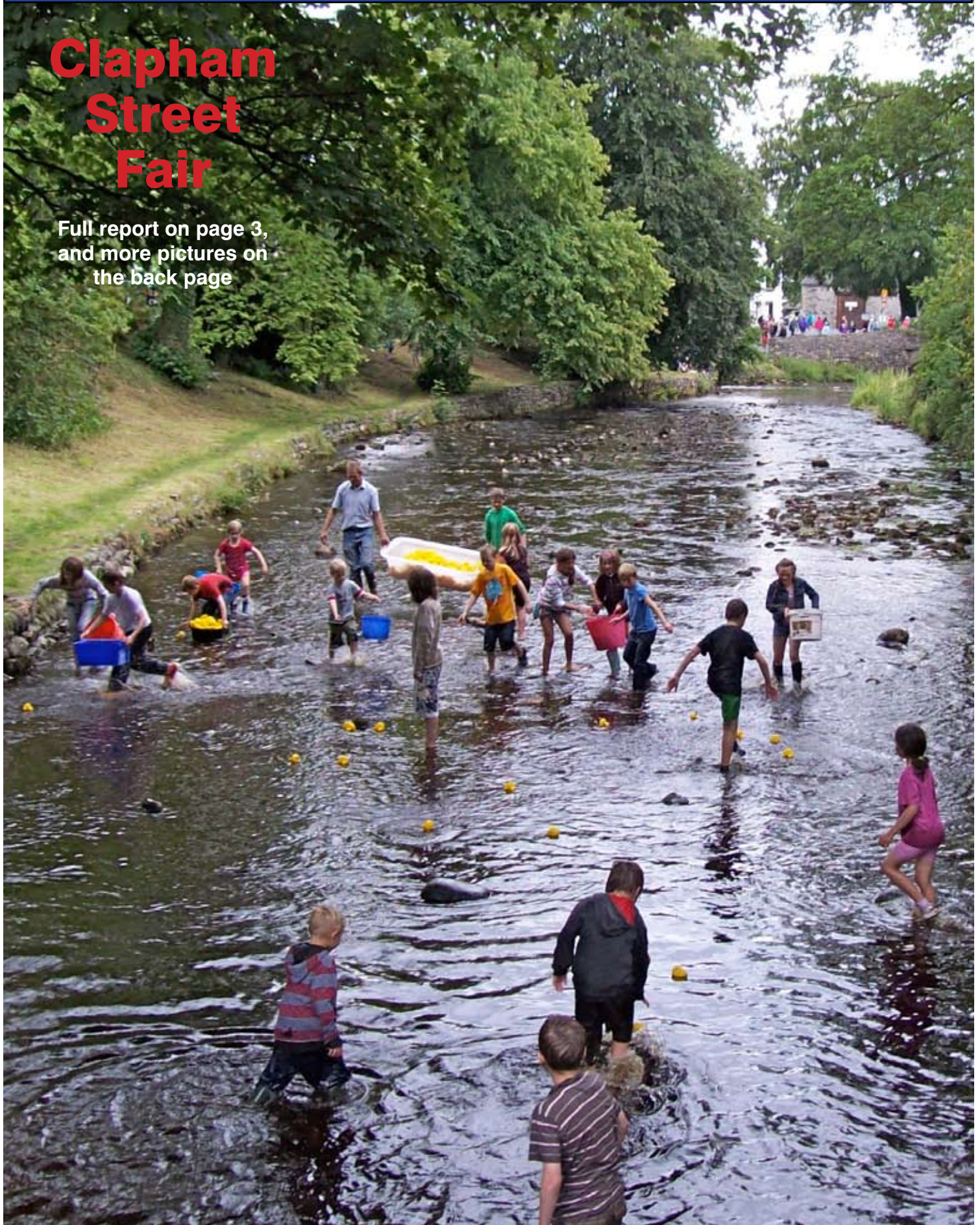


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Clapham once again enjoyed a great day on July 24th when the annual Street Fair took place. The rain that had fallen for most of the week dried up and, apart from a brief scud we remained dry until 4:00p.m. – perfect timing. This year there were 29 stalls – nine from the church and 20 representing a wide range of community groups. Funds were raised for a wide range of causes from national charities as wide ranging as Shelter and the Dogs Trust through to our own local community groups including the park, play group and school PTA. Along with this variety came a host of goods to buy and raffles and competitions to enter.

Over recent years the entertainment has become a key element of the day. The day started off with our newly installed ring of 6 bells pealing out over the village. Once again the car park was the base for a superb Classic Car display. Over 40 vehicles, lovingly maintained attracted large crowds. This year a catalogue produced by the organisers was sold with proceeds going to Saint James' Church. These formed the basis of a draw and the lucky winner is going to have 2 nights B and B at the home of Jean Mallaband in the Lake District. The Rare Breeds of sheep once again proved a very popular attraction. Music was provided by the Clapham Buskers and the Oak Jazz Quintet were an accomplished and welcome addition to the day. Zoot made a second appearance, repeating his previous success with adults and children alike with a range of antics including juggling, unicycling and the amazing three legged man.

