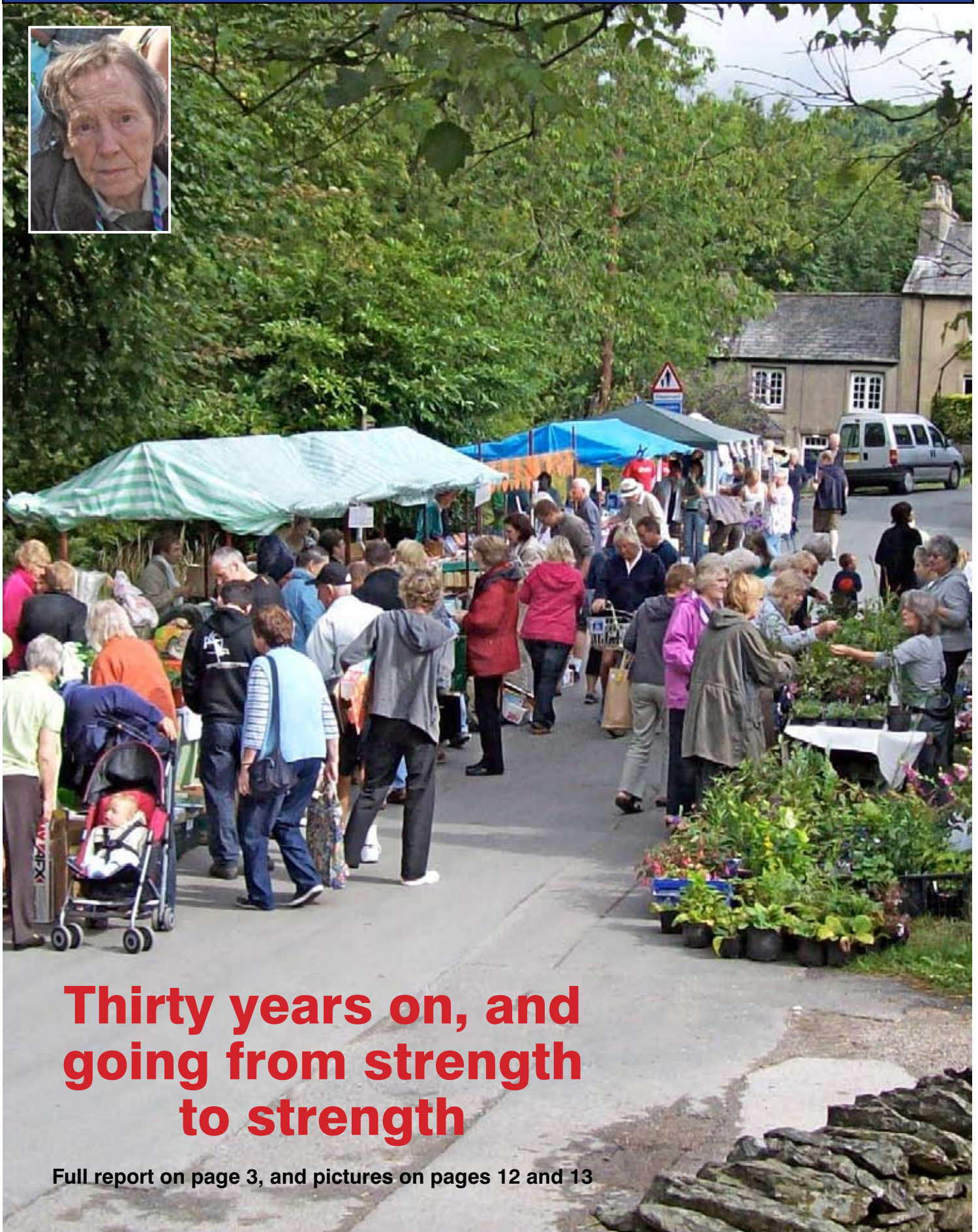


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# 30th STREET FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

I don't imagine that those planning the first Clapham Street Market in 1979 thought that 30 years later we would still be running this event. It began as a way to raise money for church funds and, because that need is still there, so is the Street Market. Some things have changed – the name for one thing. We now have to call it a Street Fair in order to get the appropriate permissions to close the lower part of Church Avenue; we also need to have a much greater awareness of the dreaded Health and Safety issues; and perhaps we provide more entertainment because the expectations of the public are that much greater.

However, despite these things which separate the world of 2009 from that of 1979 the core of the original Street 'Market' is still there. It's above all a community event and we welcome other groups so that they can run a stall to raise funds for their own particular cause. This year there were 20. Added to that were 11 church stalls and the street was buzzing with activity from early in the morning. There is something quite special about seeing Church Avenue thronging with people who are clearly enjoying themselves and making the most of greeting old friends – some of whom they may not have seen since the last Street Fair. The atmosphere is added to by the various entertainments booked for the day. The Craven Accordion Sing-along Group provided a tuneful and restful oasis while the Morecambe Bay Carnival Beat Band had us shaking our hips! In fact this became a real show when they were joined by local children who danced enthusiastically to the beat. A new addition this year was Zoot, a very versatile street entertainer. Whether appearing on stilts, his unicycle or as Horace the Three Legged Man, his stunts and gentle humour attracted interest and laughter from the crowd.

