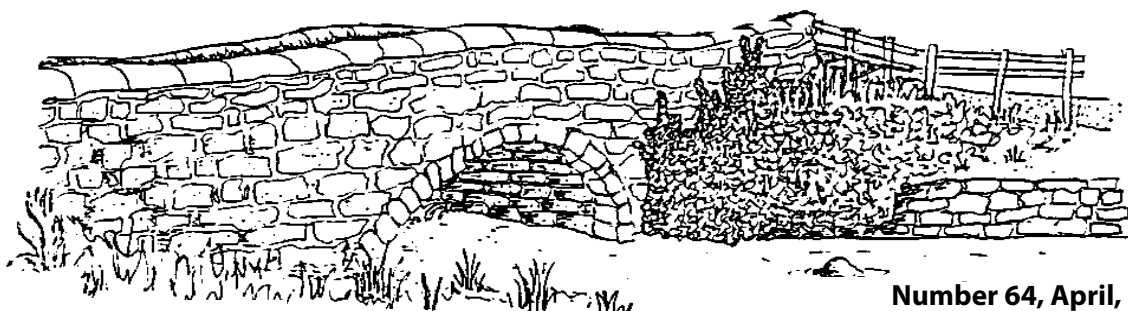


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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CRO CELEBRATES 75th ANNIVERSARY



During 2010 the team celebrates its 75th Anniversary of becoming the first active Cave Rescue Organisation (CRO) in the World.

We are one of only three teams in the UK who perform Cave Rescues as well as Mountain Rescues. Our volunteers come from many walks of life in the Dales. We are a team in more ways than one and indeed we have fathers, daughters, sons, husbands, wives and mothers and even the granddaughter of one of rescuers who was actually on the rescue in 1934 which caused the CRO to be formed.

Many members have given over 25 years of service with some over 40 years and one member over 50 years continuous service. Very few teams if any can match these statistics of long term dedication in helping those in difficulties above and below ground.

The camaraderie of such long serving members has played a major part in the team dealing with the tragedies and the highs and lows of our work. On several occasions we have had to deal with six incidents in one day and some occasions four incidents simultaneously. Indeed a large number of the team spent two weeks at Lockerbie when that tragedy occurred.

Since 1935, the CRO has attended more than 2,266 incidents. This has involved 3,320 people (aged from 5 months to 87 years). During 2009 we attended a record 88 incidents, of these rescues, 15 involved caves, 59 fell, 5 climbing, 6 animal, and 3 others. It is anticipated that we

will rescue our 3400th individual in the coming months.

The team is a major part of Dales Life and indeed our own survival over all these years has been thanks to the generosity of many people, organizations, businesses and the statutory authorities.

Last summer we added a £130,000 extension to our Headquarters at Clapham updating our training, control and storage facilities which now benefits one of the premier rescue organizations of its kind, in the world.

To celebrate the occasion of our 75th Anniversary on 5th June, 2010, CRO are having an open day at the HQ Clapham when we expect to have various events such as, a rescue race in the river, an all day BBQ, media show, equipment demonstrations and much much more

At 1.00pm we are to have the official opening of the extension. Come along and tell us your rescue stories, please bring any press cuttings and photos or photographs you might have. Everybody is welcome to just turn up – and especially any prospective new surface and/or underground members or anybody who would like to become just a Friend to the CRO.

Later in the year, on Friday, 19th November we are having a more official dinner in the Community Centre at Ingleton, along with invited guests. Any past members out there who would like to come – don't waste time please get in touch with: Sean Whittle @ personnel@cro.org.uk

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‘GIVE AND TAKE’ EVENT – A GREAT SUCCESS!

Clapham’s first Give and Take Day took place at the Village Hall on 27th March, 2010. It was organised by the Clapham’s 4Rs group (part of Clapham Community Cooperative Limited). For children and adults the event provided an opportunity to recycle belongings that were either no longer wanted, or no longer needed. Or perhaps they had never been wanted or needed in the first place but at the time seemed just what was wanted or needed! This was certainly a worthwhile occasion, providing the means to recycle goods that other people could use and enjoy rather than taking them to the dump for landfill.