So many people help with the Street Fair that it is impossible to thank them all individually. Therefore, through the pages of the newsletter the Vicar, Wardens and PCC of St James' Church would like to thank everyone who took part to make this day a success.

Footnote This was the 31st Street Fair arranged by Saint James' Church. It has been enjoyed by thousands of people over the years and has raised thousands of pounds of valuable income for the participating organisations. Those of us from the church are happy to carry on organising the event, especially given the support we get from so many people in the village.

However, over recent years it has become increasingly challenging to put on an activity of this type as the legal requirements we have to meet become steadily greater. We have been told that there is every possibility that next year we may not be



Bellringers now visible in the tower on the newly raised floor

able to obtain a road closure to hold the Street Fair as a result of changes in the law. We will be keeping abreast of these changes and will do our best to ensure that this valuable village tradition is not lost. We will keep you up to date with this through the pages of this newsletter.

If you would like to help in any way with the organisation of the Street Fair please contact Sue Mann on 51792

Sue Mann

Cakes and Refreshments – thanks to lots of people

Many thanks to those who prepared the village hall and supplied and fixed the lovely new seat in the yard – much used during the day. Many thanks to the thirteen people who made a total of 180 assorted fresh sandwiches which all sold fast. Thanks go to all those who baked such wonderful food for the cake stall and for the refreshments in the village hall. We are also very grateful for a team of cashiers whose skill kept the cash organised and the human traffic flowing. Thanks also go to yet more people who served food and drinks, washed and dried crockery, set up and cleared tables, swept floors, etc. – many of whom worked for twice as long as their scheduled hours. Other people printed and encapsulated signs and erected them neatly around the village. Much appreciated. Fantastic support.

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CHURCH NEWS

LAKES GOSPEL CHOIR

St James Church, Clapham, will be hosting a concert to be given by the Lakes Gospel Choir on Saturday 25th September, at 7 pm. Proceeds from the concert are in aid of church funds.

The Lakes Gospel Choir is today one of the fastest growing choirs in the North West. From modest beginnings in Storth in 2003 under its founders, Robin and Michael Perris, it now boasts more than 80 enthusiastic members and finds its home in Bowness-on-Windermere in the heart of the Lake District. The Choir's growth is not just in numbers but increasingly in its reputation for excellence in performing gospel songs made famous by the award winning Brooklyn Tabernacle Choir. A number of soloists help to make the Choir's concerts a memorable evening of entertainment and celebration.

The Choir is a registered charity, run entirely by volunteers. They have performed at many churches and fundraising concerts throughout Cumbria and North Lancashire and are spreading further afield all the time.

The Choir is a non-profit community choir, and although it is Christian in ethos and foundation, both Christians and non-Christians come together to enjoy the common joy of singing and the experience of its



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Tickets for the concert are available by phoning 01539 898239 or 01524251319, or you can buy on the door on the night.

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The collections taken recently during Christian Aid Week in Clapham, Newby, Keasden and the School made £736.38. A letter of thanks to all who gave

so generously has come from our North West region and another letter from Prof. Edward Kairu working in Nairobi and supported by Christian Aid. His job is to ensure that resources are used efficiently to bring more people out of poverty.

Water is still a primary need for many people but when provided, giving better health and more time and energy, and when irrigation of land in times of drought is possible, lives can slowly change.

With better living conditions education is another priority particularly for girls: skills bringing dignity and above all, hope.

£480 provides a teacher's salary for a year and £715 pays for a sand pump to extract water from under dried-up river beds to keep food growing in times of drought: both within our gift this year. Slowly poverty is being driven back.

Professor Kairu sends his heartfelt thanks and a plea not to tire of supporting Christian Aid.

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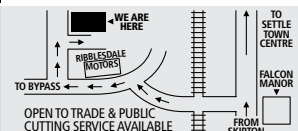
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CLAPHAM POTATO PROJECT

The Clapham Sustainability Group have successfully grown half an acre of potatoes. This was an experiment with a local farmer to test whether we could grow a root crop on land unused as arable land since the 2nd world war. The early variety "Duke of York" are now for sale and are an excellent crop.

This exercise is one part of our attempt to begin to establish a source of local food.

Delicious Duke of York new potatoes are now available for £1.20/kg – much cheaper than in the supermarkets and locally grown without the use of chemicals. We'll start harvesting the main crop

Clapham Park Association

Work on the second and final stage of an application for a grant of nearly £50,000 continues. An important step in the application is getting planning approval, and we thank James Innerdale and Sue Manson for their help with drawing up plans. On Saturday, 5th June, as part of the Cave Rescue Organisation's 75th anniversary celebrations, we raised £50 through the bouncy castle generously hired by the CRO, and our children's toys and clothes stall at Clapham Street Market on Saturday, 24th July raised £200. All of this is helping us to reach our target of £60,000 or so that we need.

Donations from individuals are very much appreciated and can be left in the collection tin at the village shop (cheques made payable to 'Clapham Park Association' please). Thanks to those who've donated so far.

The next meeting of the Association is on Tuesday 7th September in the New Inn. Meetings start at 7.30pm, finish by 9pm at the latest, and are very informal. New members are always very welcome.