The Duck Race, run by the Village Hall, has long been a feature of the event (have you noticed how many other people do this now and make a great fuss of their 'original' idea) and the day built up towards this climax. This year all 700 ducks were sold (possibly for the first time) and the water level in the beck guaranteed an exciting race. There was the usual neck and neck finish and the one thing we can be sure of, is that it was won by a duck in yellow livery! However, this was not the end of the drama because the force of the water drove many of the ducks in the chasing pack over the waterfall and towards the River Wenning. Thankfully, all was not lost as Sgt Les Moorhouse risked life and limb throwing himself into the water and to the rescue!

There are almost too many things to talk about and too many people to thank but pride of place must go to Jean Claughton (inset on front page) whose event this really is. She has been the driver behind it for so

many years and it was a great joy that she was able to join us on this 30th Anniversary and we were able to make a presentation to her. We also had the additional benefit of a number of visitors who will never have had the chance to attend anything like this event before. They came from Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan, Somalia, Zimbabwe, Sri Lanka, Uganda and Bhutan and came via the Blackburn Cathedral Asylum / Refugee Project. Perhaps it would be appropriate to give them the last word:

*"The day was very special and I know I can pass on our thanks to you all and look forward to coming again and receiving a warm, reception of love and care shown by all the village, all of the group thoroughly enjoyed the occasion, and especially the welcome by the welcoming team and the villagers".*

I think that sums up both the Street Fair and Clapham.

Sue Mann

## REFRESHMENTS IN THE VILLAGE HALL

Many thanks to those who prepared the hall and weeded the yard in preparation for the 30th Clapham Street Fair. Huge thanks to all those who baked scones, fruity slices, meringues, assorted loaves and amazing cakes so imaginatively and generously – the public were ready with compliments.

Many thanks, too, to thirteen long-suffering helpers who prepared almost 200 assorted sandwiches which were all sold by about 2pm. We are also grateful to the team of cashiers whose skill and calm in the heat kept the cash organised and the traffic flowing. Grateful thanks go to another team who set up the furniture on 24th July and helped throughout 25th, prepared and served food, cleared tables, washed and dried up crockery at record speeds, and cleared up at the end of our busiest market/fair day.

Thanks to those who printed and encapsulated our distinctive green signage, and erected it effectively and neatly round the village, removing it all by evening. Finally, good luck to the person who paid for food with the farthing found in the cash box!

Jeanne Parry and Ann Stewart

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## Tower Project – July Winners

The winners of the monthly Tower Project draw for July were:

£50.00	Margaret Hodgson, Bradford
£20.00	Gerald Kay, Clapham, John Latimer, Clapham, Tony Crooks, Newby and Jayne Ashworth, Rossendale.

## CHURCH NEWS

*The Vicar writes . . .*

*'Success in marriage is more than finding the right person; it is being the right person'.*

(Rabbi B R Blicher)

In a few weeks time, my daughter will be getting married. Traditionally at the reception, the bride's father opens the batting, playing most of his delivery with a straight bat. You need to come across as solid, thoughtful and sensible. But you also need to show that there is a lighter, more humorous side to your personality; let the guests know how much you care for your daughter and how confident you are that she and your new son-in-law will have a wonderful life together.

This is the time of year when many of our Churches will be conducting weddings, great opportunities for mission and building important relationships for future years. With the recent change in marriage legislation, couples can be much more flexible in the choice of Church in which to get married. It is vital that we make our Churches welcoming to prospective couples.

The Weddings Project Team discovered just how well the Church of England does weddings. Ten out of ten newly-weds rated their big day as 'good', 'very good' or 'excellent', and 92% would recommend their experience to a friend. A good marriage service begins months beforehand,, and part of that is the welcome prospective couples receive when visiting our Churches for the first time, and then for future visits prior to the wedding.

My daughter, Emma's wedding will be in Newcastle and I know that she has been made so welcome at the local Church. Please pray for all preparing for marriage, make them feel welcome and remember those conducting officially at weddings, that the service will indeed be an occasion for rejoicing, with the right balance of seriousness for

the occasion mixed with warmth and good humour.

'God the Holy Trinity, make you strong in faith and love defend you on every side and guide you in truth and peace'.

God bless you all – and especially those preparing for marriage.

Your friend and vicar  
Ian

### Clapham events August – October

**August 30th** United Service at Keasden 11am

**September 5th** Parish Walking Group meet at 9am at Austwick Church – walk at Kentmere followed by teas at the local farm.

All are welcome.

**September 19th** 'Buona Sera' An Evening with an Italian theme at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, Tickets £8 includes food, bring your own drinks  
– Sue Mann 51792 or 51324

**September 25th** Macmillan Coffee Morning. 10am – 12pm at Arbutus House.

**October 4th** Harvest Thanksgiving and Back to Church Sunday 11am in Clapham. Everyone is welcome.

**October 10th** A return visit of OCTAMERON in a concert of interesting music. 7.30pm in the Village Hall, tickets £8 includes a light supper. Please bring drinks and glasses.

### Coming in November:

**November 14th** Christmas fair 10am in Village Hall

**November 27th** Quiz at Settle Social Club for the Tower Fund

**November 28th** Poetry and Prose in Village Hall



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## ST. CUTHBERT'S WAY – MELROSE TO LINDISFARNE

On Sunday 28th June we left Austwick at 11am heading for Melrose. The roads were quiet and we arrived in Melrose at 2pm.