So a good crowd of people came to Village Hall on Saturday morning armed with items large and small and set out their goods on the waiting stalls. These included Toys, Books, Textiles, Household, Electrical and Electronic, Bicycles, and the ever popular Miscellaneous! When they had parted with their surplus items people were free to take from what had been donated by others. But of course, you could just come along and take what you wanted, it wasn’t necessary to give anything, the whole idea was to recycle and save waste!

For children it must have seemed like Christmas except that they didn’t need to write to Santa Claus, they could just take their pick from lots of toys and games. Indeed the same thing applied to the whole



community who could choose items that they had wanted but never justified buying. So who now owns the battery driven monkey that nobody could turn off and who has got the 1000 piece jigsaw puzzle, not to mention a lot of interesting books? Who has got a new printer for their new computer and who are the owners of two fine bicycles or a pair of inline skates, not to mention cameras, vases, garden pots, and lengths of cloth - and did anybody take that brake disc?

An enjoyable morning was spent with chat, delicious coffee and cakes, and a great sense of serendipity – the art of making fortunate discoveries! At the end a count was made of what had been recycled and what was left: items that would be useful for other groups at future events were passed on and the remaining small amount, less than half a trailer full, was taken to the dump. But given the laden stalls earlier in the morning it was obviously a very successful event.

The 4Rs had obviously put in a lot of hard work on the publicity, and the room setup, not to mention the delicious cakes and coffee and their efforts had paid off. The group were rightly pleased with the benefit they had brought to the community. Hopefully another ‘Give and Take’ will be arranged before too long when the community can go along with their surplus belongings and make exciting and useful ‘takes’ in return!

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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes

A LIVING HOPE

How easy it is to lose hope, even for a Christian. Illness, unanswered prayer, being let down by others, the state of the world, the secularisation of our society. All these things can crowd out hope. Yet hope is one of the essentials of the Christian faith.

‘Be joyful in hope’, Paul urges the Christian in Rome (Romans 12 v 12), and at this season of Easter in particular, ‘We have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection’, (1 Peter 1 v 3).

I wonder how often we pray for hope in comparison with our prayers for love, patience or peace. It seems to be a forgotten spiritual attribute. Maybe because our focus is on the present instead of the future.

A chorus I sing at every baptism I conduct is ‘God is good to me’, and I often meet someone following a baptism who says to me ‘God is good’. Those three words are a statement of faith, a declaration of hope that, no matter what, things with God always work out for the good.

Secular society’s encouragement of positive thinking is a recognition of spiritual truth. Our thoughts can influence our outlook on life and how we act. Even as Christians, our minds can be a barren place if we have lost touch with God and allow cynicism to enter.

The prophet Jeremiah reminds us that if our confidence is in the Lord we will be like the tree spreading its roots by the water, we shall not fear when drought comes, (Jer 17 v 8). Soren Kierkegaard asks in a famous prayer for the courage to hope.

In a cynical world it takes courage to carry on

proclaiming faith, it certainly takes courage in the face of persecution. We need hope in order to do things – hope that we can make a difference; hope that others will come into the Kingdom; hope that the Church will be renewed; hope that ultimately all will be well. St Paul reminds us in 1 Cr 13 v 7 – ‘Love always hopes’.

Without hope we are stunted, but with it we can go on and do great things in the name of Christ. At this season of Easter may we all have a living hope based on our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Every blessing.

*Your friend and Vicar
Ian*

Church Notices

Next Parish Walk is on Saturday, 10th April meeting at Austwick Church at 0930. All are welcome.

An evening with Tony Berry of the Houghton Weavers on Friday, 9th April at 7.30pm in Austwick Church. Tickets from the Vicar

Treasure Hunt – Saturday, 8th May. For more information contact Ken and Brenda Pearce.

Clapham Art Group – May 29th, 30th, June 5th and 6th. Church members will be providing refreshments.