*Don Gamble, Chair
Clapham Park Association (51775)*

Tower Project

Come to celebrate and see the completed tower project on Saturday, 4th September at 3.00 pm.

After a service of dedication and thanksgiving light refreshments will be served while everyone is invited to see the results of countless hours of work and care that have made this achievement possible.

Do come, you will be most welcome. Church members appreciate very much all who have given in so many ways.

After the dedication the bells will continue to be rung, and later there will be a relaxing evening at Settle Social Club being entertained by Andy Hill.

Supper will be a Jacob's Join and the evening will be free but a small donation to cover costs will be acceptable.

varieties in a few weeks. You can place an order for any variety in any quantity by completing and returning the form below, by phoning me on 51775, or emailing claphamspuds@woofalump.com. Forms are also available from Clapham Sustainability Group's noticeboard on the side of the village shop. Growing with Grace is also selling the new potatoes at its farm shop and through the village shop.

Clapham schoolchildren re-visited the plot recently to harvest some of the potatoes they planted (see July's issue of *The Dalesman*). The spuds were then cooked for school dinners and the leavers' party or were taken home.

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Well done Mollie and Kitty!

My daughter Mollie and her friend Kitty ran a homemade craft and cake stall in our garden in Newby to raise money for the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth Devon. We ran this stall back in May but it has only been this weekend when she was officially able to hand the money/cheque over to Pam Moon our Area Welfare Officer from the Sanctuary.

Mollie has two rescue donkeys, Rebecca and Jacob who she fosters from the Donkey Sanctuary in Sidmouth, she has had them seven years now and is looking to hopefully rescue two more in the near future.

This is the second year now that we have held the stall and it is becoming to be an annual event for the village of Newby!

Mollie and Kitty raised £236 pounds of which they donated £200 to the Sanctuary and gave the £36 to Christian Aid as it was Christian Aid week the same week. They would like to thank everyone who supported them.

Liz Bratt



Donkeys Rebecca and Jacob with Kitty and Mollie along with Pam Moon from the Sanctuary

Evening Classes

Starting on Tuesday, 21st September at 7.00 pm Dr David Johnson of Stainforth is giving another course of lectures on local history.

Last year's well received course was centred on Ingleborough. This year David intends to extend his talks to include the Dales more generally.

Entitled *Historical Perspectives of the Yorkshire Dales*, this involves:

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In the lead up to the arrival of our relatively small starter colonies, known as nuclei, there was a real buzz of human activity whilst knowledge and equipment were acquired, and hives and their sites carefully chosen and prepared. The bees seem to be settling into their new homes well, and their respective keepers settling into their new roles too. Beekeeping tasks continue apace, with regular inspections underway to check health status and activity levels, and a visit from a bee inspector having already taken place to ensure that we are on the right track.

One activity we are keen to spot warning signs of and be prepared for is swarming, so that it can be managed in as controlled a manner as possible. This is both to prevent the loss of a significant proportion of the colony of bees that a swarming queen will take with her, and to avoid raising concerns amongst the local human population, i.e. you! Please note that a swarm of bees is usually a contented crowd with full bellies merely intent upon following their leading lady in search of a new home. It is therefore unlikely to be a cause for concern if left well enough alone, and can be readily heard from a good distance. The main period for swarming is May and June so it's coming to a close as the end of July fast approaches. Having said which, should you see a swarm (which may be from a local hive or a wild colony), please contact Naomi Hirst on 07833 971168 and arrangements will be made for somebody to come out to eagerly take possession of this precious find.

On a related note, whilst stings are admittedly painful and of concern to many people, honey bees die once they have stung anything, so will not typically sting unless they feel threatened. If you are unfortunate enough to be stung the sting should be scraped away with a fingernail or the like as quickly as possible and, if needed, relief provided via an



antihistamine cream or tablet. Swelling typically lasts a day or two. (Quick disclaimer: I am not a doctor!)

It is interesting to note that each colony is already showing different characteristics as a result of originating from different apiaries. Keepers are comparing and contrasting notes and visiting one another's hives to learn as much from one another's experiences and bees as possible. We can only truly consider ourselves beekeepers if we manage to keep our colonies happy and healthy through the winter, so are pleased to see our charges working away to build up their numbers and stores.

These stores include, of course, honey, and in the longer-term we may reach a position when we can confidently say that there are enough stores available to allow us to take off a crop of truly locally produced honey without causing our bees any problems. This is hugely dependent upon good weather, and if the recent rain continues it's unlikely there will be any surplus honey. For now, though, our motivation for having them are to aid their conservation, increase the local population of pollinating insects, and for the sheer joy of becoming involved in the beekeeping world.

Bees, like most creatures, are fascinating, and although the group's efforts are currently necessarily focused upon honey bees, there are many different types of bees and the group aims to give a helping hand to them all through increased awareness of the threats posed to them and what can be done in response to them. We are also eager to glean knowledge of local beekeeping activities both past and present. So if you have any questions or information for us, please do not hesitate to get in touch, again via Naomi Hirst on 07833 971168.

With thanks to Ted Hooper's Guide to Bees and Honey, Ken Pearce and Aaron Robshaw for their much appreciated practical woodworking help, and to you for reading – the Clapham Bee Group hopes that you will follow our progress with much interest and few, if any, concerns.