I began my run / walk at 2.15pm with a steep climb out of Melrose. This proved to be the hardest climb on my first day and I then began running on some amazing tracks, through a lot of woodland, along the banks of the river Tweed, over an amazing suspension bridge until, after nearly 4 hours I reached the village of Crailing where my back-up team met me at our Bed and Breakfast. A good hot bath, two mugs of tea followed by a good meal, and by 10.30pm I was in bed.

Monday morning I consumed a substantial Scottish cooked breakfast before setting off on my hardest of the three days. My support team met me twice during the day to supplement my drinks and food. I was thrilled to see my legs staying strong and once I had climbed the steep hills some lovely running lay ahead. Despite the irritation caused by flies I reached Wooler after nearly 28 miles in about 7 hours.

I slept soundly on Monday night and began my final leg at about 9am. I ran past Cuthbert's Cave and then within an hour was by the Causeway running towards Holy Island (Lindisfarne).

The whole experience was amazing, a lovely route, varied terrain, lots of history to ponder and thanks to many friends, I should have raised about £4000 with Gift Aid.

John Henry Newman wrote the Hymn 'Lead Kindly Light' and it has always been one of my favourites. During the hours of walking and running it was wonderful to feel the presence of God in creation, and this hymn sums up much of my faith, in particular, verse 3:

So long thy power has blest me,  
sure it still will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and  
torrent, till the night is gone,  
and with the morn those angel  
faces smile,  
which I have loved long since,  
and lost awhile.

May God Bless you all.

Your friend and Vicar, Ian



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## A tribute to Jim Hall 1947–2009

Jim was born on January 25th, 1947 at a maternity home in Bingley, and due to the very severe winter of 1947 he was six weeks old before he got back to the family home in Keighley. Jim was an only child and his parents Ernest and Edna ran a newsagents shop. Jim's school-days were in Keighley, and then off to study modern languages at Oxford. He went on to study for a Postgraduate Certificate of Education at Leeds University.

He and Kathy met during their early teenage years, friendship developed into love and they got married in 1968 at Lund Park Methodist Church in Keighley. Their first home was in Leeds where Jim had his first teaching post. After five years they moved to Richmond. During these years Robin and Zoë were born at Catterick Hospital. The next teaching post was in Longridge, and the family moved to Clitheroe where Rosie was born. Jim and Kathy stayed in Clitheroe until Jim's retirement five years ago when they began looking for a new location, discovering Kinsdale on Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

Throughout his life Jim was an avid reader, and he was obviously gifted in languages. Whilst teaching at Longridge he was granted a two-year sabbatical during which he wrote a series of French text books used in schools throughout Lancashire and elsewhere.

Over the years the family enjoyed many holidays together, France being a regular haunt, but Jim's favourite was undoubtedly Scotland and in particular Orkney and the Western Isles. He loved walking on the beach, relaxing in the sun on the rocks and the whole archaeology of the area.

Jim was a devoted son and looked after Mum and Dad as they got older, and indeed organized his Mum's move to Ingleborough Nursing Home towards the end of her life. Edna's funeral was held here in Clapham in May last year.

When Jim and Kathy moved to Clapham it very quickly became apparent to all of us how fortunate we were to have such a lovely and gifted couple joining our community. They rapidly got involved in so many aspects of village life. Jim became a School Governor, was involved in research into the local history of Clapham and virtually single-handedly updated the History of Clapham Church and organized the funding and printing of what is a superb publication. He helped with the Parish Plan and the Village Hall, became a member of the Church Council, a sidesman and reader, treasurer of the Tower Project, a bell ringer and a key worker for the Street Market.



*Jim, a very proud Father*

Jim was superb at running Quiz Nights and over these past few years has organized some excellent quizzes, particularly picture and music rounds. He enjoyed a whole range of music, especially jazz, and in his youth was a member of the Buddy Holly Fan Club.

Jim was a man who had his priorities in the right order. His family was very important to him. He and Kathy celebrated 40 years of marriage last year and Kathy a special birthday, and Jim organized a surprise holiday to Shetland. Over these past weeks of illness Kathy has supported Jim throughout. Jim was very proud of his three children, Robin, Zoë and Rosie, and more recently his pride and joy Matthew, his grandson.

He served the world of education all his working life. Jim taught many children and young people in over 30 years of teaching. He served our community, both church and village, and we are all the richer for having known Jim and his desire to serve.

But above all of that Jim was a man of faith. His faith and his church mattered and Jim knew in his own life the love, faithfulness and strength of the God he loved.

As I thought about today I remembered some words of Jesus who said, 'The Son of Man came to serve and give his life a ransom for many'. Jim was a man who served so many, in so many different ways. Today he will be well, out of all pain and in the place prepared by our Lord himself as saying these words: 'Well done my good and faithful servant'.

# UPDATE ON CLAPHAM SUSTAINABILITY

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Since the last short piece here in the Clapham newsletter about the Group there have been quite a few developments, so here is a quick summary update of latest developments.