Saturday, 19th June – Val Boulard will provide an evening of musical entertainment. Tickets £8. Please bring your own drinks and glasses. Details: Sue Mann 51792.



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Clapham Park Association

Clapham Park Association held our Annual General Meeting on March 9th and lots of exciting developments are taking place this year. You will notice in April that new goal posts will be erected. These were paid for by a grant from "Grass Roots" via the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

We are also eligible to apply for a Craven District Council grant of £5,000 when we have proof of raising £15,000. We have so far raised approximately £12,000 and need a further £3,000 to qualify. If anyone would like to make individual donations we would be extremely grateful. Cash donations or cheques (made payable to "Clapham Park Association"), can be put in the donation tin at the Village Shop.

We are hoping to hold a stall at Austwick Street market as well as at our own street market. We would be very grateful for donations of good quality second hand toys, DVDs and children's books. Please forward any donations to the Village Shop. Thanks. We are holding "creosote fencing bring-a-bottle and brush party" on the 20th April at 6:30pm in the park. The whole fence around the park is in desperate need of treating and it would be great to involve as many members of the community and enjoy a drink or two as we paint. Everyone welcome with your brushes at the ready!

There are lots of plans in the pipeline and a very busy 12 months ahead. I would need a full newsletter to explain all that is going on. So if you want to find out more please come to our next meeting held on 27th April, 2010 at 7:30pm in the New Inn. We don't bite!

We look forward to the support of our Village and thank you in advance for any little help you can give to this worth while project.

Lucy McNamara – Secretary

Clapham Bee Project

– Gardening for Bees and Beekeeping Training

A bee project is being developed as part of Clapham Sustainability Group activities. It aims to help the recovery of both honey bees and bumble bees from their current decline, introduce more honey bees into the Parish to help with the pollination of the community orchard and other plants and produce local honey. The project has been successful in securing funding from the Yorkshire Dales Sustainable Development Fund through the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust to purchase seven colonies of bees, hives and equipment. It will also provide training for people who are interested in either keeping bees, having a beehive or two on their land or by helping someone else to keep bees.

One of the key things for bees is providing enough food for them from early spring to autumn through a good range of flowering plants; so the project will be hoping to encourage people to garden with bees in mind. To help with this there will be a talk on 'Gardening for Bees' in Clapham Village Hall on Friday, 21 May from 8 to 9pm. So if you're interested in creating habitats and growing plants to help both honey and bumble bees then come along to this FREE evening talk.

An introductory bee keeping course will run over the weekend of 22/23 May in Clapham village hall. It's for people who are either interested in finding out more about bees and beekeeping or are considering keeping bees. The course tutor is Julia Pigott from Kendal and South Westmorland Beekeepers Association who is an expert on both honey and bumble bees. The weekend course is free to people living in Clapham cum Newby parish or £30 if you live outside the parish and there are still some places available.

If you are interested in attending the course or finding out more about the bee project please contact Sue Manson on 015242 51405 or email susanmanson@yahoo.co.uk.

Village Hall

The Village Hall Committee are still looking for someone who would be prepared to do the job of treasurer. Following the announcement in the last edition of the newsletter, the one and only enquiry has come from an Austwick parishioner! !

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Anne Pybus

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ALL WELCOME

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3. Come along on the night and when we open the Swish you will be able to exchange your 3 donated items for 3 new ones!!!!
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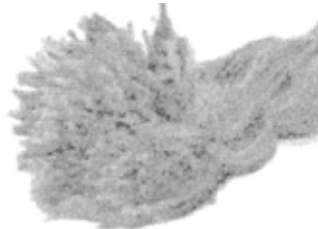
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The exhibition will be on show in the South Studio of The Looking Well from the 6th April to coincide with Depression Awareness week 18th – 24th April. Open to the public Tuesdays and Wednesday afternoons up to the 27th or viewing by prior arrangement.