Naomi Hirst

Clifford John Parker 1944 – 2010

The following eulogy was read at the recent funeral of the Clifford John Parker at St Margaret's Church, Bentham. Many people will remember Cliff who lived at Green Close, as the jovial gardener who worked for many years for Dr. Farrer and David and Jackie Kingsley as a gardener. Cliff was born at Mewith and attended Clapham School and was a very much liked and respected member of the wider Clapham community. He will be sadly missed.

Firstly I would like to thank Joyce and the whole family for asking me to say a few words at this sad occasion. Joyce suggested that since Cliff had worked at our house I was therefore the boss – forget that, there was only one boss and that was Cliff.

He worked at his own pace, did what he felt was right, and if Jackie or I hadn't thought of the idea, he sold it to us in such a way that we would never have refused him.

Jackie and I inherited the Parker's (that is Cliff and Joyce) when we took over Arbutus Guest House, over 12 years ago, they were part of the package. We really don't know how we would have managed without them. He was such a mine of information, the drive needs doing – "I know a man" Cliff would say, we need central heating, "I know just the firm", this information is so valuable when you first come to a new area.

He loved the bacon butties I used to make for him, once the guests were served, Jackie would say "have

you taken Cliff's out yet" and with Cliff being front of house – 'literally' so to speak our guests always had a good chat with him – sometimes saying to us later, "that they didn't always understand everything he said", he had a good Dales twang to his speech, and when they returned sometimes, years later, many would ask if he was still helping with the garden?

There were other occasions when Cliff and I worked together in my flooring business sweeping, preparing the floors and then mixing the paint. I can recall a job at a large printing company in Shipley that required a two part mix of grey paint, Cliff somehow managed to cover himself with 'the stuff' as well as the surrounding area, he had forgotten to turn off the mixer before removing it from the bucket!! The standing joke was, 'how much should we charge him for the paint on his overalls'?

Cliff was a real 'mate', Jackie and I felt part of the wider Parker family, invited to Christmas dinner and to the weddings of their children and other special occasions.

Finally I know that I speak for all who knew him that he will be remembered as a fine and genuine man, and an honour to have known him.

Joyce would like to say thank you to all the lovely people of Clapham who sent their good wishes and floral tributes.

David Kingsley



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The training involves basic first aid and the use of a portable defibrillator. It involves two sessions of six hours and is held at Town Head, Settle

The next course is on September 4th and 5th.

For further details contact Dave Jones (079170 53604).



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The most important thing that we find incredibly hard to get across is that IT IS OPEN TO EVERYONE. We accept bus passes as we are part of the Concessionary Fares Scheme and we do a lot of work taking people to the surgeries in Bentham and Ingleton for their appointments but it is not only for older or less mobile passengers.

We look forward to taking you on our service!

Looking Well News

Thinking about doing something new in September?

What are the benefits of arts and health activities? Lots! Getting involved with the arts has been shown to have a very positive effect on health and wellbeing. I'm not an arty person – what could I do? All sorts! In addition to a variety of specific art-skills such as welding, print making, stone carving, textiles and pottery, there are walking groups, creative writing, gardening, singing and creative kitchen garden crafts.

Positive Futures Project can help you acquire new skills/accreditation and training that can help with employment and volunteering, as well as increasing confidence.

What days of the week? All weekdays have an activity so call in and pick up an Activities Programme.

Here are a few of the activities:

Walking – Gentle walks for women – Mondays 9.30 – 12.00pm

Men's walking Group – Tuesdays 9.30 – 11.30am

Gentle Strolls – mixed – Tuesdays 2.00pm or Wednesdays 1.20pm (Settle). Volunteer walk leaders suit the walk to the group & weather.

Creative Kitchen Garden

Arts & Crafts, Garden skills and Cooking ideas – Tuesdays from 10.30am

Creative Writing Group – Tuesdays from 11.30am

Community Shared Lunch – Tuesdays 12.45 – 1.30pm

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Also, a huge 'Thank you' to the 150 + people who came or took part in our successful Open Day. The sun shone, the singing group sang beautiful African music, visitors had a go at printing, bought plants and books from the garden and admired the vegetables and fruit being grown. A perfect day!!

Summer closing: 9th – 20th August.

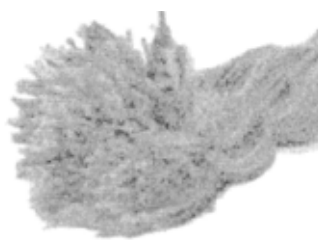
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Pictured above: the winning 'Lad'





The three barrels that the teams had to crawl through



ies' team and below some of the rescue gear



CRO OPEN DAY

The Clapham Cave Rescue Organisation celebrated its 75th anniversary in style with a street party in the village. There was a large turn-out of spectators from far and wide and all enjoyed the fun on a lovely sunny day.

The key focus of the Open Day was to formally open the new extension which was carried out by CRO President Dr John Farrer.

Visitors had the opportunity to tour the depot and see demonstrations of their vast array of equipment.