This is by no means a full or comprehensive list of activities and what each individual “project” entails, but does give an indication of where we are hoping to be going and might just strike a chord of interest with members of the parish wishing to participate and contribute some time and effort, large or small, to get these very worthwhile ideas up and running

## Car-journey Sharing

Cars are a particularly big way of consuming fossil fuels. We can offset this by driving less, and when we have to drive do so more slowly. Car-Journey sharing is another way of reducing energy consumption. Our car-journey sharing scheme is ready to start thanks to Liz Walton, Sue Cowgill and Wendy Jennings who have developed this plan. We have a grant to construct a weatherproof notice board to be situated outside the Village Shop/Post Office where offers and requests for sharing opportunities can be advertised. We are also in discussion for use of a web site for a similar exchange. For more information phone Liz on 51460

## Household Heating Oil – Bulk Buying scheme

This scheme is up and running and has already organised four bulk deliveries at a reduced cost. Thanks to Glenys McMahon who has developed and organised the scheme to date. To join, phone Glenys on 51403

## Reducing waste – 4Rs Group

The 4R’s group Justina Sexton, Ann Stewart Sue Cowgill, Rosie Hull, Glenys McMahon and Jill Buckler have been active for some time. The objective is waste reduction. This is best achieved by reducing production or acquisition of ‘things’ we don’t really need, or repair and re-use of existing items, including re-cycling items.

The group have already run an awareness session in the village and now a competition using waste material.

We have a grant for publicity and the scheme will have use of the notice board. For information phone Jill on 51030.

## Energy Reduction

Energy reduction is a crucial element in the transition to a sustainable future. Simple things like switching off lights, using electrical appliances less and insulating our homes. The Sustainability Project has acquired computer software to help calculate household energy usage and to consider a variety of ways we might reduce it. We can also advise

on what grant aid is available for household energy saving. We have just acquired a grant to purchase the necessary computer, printer and projector. We need support to aid the development of this most important scheme. Volunteers are needed particularly to help with this activity which can be very time consuming for one person.

## Community Allotments

Jim Fox, Chair of the Tennis Club, has offered two pieces of land for gardening use at the top and bottom end of the tennis court. The top end is woodland, which lends itself to being developed as a woodland garden. Jim Fox and Eddie Leggett are planning to develop the area on a permaculture model as a means of a learning experience. Anyone interested in joining the experiment contact Jim on 51063

Also on the allotment front we have managed thanks to the kindly help of Doctor Farrer to obtain the use of some ‘spare’ ground situated at the top of Cross Haw Lane, which we will clear and cultivate see below as to inaugural intro to the site

## Community Orchard

We have a grant for almost £500 worth of fruit trees and bushes which can be purchased and planted in the autumn. We need volunteers to help develop the Orchard via local residents gardens, especially someone with knowledge of fruit propagation, to act as advisor.

Anyone with any interest in helping either by allowing use of their garden or planting . . . or both, phone Eddie on 51030

## Community Supported Agriculture

We have two possibilities at the moment, both of which are full of promise. John Dawson of Bleak Bank Farm would like to involve local people in a farming project. The front-runner of ideas is a Potato project in which local people would guarantee to purchase potatoes in the knowledge that they are locally grown and have not been sprayed. Involving local people in the planting and harvesting would keep costs low. This would in turn keep prices low. There is a lot of planning still to do. A possible start date would be Easter 2010. A working group of three or four people will be needed to start planning by the autumn of this year. Other ideas are welcome. Phone Eddie on 51030 or John on 51350.

## And Finally, hot off the press . . . Beekeeping

This idea is of very recent origin as far as the group goes but is one that has created quite a “buzz” (sorry), seriously, it has obviously created a lot of interest in a short time, and not just among members of the group but also fortuitously

# GROUP PROJECTS

the National park authority who are trying to promote this activity in a general sense of sustainable activities, and most especially as the bee population has sadly gone into a quite steep decline in recent years . . . they are prepared to finance any properly organised ventures with grants for equipment and training, so relatively new idea could be very successful

Any interested parties should contact Mike Cornwell on 51692

So . . . a lot going on and hopefully more to come soon BUT do remember, your village needs you (apologies to Lord Kitchener) and anyone with some enthusiasm/spare time to volunteer and help these projects get 'off the ground', or maybe even having an idea of their own they would like to share on this topic of sustainability, PLEASE don't be shy . . . make your interest and presence felt and step forward.

*Mike Cornwell*

## Animal Charities Fundraising Event

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## The Hot Seat

I thought it about time we got to know one of the youngest members of our community. Hugh is four years old and has lived in Clapham all his life – but in two different houses! Last November, he moved with his parents from the south end of the village to the north (apparently there are divisions in Clapham I was unaware of!) Hugh is pleased by his new home because he has a bedroom that's "bigger than giants"!

In order to interview Hugh, I went round for a chat with Hugh and his mum, Gillian. His dad was working at the Millennium Trust office, where Gillian also works. Hugh showed me his favourite toys – his 'Blue Puppy' and two elephants 'Ollie' and 'Tusca'. His other favourite things are racing cars and supercars and unsurprisingly, his favourite film is Disney Pixar 'Cars'. Hugh has a t-shirt, pyjamas and model cars of Lightning McQueen, the main character. He is thinking about being a racing car driver when he's older, perhaps sitting behind the wheel of a silver Maserati MC12, which he's seen

## Photographic Competition

To Mark this, the 10th anniversary of this Newsletter we have replaced the children's art prize with something a little different. The competition is open to everyone so get clicking!

Age categories as follows;

Children 4 to 10 years

Young People 11 to 18

Adults

Your image must be recent and reflect the local area. They could be landscape, people, buildings, the choice is yours. There will be a £10 book token for the winner of each age category.

Entries (non returnable) should reach Lesley Crutchley by August 31st. They can be in the form of a hard copy (please write your name, telephone number and age category on the reverse of the image) or an emailed digital image (a jpeg file with details of name, telephone number and age category.)

