket'; children's art-in-the-garden; story-telling tent; demonstrations from first-responders and jewellery from recycled materials.

Also available: examples and information on NYCC's adult education classes. It's a great opportunity to find out just what the Looking Well is all about and what we offer, so please come along, bring a friend and share the fun. Any spare plants you could donate would be gratefully received (on 5th or 6th), thanks.

In the Garden on Tuesdays in June/July from 2pm, at the Enormous Turnip Club, we will be looking at: organic weed and pest control; container and hanging baskets; protecting and pruning plants; winter/spring harvests. The sessions are free and friendly and a great way to get out.

For the first time, Looking Well is contributing to the annual North Yorkshire Open Studios weekends (20–21 June and 27–28 June). 'Into the Light' is an exhibition of new contemporary work by emerging artists, including work from young Bentham artists. It promises to be a varied show of work and is on display from 11.00 to 4.00 each weekend day.

Why not discover your inner creative self? Workshops are being run by Chrissy Burgess – 'Wild Wet and Woolly' felt making (Saturday 20th) and Ali Clough (Sunday 28th) – 'The Artist Within' a creative play session for grown ups. Times 11–4, limited places so phone early to book.

We welcome all to these events. To book, or for further details phone Julie on 62672 (e-mail julie@pioneerprojects.org.uk).