Entertainment for the children included a climbing tower and bouncy castle

GROWING WITH GRACE OPEN DAY

On Saturday, 17th July Growing with Grace were Celebrating 10 years of growing food sustainably

Growing with Grace was established in September 2000. It developed out of a vision of some local Clapham people to grow food sustainably for local people. Neil Marshall and his wife, Debby, who live in the village, are founding members.

Neil says: "We established a project at the then vacant Clapham Nursery with the purpose of growing fresh food for local people, sustainably. A box scheme and farm shop were developed as a means of distributing the food that was grown. Craven District Council agreed to deliver green waste to the site, collected from local households, from which the project could produce compost. This compost is used to grow the vegetables on site, and for use by the local community. Subsequently, bio-diesel was produced on site by the Clapham Cooperative. This fuels our delivery van. We have an education programme, particularly aimed at schools, to demonstrate sustainable agriculture. We are proud of what we have achieved over the last ten years."

The Open Day on 17 July to celebrate 10 years of organic growing attracted people to tours of the glasshouses, compost scheme, the bio-diesel project and information displays in the packing shed. The farm shop was kept very busy all day serving customers with fresh produce and refreshments from the coffee machine. Hot food and a bar in the packing shed contributed to a lively and friendly atmosphere on site. In the evening visitors were entertained by the Trea Udo Band and Chris Hart led line dancing into the evening. Thank you to everyone who attended



and made it a success.

When asked about the future, Neil said: "We believe the concept we have developed is the right one. Eating local food is one of the choices people can make to reduce their carbon footprint. We would like to look forward to another 10 years growing food sustainably for the local community. Our future will be determined by the interest and support for this project from local people in the villages and towns that form our catchment area. To this end, we want to explore Community Supported Agriculture (CSA), whereby people show a commitment in some form to the project. We are starting to distribute a questionnaire to see what people think about this idea and the best way to make it work."

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Clapham Primary School

I was appointed to the position of Confederation Headteacher (at Clapham, Austwick and Horton-in-Ribblesdale Schools) on 1 January. I received a warm welcome and feel privileged to have the opportunity to lead Clapham School at this exciting time, working with dedicated staff and lovely families in this beautiful part of the Dales. It's always a joy just to walk into the school and be met with happy, responsive people who show their delight at being part of this community.

2010 started in most unusual circumstances. I met the staff from the three schools on the Monday INSET day then, on the following day (first day of term) I had to close both Clapham and Horton Schools! The Clapham staff braved the conditions as soon as they possibly could, i.e. on the following day. Despite the cold and frosty weather it was an exciting start to the new term. Class 1 used the snow and ice for science investigations and Class 2 researched the author C. S. Lewis in preparation for their unit of work on stories from imaginary worlds.

Since January the hall has been completely redecorated and a new suspended ceiling added. The staff kitchen has been refurbished, and the school kitchen is being refurbished as I write!

Members of staff and other volunteers willingly give a great deal of their own time to provide a range of opportunities for the children. These are Orchestra Club, Church Club, Library Club, Chess

Club, Cookery Club, ECO Club, Gardening Club, Art Club, Running Club and Activity Club. It is surely rare for a small school to be able to provide such a wide range of activities for its pupils. Thanks to the commitment of the staff, the school also participates in a wide variety of sporting activities

The children at Clapham School are wonderful at raising money for charities. £65 that was donated after the Christmas performance was given to Macmillan Cancer Support: This charity was chosen by the children themselves. The children chose to take part in a sponsored silence to raise money to buy a Disaster Relief Shelter Box. £332.80 was raised.

The Quiz Night, organised by the PTA, was great! I was very impressed by the support and hard work a lot of people put in to making it such a success. It's good to see the way the village community comes together in such a happy way.

Miss Rowe led the Year 5 children in their residential visit to Humphrey Head Centre, Cumbria, which was shared with their friends from Richard Thornton's CE School, Burton. The children had a wonderful time, and the benefits they gain from such an experience are in many ways beyond measure. I'm very grateful to Miss Rowe for giving up much of her free time in leading this event, and to Mrs Mundell, Revd Ian Greenhalgh and all those who spent time at Humphrey Head for the benefit of the children.

Brian Beresford, Headteacher

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Open Garden for the MS Trust

Rain fell on Raine for the Open Garden in June at Clapdale Way. However, a large gazebo came to the rescue as the constant stream of visitors raised £315 for the MS Trust.

Thank you to all who helped in any way especially my key team of Laura, Elga, Rosie and Christine. My mother helped to swell the funds by donating her 90th birthday money which amounted to £200.

The generosity of people in this area is demonstrated with the large donation received from the Clapham Art Group. Both the cakes and the garden were much praised.

Janet Raine

Bethel Chapel

Bethel Chapel are looking forward to welcoming Reg Crozier who is to become their new pastor. Reg and his wife Freda were originally from Northern Ireland, where Reg was working in the Royal Ulster Constabulary. Although they had been brought up with very little connection with church, it was in the early years of their married life that they became Christians with a living faith in Jesus Christ. As time passed Reg left the police force to go to bible college before spending 12 years working with young people. Five years ago they moved over to England to the pastorate of a church in County Durham. They are to move to Clapham in August and a welcoming service is to be held at Bethel on Friday, 27th August at 7.30 pm. As they settle in over the coming months they would like to make themselves known in the community.