Phoebe Caldwell – Winner of the Times Sternberg Award 2010

Monday 26th April 6.00 – 8.00pm Phoebe will be showing a film on improving the lives of people with severe autism, followed by a discussion. As places are limited booking is essential. Please phone or email by 20th April. – Donations welcome.

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Gardening

Spring is in the air and we are re-starting the Garden Group on Wednesday mornings 10.00 – 12.00pm. Come along and join us getting to grips with seeds, sowing and composting. Also, during the month of May on Wednesdays (5th, 12th, 19th & 26th) we shall be doing activities likely to include designing a wildflower garden, identifying wildflowers, eco gardening and developing a wildflower area in the Looking Well garden.

Wildflower Talk – Tanya St Pierre from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust will be talking to us on the 29th April 11.00 – 12.30pm about wildflowers of the region. Everyone welcome.

Please contact Julie if you are interested in any of the above activities/courses on 015242 62672 or email julie@pioneerprojects.org.uk. *Julie Vass*

Cakes, Casseroles and Concern . . .

Just before Christmas I was diagnosed with cancer. I have completed a course of combined chemo and radio therapy. I will shortly have an operation.

The kindness shown to me by friends, neighbours and strangers within the village and beyond, has been quite uplifting. I thank everyone for their prayers, positive thoughts and good wishes. Thanks also for flowers and phone calls, cakes casseroles, cards and a caring attitude.

Kind regards to everyone

Lesley Crutchley



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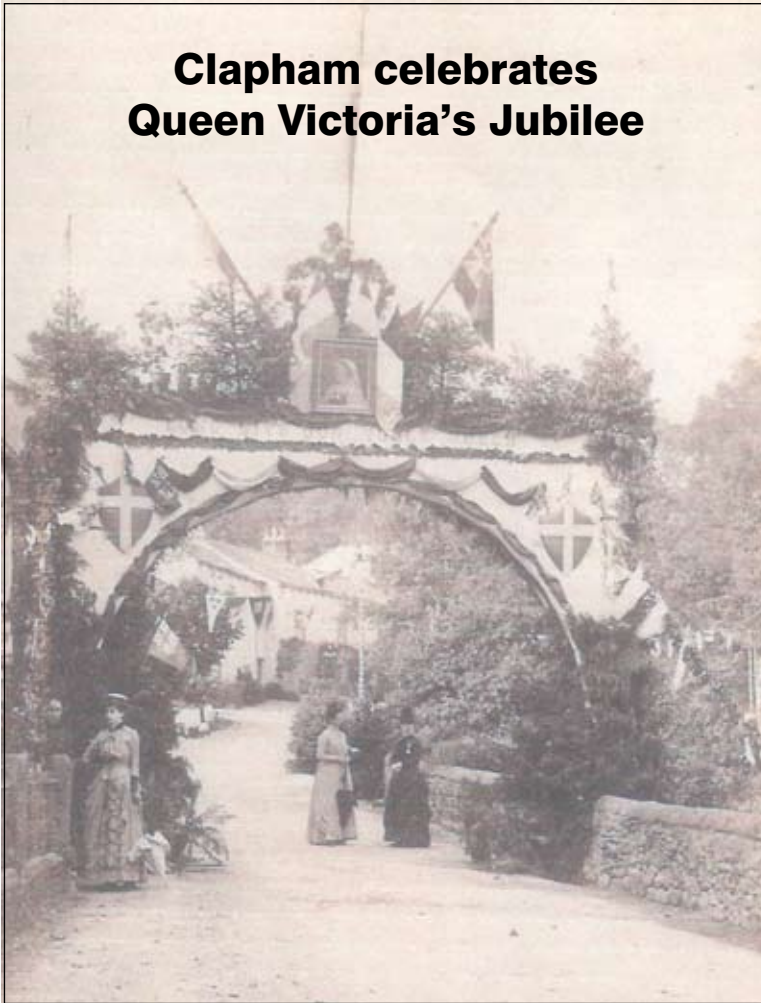
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This impressive photograph was passed to the Newsletter by Dr. Farrer. It shows a grand triumphal arch erected over Riverside beside Yew Tree Cottages. Judging by the women's dresses it was late in the 19th century, probably to celebrate either Queen Victoria's Golden Jubilee in 1887 or Diamond Jubilee in 1897. The village Squire and Mrs. Farrer were staunch royalists and Mrs. Farrer in particular was keen to mark the Jubilee. Does anyone know the identity of the ladies in the photograph?