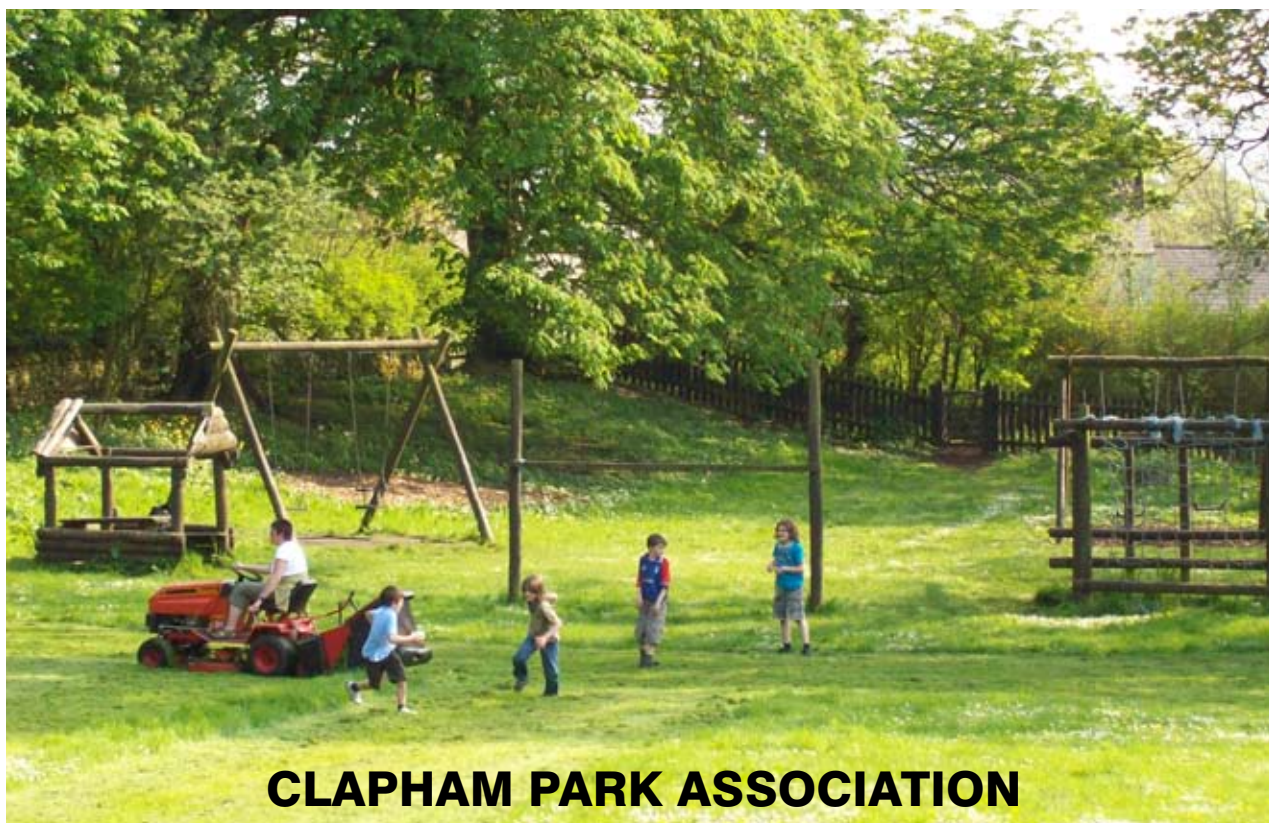
Clare Hucknall and Alison Clough

Stars & Stripes Barbeque

On Saturday 4th July there will be a Stars and Stripes barbeque at Bark Head, Lawkland, proceeds to Clapham Church tower project.

Tickets are £5. Drinks will be available. There will be a raffle.

Anything appropriate that you wear will add to the atmosphere. It starts at 6p.m. and details are available from David Parry (Tel: 51132)



CLAPHAM PARK ASSOCIATION

We have now had confirmation of a new 30 year lease for the park and would like to thank Dr Farrer for his generosity in continuing to provide the land.

We have had plans designed by three professional companies for a new play area layout and equipment. The children from Clapham Primary School were consulted and their ideas have been taken into account. £60,000 will need to be raised to fund this new exciting project. We are in the process of applying for grants to help towards the cost of the new equipment but a lot of community fundraising will also be needed.

A grant has also been applied for new 5-a-side football posts. Confirmation of whether we have been successful will be received by the end of June and the goalposts will be in place by the end of the year.

As a small group we are working hard to move things forward and a lot of fundraising ideas are in the pipeline. Everyone in the village is invited to join the association and the next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 7th July at 7:30pm in the New Inn. It would be fantastic to welcome new faces, as well as your ideas for the on-going fundraising.

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DETECTIVE WORK!

I live at Barn House, opposite the church on the other side of the beck, and I wonder whether any readers of the Newsletter might be able to help me with a little detective work? I attach two pictures for consideration:

- 1 Initials and a date – the initials read HV (or possibly this is A Y) 1935
- 2 This illustrates the corner of the building.

The initials and date are on the face of the wall indicated by the white circle, about four or five feet above ground level. They are between the green



bush and the downstairs window. I understand that at the time, the building was used for various purposes including a chicken shed, somewhere where radio batteries were charged, a barn etc.

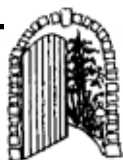
I would love to find out who it was scratched their initials in some soft cement all those years ago; from the height, it could have been a child. Also, if anyone has any other recollections or photos of the building that was only much later converted into a house, I would be pleased to hear from them.

If anyone can help, I would be very pleased to hear from you, I can be contacted on 51010.

Peter Henry

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CLAPHAM CLEANS UP

In the summer of 2004 Clapham Development Association obtained funding to pay for clearing the snowberry from the becksides near the waterfall beside the churchyard. In the following months many residents helped to root out the dreaded snowberry, replant with indigenous species, install three memorial benches and a guard rail on the becksides, build a roadside viewing platform accessible by wheelchairs and erect new metal railings. The scheme was opened by Prince Charles when he cut the ribbon on 22 March 2005.

Since then the snowberry on the becksides has been cut back in other areas, garden refuse has been cleared from the becksides all the way from Mafeking Bridge to the churchyard, the footpath from the church bridge to the playground has been made safe and the old entrance to the Nature Trail has been reopened after being closed up for 50 years or so.

This work was carried out by volunteers in the Clapham Environment Group. In recent weeks the Group has moved on, tackling the litter left by thoughtless people on village streets and the approaches to the village. This time they have been joined by new members who volunteered during the Parish Plan survey. A total of 17 residents have joined one or more work parties on 27 February, 30 March and 2 May this year.

On 27 February what seemed like several years' accumulated litter was cleared from the footpath, grass verge and belt of trees beside the A65 from Station Road to 'Growing with Grace'. Many hands quickly made light work and we moved on to clear the verges



beside Old Road from the New Inn south to the A65 at Bowsber. 30 March saw 12 of us clearing litter from the carpark and from the verges beside the road from the village shop north to the A65 opposite the turn to Bentham, including the section of the former A65 which is now disused except for unauthorised parking.