We would like to thank all who contributed to the sum of £296 that was raised at the Street Fair which was donated to the Freeman Hospital in Newcastle.

In September the regular meetings will recommence after the summer break:

4 2 9s – Wednesdays 6.00 to 7.00 pm

Youth Club – 1st Friday each month 7.30 pm

Senior Citizens – 1st Thursday of each month

Thursday Fellowship – 3rd and 4th Thursday of each month

Clapham Tots – Friday mornings each week.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be on Friday, 24th September at 7.30 pm which will be our Harvest Supper, then on Saturday 25th at 7.30 and the Sunday Services at 11 am and 6.30 pm. The speaker at these events is Mr. Peter Jackson who became blind at a very young age but despite this has become an accomplished pianist. He will be playing the piano at each of these services and everybody is welcome to attend.

Keasden Open Gardens

Saturday, 14th August
from 1.30 to 5p.m.

Tickets £5.00, from Keasden Church
which include tea and cakes

Gentle Reminder

As many of you are now aware we are presently having a hardwood bench made in memory of Mrs. Joan Farrer, who achieved so much for our parish over the last 60 years. Dr. John Farrer has now been informed and is delighted with the idea.

We have asked Wyn Roberts to make the bench, but most importantly we kindly ask, if you wish to make a donation to return it in the envelope to the designated place to make it all happen.

Finally does anyone know of a local craftsman who can carve the lettering onto the bench – if so please contact Richard Sexton on 015242 51747.

Please note – in the leaflet that was sent to every house in parish we wrongly stated that the garden was a memorial to Mrs. Farrer, in fact it was Mrs. Farrer who commissioned the garden to be made.



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- Traditional Filament Light Bulb Incandescent Bulbs
- CFLs (Compact Fluorescent Lights)
- LEDs (Light Emitting Diodes)

Incandescent Bulbs: Less efficient, traditional light bulbs are being phased out between now and 2012 under new EU rules. Since September 2009, shops have been no longer able to order new stocks of 100W light bulbs. And 75W traditional bulbs will be phased out in the same way sometime this year, followed by 60W traditional bulbs in 2011.

Recycling of incandescent – These light bulbs should be put into the green bin or taken to the Recycling Depot in Settle.

CFLs (Energy Saving Light Bulbs) – These are incredibly efficient and use 75% less electricity than the incandescent bulb and last up to 10 times longer. CFLs are more expensive than the traditional bulbs but the cost is offset because they use much less energy and can last up to 10000 hours which is about a year and one month. The cost of CFLs has decreased substantially over the years, with some organisations happy to give them away.

Recycling of CFLs – The downside to CFLs is that they contain a small amount of mercury. They should



not be put into the household bins but taken to the Recycling Depot in Settle.

LEDs – The light bulb of the future. LEDs are super efficient and use almost no electricity, generate very little heat and last an astonishing 60,000 hours, that is seven years of not changing light bulbs. LEDs do not have a filament; they are not damaged under circumstances when a regular incandescent bulb would be broken. LEDs do not cause a build up of heat and importantly are mercury-free – no mercury is used in the manufacturing of LEDs. Energy is saved because the bulbs last for years. The downside is the cost of the bulbs. A dimmable 6W LED light bulb has gone on sale, which claims to match the performance, brightness and incandescence of a traditional 60W light bulb and last up to 25 years – but it comes with a £30 price tag. **RECYCLING OF LEDs** – take to the Recycling Depot in Settle.

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Further details will be posted in the Clapham Newsletter nearer the time.

Village people . . . Romance at the

Liz Mason was born at Low Fell in County Durham in 1942. She has no brothers or sisters but she had a very happy childhood with her parents in her home village and later in Lancashire when her parents moved to Swinton in 1949. Her father was a mechanical engineer with responsibility for boilers in power stations and at Wrightington Hospital but a less enjoyable feature of his life at that time involved war service in India. Her mum had spent her early years in South Africa where her father was a gold mining engineer who worked on the sinking of the world's deepest mine shaft. Liz loved school life and was a very talented swimmer who trained with the national squad until a serious kidney problem forced her to give up all sport when she was fourteen. By this time she was a pupil at Eccles Grammar School where she was heavily involved with the choir and the orchestra. She yearned to play the oboe but the school did not have one so she settled for the recorder. In her spare time she was a Sunday School teacher and her religious commitment led her on to Southlands Training College, a Methodist foundation in Wimbledon. There she enjoyed free admission to the tennis because rich folk handed over their tickets to impecunious students when they went home at tea time.

Liz began her teaching career in Patricroft Junior School, Lincs where for four years she was responsible for a class of 7–8 year olds. She was assistant conductor of the County Recorder Group which clearly achieved high standards because on one occasion they were invited to perform by the BBC on Boxing Day. Her next move was to Newham, a deprived area of London where she taught general music to three different infant and junior schools as a peripatetic. (I hope I have spelled peri... correctly because I once received a job application from a candidate who tried four different spellings of it in her letter. She did not get the job.) Liz found, not surprisingly, that her attachment to three schools meant that she did not feel she really belonged to any of them so she sought a totally different role in residential post. Her search resulted in a job as a general class teacher at a little known school in North Yorkshire called Ingleborough Hall which at that time provided education for children who were in delicate health. Residential duties meant that on her first night there she saw her pupils to bed and retired to her room where she was abruptly interrupted by an angry headteacher. “Miss Clare,” fumed the head, “I can hear a child talking in your dormitory and that



should not be allowed to happen. After all you've only got thirty children to put to bed.” “Miss Bale” replied Liz, “I've never put even one child to bed before!”