Entries by post to Lesley Crutchley, Gildersbank, Clapham, Lancaster LA2 8EG or email [lesley@gildersbank.co.uk](mailto:lesley@gildersbank.co.uk)

Each entrant may submit a maximum of two images. Winning images will be published in the next edition of the Newsletter. A selection of other images will appear in subsequent editions.

Winners will be notified by telephone during the second week in November.

The competition will be judged by Nigel Robinson of iprint, Clapham (printer of the Newsletter).

in his 'Cars' book. Although many of his toys are vehicle-related, Hugh also likes to jam on his dad's electric drums and bongos and the keyboard. Perhaps we are seeing a budding star in the making! Hugh did tell me, however, that he doesn't want to be famous. He seems happy living his life in "Clapham, North Yorkshire": going to playgroup; to the nursery "just down the road" (in Hornby!), seeing his friends, and making up imaginary worlds. Hugh would really like to go on holiday to France, especially if it were to stay in a caravan. He and his dad have tried out the tent in the back garden, but it seems Hugh would like to camp a bit further-a-field.

This September, Hugh is starting school. He has done a few days already with Mrs Harper and Mrs Pybus and appears to enjoy the excitement of new people, new toys and new activities. I'm sure, after meeting Hugh with his bright smile, he will settle in pretty quickly to this upcoming change. Who knows in twenty years time Clapham might have the equivalent to Lewis Hamilton!

*Fay Lockett*

## Clapham Park Association

Progress continues to be made with plans to improve the park. You may have noticed one of the designs is now being displayed at all three park entrances. We have also secured the grant of the 5-a-side football posts, which will be purchased and put in place as soon as possible.

We raised £42.50 at the Street Market and would like to thank those who donated baking contributions. On sale now is our 'Summer Holiday' quiz. Sheets cost £1.00 from the village store. There are three cash prizes: £20, £10 and £5. We hope you will support this fund-raiser and spread the word to friends and family who like to test their brains!

As always everyone is welcome to our next meeting, which will take place at the New Inn at 7:30pm on Monday, 7th September. It would be really great to see some new faces as we are only a small group. Currently, only three parents who have children in the village attend the meetings. We are desperate for more parents to spare their time for an hour once every two months to come along and share their ideas. It is appreciated that we all lead busy lives but the park is an important aspect of the village and is of benefit to all of us.



## Aspects of Ingleborough

by David Johnson

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## STARS and STRIPES BBQ

More than £300 was raised for the St James's Tower Project at the Stars and Stripes BBQ earlier this month. The event which took place at the home of David and Jeanne Parry in Lawkland was enjoyed by about 30 guests and, despite a damp start the weather was kind overall.



*Annie get your Gun – or Valerie Potter to us!*

## Clapham School PTA

Clapham School PTA would like to express their thanks to all those who baked for, helped on and supported in any way their stall at this years Street Fair.

A special note of thanks goes to the Coultherd family for bringing calves Daisy and Philip out for the day and also to David and Sheila Thornton for the offer of Miranda the pet Jersey cow who unfortunately was not allowed to attend. The photo's were a poor reflection of the loveliness of this beautiful animal.

Thanks to all who tried and bought our cow patt cakes. The Chocolate and COURGETTE cakes were a big favourite. They were made with courgettes grown by the children in our school garden. A novel way of getting one of your '5 a day'!

The total raised after expenses' was £144.16 which will go directly to supporting the children at Clapham School.

Thanks once again for your continued support

*Ruthie Woodhouse  
Secretary Clapham School PTA*

## Bulk domestic fuel order

We plan to put in an order for domestic fuel oil at the beginning of September. The group is not committed to purchase oil from any one supplier. Our aim is to find the supplier who will offer the best deal for our bulk purchase. Thus saving us money and cutting down on environmental pollution.

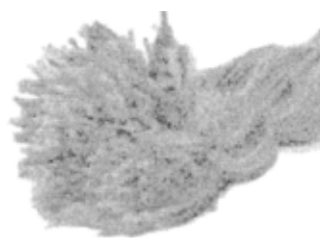
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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Sarah Wildman (former pupil of Clapham primary School) who has attained a BA First Class Honours degree in Hospitality and Leisure management.

Sarah has taken up the position of Trainee Manager at The Almanack in Kenilworth, part of the Peach Pub Group which is a group of independent gastro-pubs based in the Midlands





## 4Rs 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 ran a Creative Recycling Competition.

We would like to thank all those who took part in the competition with their imaginative contributions made from waste materials. The thirty-six exhibits included space ships with lunar landing modules, masks, underwater scenes, bird boxes and beautiful jewellery made from buttons, ribbons and safety pins.

We would also like to thank our three judges, John Sutcliffe, John Norris and Rachel Daniels for agreeing to pick the winners. Part of the criteria used by the judges was based upon a contestant's imaginative use of waste materials, and also the variety of waste items used. In particular they were drawn to exhibits showing a practical use such as the bird box.

The winners were: Tom Blondel 'Special Commendation'; Leah Duncan 'Special Commendation'; Ben McNamara 'Special Commendation'; Zara Coultherd 'Winner Level 1'; Jacqueline Woodburn 'Winner Level 2'; Esther Pugh 'Winner Level 3'.

Well done! And many thanks once again to all competitors and the judges.