On that day we filled 18 dustbin liners with litter, rubbish, and the remains of two traffic signs. Craven District Council had provided and delivered a dozen Ranger litter-picking gadgets, a dozen pairs of heavy duty plastic gloves and all the dustbin liners. On the following day they sent a vehicle to collect the bags of rubbish – the photograph shows them awaiting collection.

On 2 May a smaller group cleared the dead vegetation from the becksides below the viewing platform. The native species planted there in 2005 with the help of local school children have blossomed and spread. They have been joined by an Irish yew planted in memoriam and by a wollemi pine. This pine is a species long thought to be extinct but recently discovered to be alive and well though much in need of being transplanted more widely to ensure the survival of the species.

The next Group working party will be held on Tuesday 9 June, 10.00am – 12 noon, meeting in the carpark to clear litter from the roads leading to the Nature Trail and from the Trail itself after the winch meet at Gaping Gill has finished. Please join us if you can, many hands make light work.

Meanwhile we hope that some at least will pick up any litter which they see as they move around the village and its approaches.

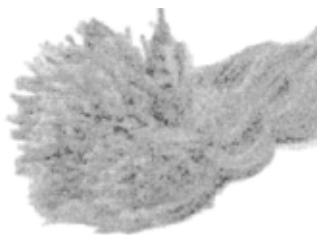
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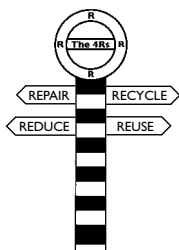
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Creative Recycling Competition

The 4R's Group is committed to addressing the serious issues associated with recycling, but in response to requests for a Family Event to celebrate the 30th Clapham Street Fair, and this year's 'green' theme, the group invites you to take part in a Competition.

Make SOMETHING from materials that you consider useful, discarded or waste – bits and pieces from the shed, the sewing box or the recycling bins. The object you make could be static or have moving parts. It could be an abstract, animal, human or mechanical form. It should be fixed to a stiff card base*, approximately 26cm x 18cm (10" x 7") and stable enough to be transported by members of the Group to different display areas in the village after judging. Minimum height of finished object = 15cm (6"). Maximum height of finished object = 61cm (24").

* Cardboard bases and Entry Forms will be provided for the children of Clapham Primary School.

Your choice of materials could be taken from the following suggestions:

plastics, small pieces of wire or elastic, bent paper clips, cardboard, polythene, silver foil, a jam jar, a twig, a button, tin, baler twine, cling film, broken flower pot, clothing fabrics, lids . . . who knows! You might want to make your object from just two or three materials. Entry Levels: **Level One** = 5–11 years. **Level Two** = 12–17 years. **Level Three** = 18 and upwards. **Level Four** = Family group.

PRIZES for all levels. The judges will look for an imaginative use of materials, artistry, engineering skills, humour, etc.

Judges: John Sutcliffe, Craven District Council Waste Minimisation Officer
John Norris, Engineer, Chairman Clapham Bio-Diesel Project
Rachel Daniels, Artist

Winners will notified by telephone before July 25th.

All entries will be on display on **Street Fair Day**, Saturday, 25th July, at Clapham Village Hall, throughout the day (10.00am – 4.00pm, the Refreshments venue) and at the evening party. They will also be on display at Ingleborough Hall on Sunday, 26th July between 2.30 and 4.30pm.

Please take your entry form(s) attached to your exhibit(s) to Clapham Primary School any Wednesday during term time between 3.30 and 4.0pm. The closing date for entries is Wednesday, 15th July. For queries and/or additional entry forms please telephone 51030. Exhibits will be available for collection from Ingleborough Hall between 4.00 and 4.30pm on Sunday, 26th July, or taken to Long Barn, Cross Haw Lane, for safe keeping until collected.



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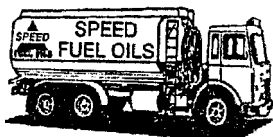
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A taste of India for Clapham School Children

India has provided an interesting and exciting focus for our work this term. All areas of the curriculum have been included in our work, but the science of making chapattis and making three dimensional maps of India were particularly enjoyable. Other highlights included a trip to Bradford and a dance experience that we shared with Horton, our partner school.