In her spare time she taught swimming as a qualified ASA instructor, attended church and joined Clapham Badminton Club where she met Eric. Some attention seeking celebrity couples enjoy their first romantic meal together at Claridges or in Las Vegas and then separate before the ink is dry on their contract with Hello magazine but for Eric and Liz the venue was The Flying Horse Shoe where he bought her a pie and pea supper at the badminton club AGM. They were married on April Fool's Day 1972 and began married life in Smithy Cottage. They encountered one major problem when Ingleborough Hall was closed but Liz managed to find a post at Settle Primary School until Clare was born in 1975. When she resumed her career later she taught for several years in Clapham.

Eric was born on Christmas Day 1931 at Smithy Cottage where his father was the blacksmith. It is impossible to imagine how his mother must have felt on that day because her husband had been killed in a motor bike accident at Wray five months earlier, leaving her with two sons, George and John, plus Eric who had yet to put in an appearance. She would have had no money to bring up her family because it was a time of great economic depression and a widow's pension was little more than £1 per week. They would have had to leave their home because it was a tied cottage but were saved when the man who took over

Flying Horse Shoe

the business was Eric's uncle, the father of Margaret Bullock and Eileen Plumridge. Eric's mum did all that she could to provide for her sons and this meant that she was frequently out doing various jobs such as cooking at Ingleborough Hall, cleaning the Reading Room and serving in Chris Knowles' shop, later the Village Store. She even opened her front room, now Tim Hutchinson's living room, as a cafe for cyclists. There was a Cycling Tourist Club sign over the door and all the cooking had to be done in a fireside oven and on a primus stove. When electricity eventually arrived, supplied by Settle Electric Company, there was only one light in the house.

Eric was allowed to go to school when he was three to help the family and he thoroughly enjoyed life at Clapham and later Ingleton, apart from the dreaded visits by the school dentist. He showed particular skill at woodwork and wanted to be a joiner so when he left school he tried Ingleborough Estate, Austwick, Bentham and Ingleton but there were no vacancies. His first job was at Clapham Garage where he signed on as a 14 year old mechanic with responsibility for repairing the frequent punctured tyres in those days and serving petrol, either pink for farmers or white for motorists, from the wind up pumps. Petrol cost 10p per gallon but it was on ration. His next job was in Settle where he began an enjoyable seven year apprenticeship with the firm which later became Ribblesdale Motors. His five day workman's return on the bus cost 18p.

His National Service was deferred because he was training but eventually he joined the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers which gave him the opportunity to service tanks with their magnificent Rolls-Royce engines at Catterick.

He returned to Ribblesdale when he was 23 and served there for 43 more years, becoming a director. In his leisure hours he played badminton, tennis, table tennis and billiards. He would have liked to play football for Blackpool in the glory days of Matthews and Mortensen but has had to make do with being a supporter.

His devoted service to the church is illustrated by the numerous different jobs he has done there. As a youngster he was the organ blower for two services every Sunday and for Tuesday choir practices. He cleaned out the coke boiler, lit it on Saturday and kept it burning throughout the night. He wound the clock twice a week for thirty years and rang the bells as well as serving as a sidesman. Today he is one of the trio who take their turn in opening and locking the church.

If there is a fund raising or social event or a concert in Clapham you can be sure that Liz will have organised it or sold the tickets for it and if there is a service, wedding or funeral she will be the organist. Nobody is more involved in our village life. Eric is a more unobtrusive figure but they have both made an outstanding contribution to our community which is much appreciated by all who know them. When they have spare time they like to see their family which consists of Clare, their son in law, two granddaughters and a step-granddaughter.