Yew Tree Cottage has a special place in the history of Clapham. It was the home of James Farrer, probably the first Farrer to live in the village (though not the first in the parish). James seems to have bought the house about 1741, when he was an Ingleton solicitor, and lived there until 1763 when he lost most of his fortune and had to sell the house to pay off his debts. His son Oliver was also a solicitor but became sufficiently wealthy to buy back Yew Tree Cottage and most of the other Clapham property which his father had lost. Oliver's purchases became the foundation for the Ingleborough estate which in its heyday stood at more than 30,000 acres, while Yew Tree Cottage remained very dear to the Squire and his family.

K.Pearce

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Clapham Potato Project – update

We've now received the seed potatoes and the two-wheeled, pedestrian tractor. All we have to do now is get the potatoes in the ground! If the weather allows David Burns and John Dawson to plough and harrow the half-acre plot at Bleak Bank Farm that John has kindly lent us, then we'll use the tractor to furrow the plot on Thursday 8 April, starting at 10am. If you want to have a go please come along.

The potatoes will be planted the next day (Friday 9 April), again starting at 10am. Everyone is welcome to help, including children accompanied by an adult. The tractor will cover the potatoes with soil, so there's no hard work involved. The five varieties to

be planted are:

- **Duke of York:** yellow flesh with a tasty, old fashioned flavour, particularly good for boiling and roasting
- **Désirée:** smooth red skin, pale creamy yellow flesh with a nutty taste, a good all-rounder but especially for making mash
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Duke of York potatoes are an 'early' variety and will be available in 10kg bags from around the end of June. They'll cost £1.20/kg but can be pre-ordered for £1/kg (payment on delivery). The four main crop varieties will be available later in the year and will come in 25kg bags. The prices of these are yet to be confirmed but it's likely that they'll be cheaper than Duke of York, and there'll be a discount if pre-ordered. If you want to place an order please complete the form below and return it to Clapham Potato Project, 3 Sunnybank Cottages, Clapham, LA2 8DY. Forms are also available from Clapham Sustainability Group's noticeboard on the side of the village shop.

If you're interested in helping with the planting on Friday, 9th April, or for any further information, please email me at claphamspuds@woofalump.com or phone 015242 51775.

Don Gamble

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Village people . . .

Many of you will know that Ann Stewart dramatically abandoned her career as a ballerina to become a drystone waller. I was first told the story some years ago and thought how fascinating it was. Sadly it's not true.

Ann was born in Scotland but spent nearly all her childhood in Surrey where her father was a qualified barrister who had a distinguished career with the BBC. He eventually became managing director of what is now the World Service and Deputy Director-General. Her grandfather was Liberal MP for Halifax for 28 years and Speaker of The House of Commons from 1921 to 1928. He became the first speaker for a hundred years to refuse a peerage, despite the entreaties of the King. Good for him, say I. Ann's mother, a hugely impressive and resourceful woman, was a Paton from the Paton and Baldwin wool firm who worked in the family business before becoming a housewife who brought up five children. Ann had a happy but strict upbringing in a Liberal, non-conformist family and learned from her mother many practical skills which are still invaluable. When she was 11 Ann went, as a boarder, to a school of general education and dance in London where, as the strongest girl, she often had to move the grand piano or fix the toilet and was regularly sent to the dark cellar to fill the coal bucket. At 17 she attended the Royal Ballet Upper School where she learned choreography and other skills, in addition to ballet. During the final rehearsal for her graduation performance she cracked a bone in her foot. Some time later, after recuperation, she joined a company in Ottawa and broke the same bone again on her second day there. She did it so well on this second occasion that her dancing career was over before it started.