Our School trip to Bradford

by Kitty, Erin, Tallulah, Matthew, Nelson and Henry

First we got prepared for our journey on the big, blue bus to Bradford. It took us two hours to get there.



Next we went to the Bombay Stores. The first thing I saw was a lot of colours. I saw red, yellow, blue, oranges and all sorts of colours. There were a lot of clothes. At the Bombay stores we looked at saris, shoes, turbans and jewellery.



After that we went to an Indian restaurant called the Kashmir. In the restaurant there was delicious spicy food. We had popadoms, naan bread, curry and rice. It was yummy.

Later on we went to the Gurdwara. In the Gurdwara we saw the Guru Granth Sahib. We found out that the holy book was put to bed each night in a full sized bed. The lady also showed us some musical instruments. She showed us a drum called a tabla and something a bit like a piano but it had a fan. Finally we got the bus back to Clapham.

Our Indian Dance experience

The children have been very lucky to be taught Indian dance by Edna Watt who has trained in India. The children have learnt to sing Indian songs and have enjoyed dressing appropriately for the activity. They have also had to develop their ability to concentrate,



Some of Class 1 enjoying their dance lesson

remember complex sequences of movement and produce controlled and balanced movements. Along with the physical and creative aspect of the activity, they have also learnt to respect this ancient art form and the people whose culture it represents.

Fund raising at Clapham School

The children at Clapham School enjoy fund raising for charity. They particularly enjoyed dressing-up for Comic Relief as you can see from the photograph.



On 1st May the children wore a patch over one eye for the day to help them to understand how it feels to be visually restricted in this way. They were sponsored to complete this challenge. The money raised will be used to build a sensory garden and also buy equipment suitable for use by children with sensory impairment. If you would like to sponsor the children please contact school.

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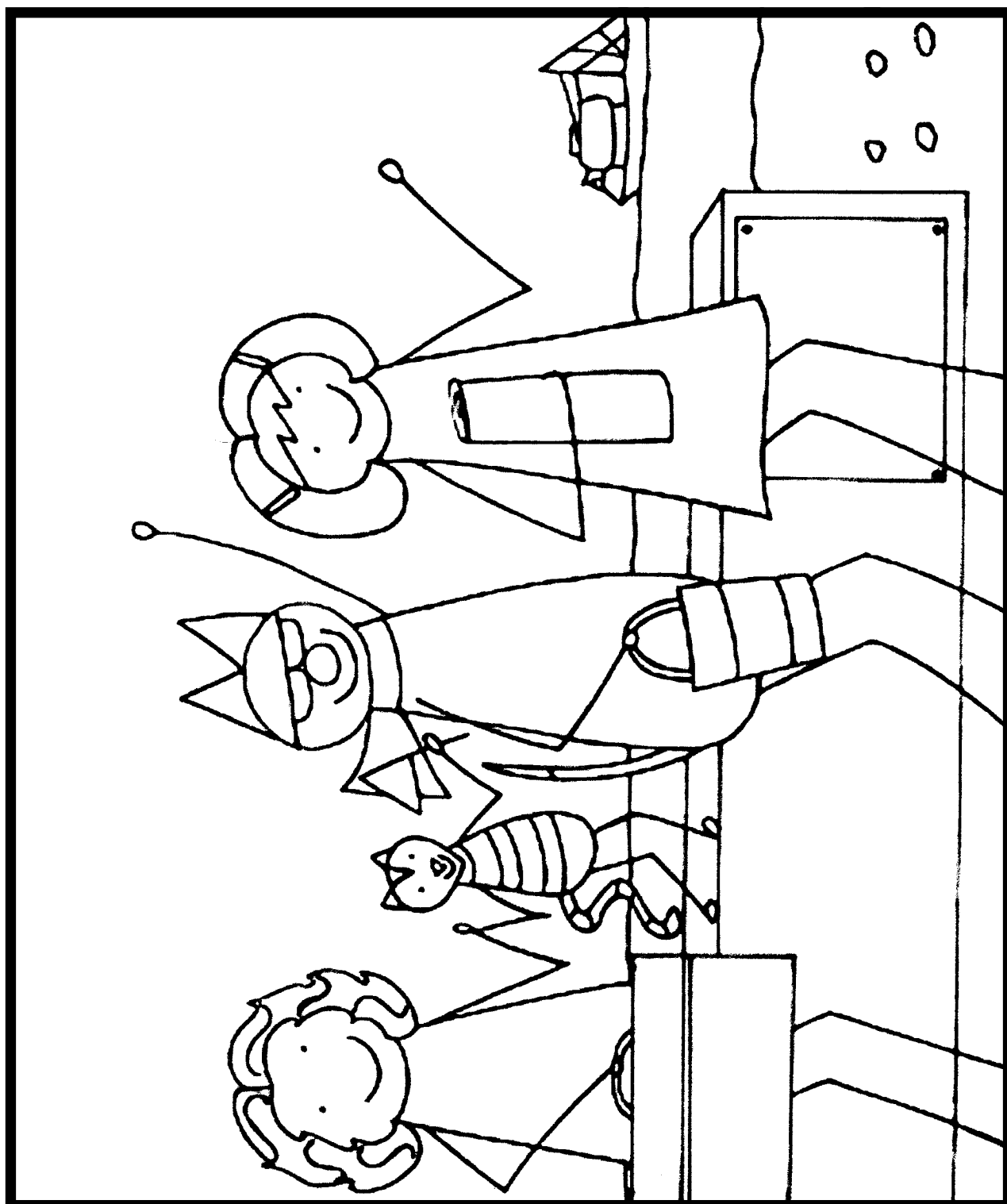
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Congratulations Anna, your yellow lamb looked full of Spring sunshine!.**