Stuart Marshall

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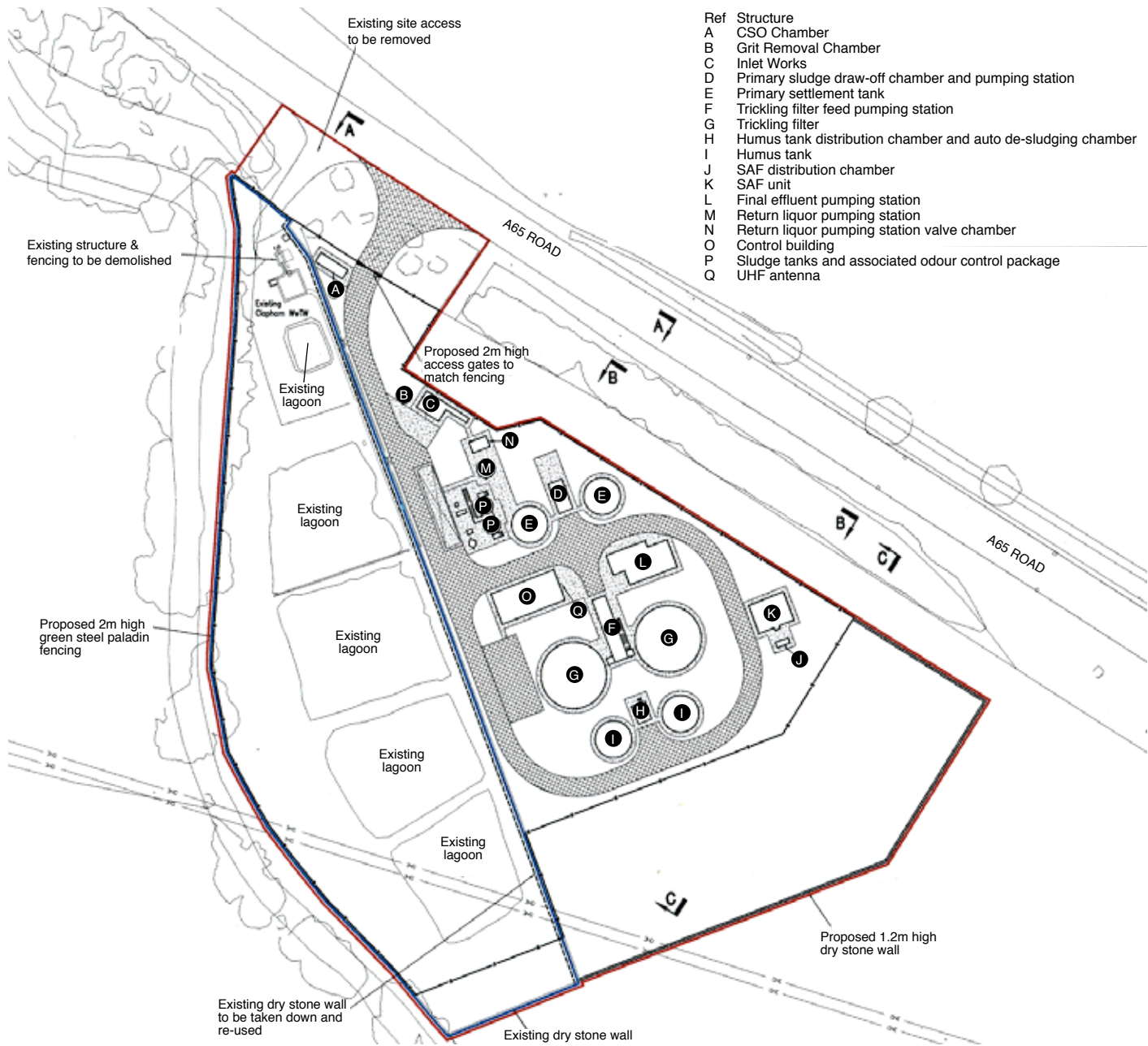


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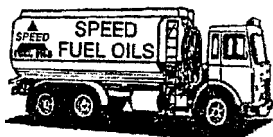
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WILDLIFE AT CLAPHAM

Lots of juvenile birds have been seen around the local area recently, which means that our local birds have had a good breeding season this year. Juvenile Thrushes, Tits, Finches, Sparrows, Warblers Swallows, Martins and Swifts have been seen feeding in small flocks or being fed by their parents. Another species that seems to have done well this year is the Great Spotted Woodpecker. One juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker was seen being fed by an adult at Keasden and also at Park View, Clapham, and one was first seen sticking it's head out of a nest hole and occasionally being fed by an adult at the Flying Horseshoe, it was seen there a couple of weeks later feeding on a nut feeder – 16th July, also one adult and one juvenile were seen at Ingleborough Hall – 18th July.

At least three juvenile Grey Wagtails have been seen on Clapham Beck near Brokken Bridge during July and one was also seen on the River Wenning at Clapham Station – 16th July. Four pairs of Spotted Flycatchers are known to have bred locally, one pair at Arbutus House, one pair at Marton House, one pair at Bridge Cottage and a pair at the Flying Horseshoe.

Adult Siskins were seen regularly throughout June and July at Ingleborough hall and in gardens around Clapham. On the 13th June two juvenile Siskins were found feeding in trees near the waterfall, so a pair of Siskins will have bred successfully some where on the Nature Trail – Ingleborough Hall area.



A pheasant brings her chicks to the garden of Park View



Juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker

A pair of Barn owls has hatched two young at Keasden.

Kingfishers have been seen regularly flying up and down the River Wenning throughout June and July and one Kingfisher was seen flying across the lake at the end of June.

Up to about thirty Crossbills were first heard calling and then seen flying over Ingleborough Hall – 7th July and after that they have been seen regularly flying over Clapham or the Hall going towards the Nature Trail or flying out to the conifer plantation up to the 20th July.

During June and early July lots of Butterflies were seen around the local area including the Ringlet which is a recent coloniser to the Clapham area, one was seen at Ingleborough Hall – 27th June and two Ringlets were seen on Clapham Moor – 16th July.

One male Emperor Dragonfly was seen hunting over the pond near High Hazel Hall Farm – 27th June.

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