The 4Rs Group: Rosie Hull, Justina Sexton, Glenys McMahon, Sue Cowgill, Ann Stewart, Jill Buckler



*Zara Coultherd the winner of Level 1  
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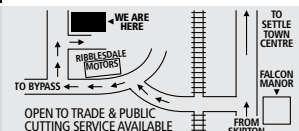


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For the moment the Parish Newsletter is the 'talking' place for those who want to make/ask for offers of lifts. In either case, we suggest you identify yourself by your first name and the first letter of your surname only – so that you don't find yourself talking through the Newsletter to the world-wide web!

Let's have a go at getting there together.

## Soccer School

St. James' Church and Bethel Chapel are supporting the annual Soccer School at Ingleborough hall from Wednesday, 12th – Saturday, 15th August, for girls and boys aged 7 to 14 years. An Awards Service will be held in Bethel Chapel on Sunday, 16th August.

For more information or to receive a booking form please contact Mark Hutchinson on 51228.

## NEWBY CHAPEL

### Dates for the diary:

**BBQ at Bleak Bank** on the 15th of August, 6:30pm onwards. All welcome.

Why not come and join us for the **Harvest Supper** on the 19th of September at 7:30pm and an evening with 'THE LONGTONS.'

### Looking further ahead:

An evening with Bill Mitchell on the 10th of October at 7:30pm in the Chapel at Newby.

Bill Mitchell is known to many as author of books of local interest as well as retired editor of 'The Dalesman' magazine.

It promises to be an interesting, informative and entertaining evening as Bill relates some of the humour and knowledge gained over the years.

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## Village people . . . in at the Deep End

Margaret Coultherd was born in Burton-in-Lonsdale in 1921. Her father was awarded the Military Medal during the Great War but, like many other soldiers, he never spoke about what he had seen because he had no desire to relive those experiences. He was demobbed in 1918 and became a miner at Ingleton Colliery. Her mother's family were farmers in Burton. Her parents then moved to Austwick where her father was employed as a lengthman with responsibility for maintaining the highway. His network of roads was extensive and he ended the week by sweeping the village streets on Saturday morning. Her mother sold baking to supplement their income because their ambition was to own their own house. At one time she acted as a warden at Battle Hill near the primary school where there was a hostel for poor people who came from Liverpool.

Margaret won a County Minor Scholarship to Settle Girls' High School and enjoyed her time there especially gym and playing cricket, hockey and badminton. She did not allow her enjoyment of sport to affect her academic work and she duly passed her school certificate. She then went to Market Harborough for a six month course in Institutional Management, studying cookery and housecraft. Her first job was in the boarding house at Skipton Girls' Grammar School but she did not enjoy it so she became a librarian in Settle's new library which was housed in the bank building that looks out on to Wes Spensley's shop. The authority wanted her to learn French and German to improve her qualifications but as there were no local opportunities to do so she left.

She enquired about vacancies in teaching and was sent to Horton. Try to imagine the situation she faced on her first morning: she had no training, no preparation time and some of the pupils were bigger than Margaret. "That's your class over there and the first lesson is to be scripture," said the headteacher. It was a case of sink or swim but she liked the challenge and stayed there until she took up her next post at Cowgill, near Dent. In her earlier working days she cycled everywhere but by this time she had bought an auto-cycle. She travelled to Cowgill via Dent Head and she lodged up there from Monday to Friday, involving herself in village life by setting up whist drives. Her last teaching job, before farming put an end to it, was at Eldroth.

Older villagers will remember Ned who became Margaret's husband when they were married at Austwick in 1943. She had met him when local youngsters hired a bus to travel to Tosside Institute for a dance. He was born at South View on Cross



*Margaret and Ned in Stratford. It is the last photo of Ned and was taken shortly before he died.*

Haw Lane and came from a long established Clapham family. His father ran Fountain Farm and his mother had a café in the front room. Ned and Margaret took on these responsibilities, assisted by Ned's brother, George, following the death of Ned's father in 1944. In those days dairy farming was different from what we know today and people would have been used to the sight of milk being carried in open buckets. Moreover, there were two deliveries per day and one customer insisted on having his daily pint brought to his home in two separate halves each morning and afternoon. Wartime brought 'a bit of rationing' but in a country area it had less impact than it did in the city. They were able to swap butter for tea and the ready availability of meat, eggs and milk meant that there was less hardship. Margaret remembers that the biggest local drama, the dropping of the Eldroth bomb, took place when she was cycling home from Austwick after a dance.

In later life Margaret learned to drive and it was whilst she was at a whist drive in Austwick that Ned died suddenly in 1983. The family then took over the milk round and ran the farm. Sadly the deterioration in her eyesight means that Margaret can no longer enjoy playing cards but the whist drive group she set up continues to thrive in the Village Hall. Her main pleasure now comes from talking books and an audio version of The Craven Herald. She can also look back on a host of memories of holidays she shared with Ned, including two cruises on the QE II and visits to such places as Yugoslavia and Canada.

Everyone in Clapham will know Margaret's two sons, Ernest and Tommy, as well as Barbara, Simon, Ruth, Sally, Zara and Ben. We have much to thank Margaret and Ned for because the whole tribe of Coultherds have contributed such a lot to life in Clapham.

*Stuart Marshall*

## Making is Fun!

Some stunning knitted flowers and decorated bangles were created at two jewellery workshops in the village hall. I was absolutely delighted with the results – they were fit for a London boutique!



We knitted away all day  
Making flowers  
And chatting away  
Our lunch was local  
Even the wine  
Rosie made the cake  
And it tasted fine!