Fortunately Ann had enjoyed studying movement notation which had formed part of her studies and she now volunteered to go on a pioneering course on this subject. Eventually she qualified as a choreologist, an exceedingly rare breed, so rare that I did not know that they existed. What they do is note down the dance movements in a sophisticated system which is capable of recording minute and complex details such as the position of different parts of the body,

the direction of movement, rhythm and timing. It is emphatically not mere dance shorthand and looks to me more like advanced maths or physics. It can be used for all types of dance, for martial arts and even in the field of orthopaedics. Ann was appointed Company Choreologist of Ballet Rambert and became the director of their schools' touring unit. The technician attached to the unit must have been impressed by her directing skills because he married her one year later at Kensington Register Office and has been subject to her direction for 37 years.

Gus was born in Shropshire in 1945 but was brought up with his brother and sister in Jersey where his father was a teacher. When he was 11 he leapt at the chance of a scholarship at Queen's College, Taunton. He captained all the rugby teams, swam for the school, sang in the choir, played the trombone, acted in school plays and says he even passed the odd exam but I only have his word for this last claim. When he left school he worked for two terms in a school in Yorkshire, despite the head warning him in a letter that this county in January is not an inspiring place. Fortunately Gus still disagrees with that judgement. He bravely overcame his father's threat to condemn him to a career in accountancy and went instead to St Luke's College, Exeter, one of the top PE teacher training colleges where he could follow all his favourite pursuits.

In the college rugby trials he was unwisely told to play in the front row of the scrum instead of his usual position, number 8. This rearranged his vertebrae and ended his rugby life so he took up hockey and played at a high level.

After college his teaching career lasted only one year because he did not care for the other teachers. (I have consulted my solicitor to see if I can sue him!)

He had always enjoyed drama, dance and music so he took on his first professional theatre job as a student stage manager in Exeter. He soon developed a liking for this new Hollywood style life on a staggering income of £2 per week, plus all the sausages he could eat from the main sponsors, Sluggetts the Butchers. Does that explain why he is now a vegetarian? He joined the Northcott Theatre as



... Ann and Gus Stewart

a stage technician and learned to build scenery, drive the lorry and set up the technical side when on tour. He worked beside people like Robert Lindsay (My family), Derek Fowlds (Oscar Blaketon in Heartbeat) and David Neilsen (Roy Cropper in Corrie). I also tried to persuade Ann to name drop and coaxed the words Placido Domingo out of her but she was too modest to say more. Later Gus specialised in lighting and rapidly gained promotion, working at the Ballet Rambert, the Young Vic and Royal Court Theatre and becoming their Lighting Director. Alongside his theatre work he was involved in the conference industry for 30 years. This included the launch of new products, motor shows and political conferences. Among the people whose lives have been lit up by Gus are Tony and Lionel Blair, George Bush Snr, Henry Cooper, Anita Roddick, Les Dawson, Cleo Laine and Ella Fitzgerald.

His job took him all over the world, as did Ann's because she became a freelance choreologist and rehearsal director, accepting assignments at home and abroad as well as writing books on choreology. To do full justice to their achievements would take up the whole of this newsletter.

When they were at home they lived in a house overlooking the Grand Union Canal in London and this encouraged them to take many narrow boat holidays throughout the canal network on a very unusual stern wheel paddle boat. On one of these journeys Ann bought a book about walling which provided the inspiration for her present work and links back to what she learned from her mother about reusing materials and developing practical skills. She attended many courses before starting work and testimony to her achievements is to be found throughout our area. The construction process fascinates her and her ability to lift heavy weights

and withstand Dales weather in winter must have been developed by many a trip to the coal cellar and playing football with her four brothers. The focal point of life for Gus is playing in a 30 piece jazz orchestra at the Mart in Skipton and he is also involved with youth jazz work at the Victoria Hall in Settle. He tells me that they are really keen to sign on new recruits.

They liked Clapham as a result of walking in the Dales and are still happy that they chose to move here eleven years ago. They are closely involved in many aspects of village life, including the bio diesel project, the recycling group and the street market.