Anna wins a pack of colouring pencils.

Simply colour or paint this picture and send it to Lesley Crutchley, Gildersbank, Clapham
Competition closes on 4th July. Super prize for the winning entry. Good luck!

Name Age Tel.

WILDLIFE AT CLAPHAM

Summer migrants started arriving back to the local area from the beginning of April. The first back was a Chiffchaff seen and heard singing at Ingleborough Hall – 1st April. This small drab olive green warbler has a very distinctive song as its name suggests (Chiff chiff chiff chaff). The other warbler which is the Willow Warbler that looks like a Chiffchaff but has a loud warbling song was seen and heard singing at Clapham Station – 3rd April and within a week they could be seen and heard singing all around the local area.



The Nuthatch

The first Swallow to arrive back was seen over

Crina Bottom Farm – 3rd April. This is quite early for Swallows as they don't normally arrive back until the middle of April. Within a couple of weeks they were numerous around the local area. The first two Sand Martins were seen near Nutta Farm – 3rd April, by the end of May at least six pairs of Sand Martins were breeding at Crook Beck near Calterber Bridge. The first House Martin back was seen at Clapham Station – 10th April and the first Swift was seen over Clapham – 4th April, they can now be seen and heard screaming around the village.

Other migrants that arrived back to the local area were Blackcap at Ingleborough Hall – 7th April, Garden Warbler at Crina Bottom plantation – 2nd May, Redstart at Trow Gill – 22nd April. One Cuckoo

was heard calling from the Keasden area in early May, one Cuckoo called at Limekiln plantation – 7th and 10th May. One Cuckoo was seen flying over Hardacre Moss and one Cuckoo flew over Clapham Moor calling near Crina Bottom farm – 22nd May. Spotted Flycatchers arrived back to the Clapham area from the 15th May with one at Ingleborough Hall, two near Brokken Bridge at Clapham and four on the Nature Trail. Eleven Sedge Warblers were seen and heard singing at Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor – 10th May. A flock of eight Dotterel were seen on the summit of Ingleborough by Jess Hart and a party of school children from Ingleborough Hall – 20th May.

Until fairly recently Redpolls were just a winter visitor but they are now breeding around the local area at Ingleborough hall, Crina bottom plantation, the Meldingscale farm area and around Keasden. They have been seen recently feeding on Niger seeds at a garden feeder at Hawsheath farm, Keasden.

While some birds are just starting to breed some have already got young out of the nest. The pair of Ravens at Trow Gill fledged three young by the 10th May. A pair of Stonechats had four young at Hardacre Moss – 22nd May. A Lapwing chick was seen at Meldingscale Farm – 17th May and a pair of Blackbirds was feeding young out of the nest at Ingleborough Hall – 23rd May.

*Tim Hutchinson
Smithy cottage*

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