We customised bangles  
With everything  
Adding things that dangle  
And lots of bling  
Afternoon tea  
We enjoyed at three  
And went home happy  
It was well worth the fee!

*Esther Pugh*

## We Sang for our Supper!

Esther Pugh and Sue Cowgill had the entertaining idea of earning your supper by singing for it.

Willing participants gathered together in the Village Hall in June where we sang classics like Abba and songs from the Sound of Music! Even the Kaiser chiefs and Pink Floyd were attempted.

It has to be said that some of our tune and vocal abilities were a little ambitious. Indeed many of us had chosen songs we liked rather than ones that were easy to sing.

It mattered not, as the result was a great deal of laughter and fun as we tried our best to do justice to our choice of songs.

A certain rebellious section occasionally broke into singing well-known pieces for which they knew by heart both words and tune.

We even wrote and performed some anthemic songs about Clapham.

We all built up a great hunger and thirst and enjoyed a delicious Jacobs Join supper and liquid refreshment for our efforts.

We look forward to the formation of the Clapham Choir very soon.

*Jill Buckler*

And here's one of the Clapham songs written and



performed on the night: (To the tune of Waltzing Matilda)

Beautiful Clapham Beautiful Clapham  
Bridges galore and views everywhere  
As we stroll and we sing  
And listen to the church bells ring  
And enjoy the village that we all share

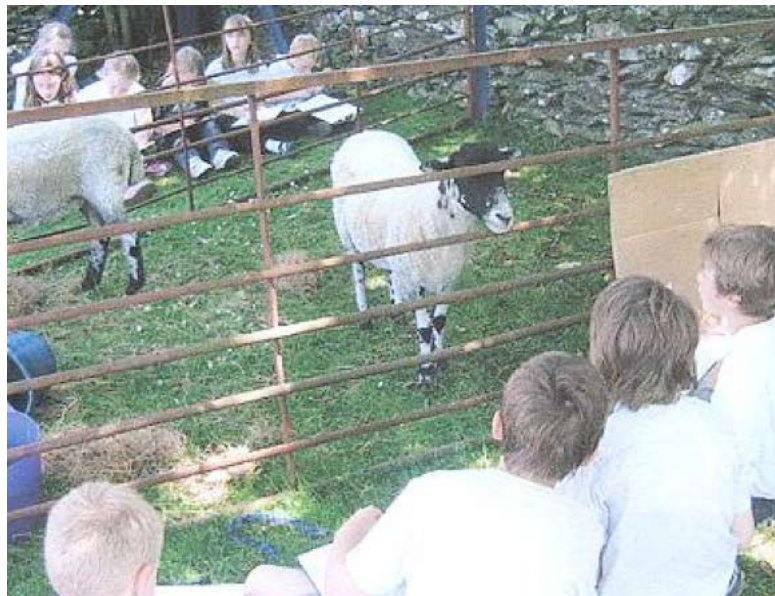
Clapham cum Newby  
Clapham cum Newby  
Clapham cum Newby and Keasden as well  
Friends from the City  
Think its mighty pretty  
And we all love our mountains, moorlands and fell

# School Sports Day – a report by Jessica Addison

## Working with Kate Lynch

At the end of June the whole school worked with the artist Kate Lynch to produce some charcoal drawings of sheep. Tilly and Loopy, the pet sheep that belong to Miss Haynes, visited school and the children were able to spend time doing observational drawings in both pencil and charcoal under the expert guidance of a professional artist.

Some of the children's work is to be exhibited at the Folly in Settle along with Kate Lynch's own work. The exhibition will be in place until Tuesday, 4th of August.



*Children observing Tilly and Loopy*



*Two of the children drawing the sheep*

On the 16th June, Clapham C of E Primary School had a great sports afternoon in the sunny weather.

Everyone took part in the fun events, round the field and playground. This included skipping, target throwing, the hoop challenge, jumping and javelin throwing. Following the five field events they went onto exciting races.

When the bell rang for the final time it meant the races were about to start. The first race was Class Two and Class One obstacle race. Then there was a variety of races which included the sack race and the potato and spoon race. Everyone was enjoying themselves so much, and there was much laughter and happiness. After a brilliant time everyone got a well deserved, juicy ice pop.

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## BETHEL CHAPEL

We would like to thank all who contributed to the sum of £300 which was raised at the Street Fair. The money was donated to the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle, where Martin Whitaker of Bousber Farm has spent the past three months having treatment in preparation for receiving a heart transplant, which took place on Sunday, 26th July and he is responding very well.

The money was donated to a fund at the Hospital that is there to support patients and their families who have to stay in or near the hospital for many months during treatment and recuperation.

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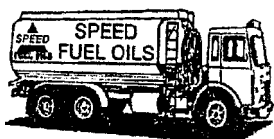
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# A Storm in a Teacup



On the 7th July this year I was lucky enough to attend the Royal Garden Party at Buckingham Palace, I was invited as a guest of my Mother who had spent 12 months working for the High Sheriff of Manchester.

When we arrived by train at Euston Station the sky was already looking ominous but nothing prepared us for what was to come.

At the Palace we had to queue by the main gates to go through security, while in the queue a rather posh elderly lady wandered up and down berating everyone for being so scruffy "In my day people dressed properly to visit the Palace, they didn't just let any old commoners like you lot in"!! So feeling smart and important, in we went. It started to drizzle.