In 2007 Gus was diagnosed with bowel cancer. He was successfully treated and operated on and has recovered thanks to the care of Ann, Townhead Surgery and Airedale Hospital. I promised him that I would end with a commercial: if you are over sixty and offered the Bowel Cancer Test, take it.

Stuart Marshall



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The construction of the new ‘waste water treatment works’ – sewage farm to most of us – is proceeding apace. Structures beside the A65 at Clapham are now rising well above ground level. The great concrete silos for the humus tanks and trickle filter beds dominate the site, together with the control building where the finishing touches are currently being added to the roof. We are told that the main building works are due to finish in the next three to four weeks, to be followed by a further 12 months’ work or so before water treatment can begin. That phase will see an elaborate superstructure of pipework erected, rising to heights of six or seven metres. The entire scheme is costing over £12 million and will serve the communities of Clapham, Austwick and Newby to a far higher standard than the old settling tanks and filter beds which have been in use since the start of the twentieth century and have proved so inadequate in recent years. Finally the site will be landscaped to restore the rural nature of the area and to hide its unattractive appearance, as befits an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.”

This report and pictures are courtesy of Clapham’s intrepid sewage correspondent – Ken Pearce



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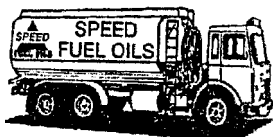
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WILDLIFE AT CLAPHAM

Despite the cold weather lasting throughout February and early March our garden birds could be heard singing on the few day sunny days we had during the cold period. Two Great spotted woodpeckers were seen regularly and heard drumming at Ingleborough hall and one male Great spotted woodpecker was heard drumming at the Flying horseshoe from the end of February. One pair of Nuthatches were seen inspecting a nest box at Ingleborough hall on the 5th Feb but they seemed to have gone to another nest site, since then Blue and Great Tits have been looking at the nest box.

Two male Dippers were seen and heard singing at their breeding territories on the 21st March at Clapham beck between Maffakin bridge and the Water fall.

One negative sign from the recent cold winter is that there has been very few Song thrushes seen and heard singing around the local area. There has only been three male Song thrushes seen and heard singing at Ingleborough hall, two male Song thrushes have been seen singing at Clapham and on a recent walk up the Nature trail I only heard one Song thrush singing but I didn't see any. On the 17th March a flock of about 20 Blackbirds were seen feeding on the lawn at Ingleborough hall and in the adjoining fields. These Blackbirds will be migrating back north or back to Europe after being forced south during the cold weather. All our resident Blackbirds are back at their breeding territories and male Blackbirds can be



The Dipper

very aggressive to any other males that enter their area. The flock had disappeared by lunch time. With the Blackbird flock there were several Song thrushes, so our Song thrushes could still be making their way back from further south.

The first Oystercatchers returned to the local area on the 13th Feb and by the 21st March there were about 15 Oystercatchers around the local area. Curlews started arriving back on the 28th Feb with seven flying over Crina bottom farm and by the 21st March they could be seen and heard calling all around the local area. Redshanks returned back on the 21st March with three at Crook beck and four at Meldingscale farm. Lapwing numbers built up steadily from the middle of Feb.

Skylarks are now back singing on Ingleborough. A flock of about one hundred Skylarks were seen at Meldingscale farm – 28th Feb, a flock of about fifty Skylarks were seen near Nutta farm – 12th March and a flock of about thirty Skylarks flew over Ingleborough hall – 16th March.

A small flock of Golden plovers were seen on Ingleborough and a couple of Snow buntings were heard calling on Ingleborough – 16th March.

The first two Sand martins of the year flew over the Old railway line and Nutta farm – 21st March.

One Jack snipe was found with five Snipe at Meldingscale farm – 21st March.

One Short eared owl was seen hunting over Hardacre moss – 21st March.

Tim Hutchinson
Smithy cottage

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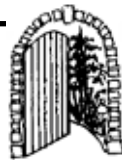
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