We walked through the archway into the inner courtyard then into the Palace to what I think is called the Piano Room then out to the garden and a sea of umbrellas. The guests lined a walkway through the garden and at 4pm The Queen, The Duke of Edinburgh and Prince Andrew emerged and spent an hour chatting and greeting some of the guests. In the Royal enclosure there were other members of the

Royal family and guests and Dignitaries from all over the world many of whom were in National dress. For a brief time the sun shone and it was interesting to sit and people watch and listen to the distant rolls of thunder. The Yeoman Guards escorted the Queen to the Royal Tea Tent and within seconds the heavens opened, the lightning was directly overhead and the thunder was deafening. Rain and hailstones the size of 20 pence pieces fell. According to the evening newspapers the city centre received a month's rainfall in two hours. We were lucky enough to be in the tea tent eating cucumber sandwiches at the time and managed to stay dry but many people left, wheelchairs were being carried and the St John Ambulance were kept busy wrapping people in blankets. Throughout the whole thing the Welsh Guards Band continued to play. Eventually the rain did stop and we managed a squelch through the gardens and even took a few sly photos. It didn't really spoil the day, it was still an interesting experience and one we won't forget in a hurry. How many people can say they ruined their best shoes on the Queen's lawn.

*Sue Latimer*



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## Fall View Barbecue

The Peter trust for East Timor held its annual barbecue at the beginning of August and raised the wonderful total of £970. The funds raised will be going to an orphanage in Dili (the capital of East Timor), which is home to 55 boys and girls aged between eight and 16.

The Trust has been assisting them with school expenses (uniforms, books, satchels, exam fees etc.) and with food and fuel costs for the generator and transport which are shared with a neighbouring community.

With funding from the Trust a workshop has been established at the Dili premises equipped with a welding torch, spray-gun and various other tools which have enabled the older boys to effect simple vehicle repairs and also making metal bunk beds and other items for their own and other needful groups.

*Justina Sexton*

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## The Kindness of Neighbours

During the early hours of 22nd of June our garage was broken into in Newby and 3 motocross bikes, helmets, protective clothing and tools were stolen. (An article was in the Craven Herald). This was very distressing for the whole family having burglars in and around your property. My son Matthew who is 14 had saved for 18 months to get enough money to buy his own bike, which was stolen, less than 36 hours later! My daughter Amy got her bike in June for her 11th Birthday. Since this incident we have spoken to many people and advised them to lock up bikes or Quads etc. However today I wanted to write to the Clapham newsletter to say even though this incident was so distressing for the whole family I cannot believe what a lovely community we live in. We have had many phone calls from people saying how sorry they were for the family

knowing this is how we spend our "chill out" time when we are not at work or school. One particularly act of kindness that has brought me to tears – Dennis and Jill who live in Chapel House, Newby, who prior to this incident we just said 'Hello' to when passing came to our home once hearing what had happened and they brought Amy a brand new pair of motocross boots...an act of kindness that has left me astounded.

Thank you so much to people in the community who are restoring my faith in human nature!

*Jayne Lodge*



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# WILDLIFE AT CLAPHAM

On the 25th May seven Painted Lady butterflies were seen flying purposefully in a northerly direction over a three hour period over the Bowland Knotts, then on the 29th May I counted twenty-two Painted Lady's flying north in one hour over Clapham Moor near the railway station, after that, smaller numbers of butterflies were seen around the local area up to the middle of July. It all started at the end of April when Painted Lady butterflies were seen arriving in this country in large numbers, by the middle of June it was estimated that about ten million butterflies had arrived in this country. They breed in Africa and southern Europe and the



next generation from those breeding butterflies fly north to breed, some reaching this country. The generation from those breeding butterflies feed up on nectar, and then fly south to winter in southern Europe and Africa, the following year the cycle starts again. Some years, only a few Painted Lady butterflies reach this country, but in others like this year large numbers can be seen around the country. We will have to wait until the end of summer to see if they were successful in breeding around the local area.

Another species that seems to have done well this year is the Spotted Flycatcher (pictured here). At least twelve pairs have bred between Clapham and the railway station. There will be more pairs up the Nature trail and at Trow Gill. The pairs that were

successful were at Arbutus House, Chrissie Bell's house and two pairs at Clapham Station, hopefully the others will have been successful.

Six pairs of Sandmartins at Crook Beck near Calterber bridge all raised young after failures in the last couple of years.

At least one pair of Dippers raised young, as juvenile Dippers were seen on Clapham Beck at Clapham – 6th and 19th June.

Whilst our local birds are still breeding or feeding young, the Waders have completed their breeding season and have gone back to the coast or are moving through the local area in small flocks. Most of the Curlews have gone, one was seen near Crina Bottom Farm – 17th July and one called near Meldingscale Farm – 19th July. A flock of eleven Lapwings were seen at Meldingscale Farm – 19th July and six Oystercatchers were seen near Crina Bottom farm – 19th July.

Highlights for the local area were, one adult Mediterranean Gull flying over Hardacre Moss and Nutta Farm with a small flock of Black Headed Gulls – 28th May. This bird will have come from one of the breeding pairs at Stocks Reservoir.

One Quail was flushed on Clapham Moor – 18th July, this is another species that has arrived from Europe in large numbers this year. It is a secretive bird and is usually located by its whistling “wet my lips” call.

*Tim Hutchinson  
Smithy cottage*

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