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Around forty people dodged some heavy showers recently to attend the presentation of a solid oak commemorative bench in memory of Joan Farrer to her husband John. The bench made by Clapham's Wyn Roberts, has been placed in front of the entrance to the Reginald Farrer Nature Trail. The presentation was made by the organising committee. The bench has been paid for by the people of Clapham and was blessed by the Vicar of St James' the Rev. Ian Greenhalgh.

There was a great response from the house-to-house collection and there is money to spare for the purchase of plants for the garden behind the bench. Refreshments were enjoyed under a gazebo at the close of the event.

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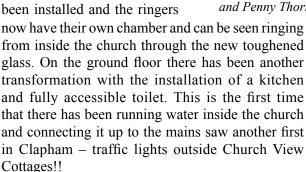
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Church Tower Dedication

Saturday, September 4th saw a great day in the church's life – the service to dedicate and give thanksgiving for the Tower Project. For the last two years church members have been fundraising for this project and, more recently, putting in a lot of physical work to achieve its completion.

From top to bottom the project has seen the refurbishment of the three bells the church already had and a further three bells added. This was accompanied by considerable work to the bell chamber including putting in a new bell frame to strengthen the building. New floors have been installed and the ringers



This has been a huge project and has only been possible as a result of the generosity of very many people and a number of funders. These have included:

- The Heritage Lottery Fund
- The Rural Development Programme for England

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- North Yorkshire County Council
- The Craven Trust
- The Garfield Weston Foundation
- The Manifold Trust
- The Baron Bell Trust
- The Keltek Trust
- The Yorkshire Association of Change Ringers

The church clock will soon be re-installed, complete with an automatic winding system, once all the dust has settled.

The service proved a suitable culmination to this project. It was well attended with many visitors to the village including Paul Slater, the Archdeacon of



Paul Slater, Archdeacon of Craven and our vicar Ian Greenhalgh with Deborah and Penny Thorley who donated the Treble bell in memory of their mother

Craven, who preached the sermon. All the elements of the project were blessed, the bells were rung, afternoon tea was served and the sun shone – a perfect afternoon.

The Vicar, Church Wardens and Parochial Church Council wish to thank everyone who has helped with this project and supported it in any way. Maintaining a building like Saint James' Church is hard work and a bit like painting the Forth Road Bridge – as soon as you finish one bit something else needs to be done. However, in this case we know that what has been achieved has helped to create a building which is more user friendly and which will be able to host a range of different events in the future.

Animal Rescue Fundraiser

We are holding a fundraising event in Clapham Village Hall on Sunday, 24th October, supporting various animal charities including Bentham Pet Rescue, Dogs Trust and Craven Cat Rescue.

There will be stalls selling a wide range of goods including Christmas cards and gifts, a raffle and tombola.

Homemade refreshments will be served throughout the event which will run from 10 am to 3.30 pm, so why not pop in for morning coffee, a light lunch or afternoon tea and pick up some bargains along the way!

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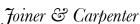
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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes . . .

I was ordained in Liverpool Cathedral on 26th June, 1977 and so my first Sabbatical commenced after 33 years of ministry.

The first three weeks were spent cycling 'The Way of St James', heading for Santiago de Compostela. We travelled to Portsmouth and sailed, with our bikes, on the ferry to Santander. Cycling began in Irun and we commenced the official pilgrimage route at St Jean-Pied-De-Port on 11th June. We arrived at Santiago on 23rd June and then, after a rail journey to the coast, cycled back to Santander. During those three weeks we met some lovely fellow-pilgrims, passed hundred of walkers, visited many beautiful churches and cathedrals daily, and witnessed at the Pilgrims Mass in Santiago the swinging of the awe-inspiring botafuleiro, filling the sanctuary with its holy incense. Wherever we went and whatever we stopped for: a coffee, a beer, a meal or overnight accommodation, we were made welcome. The pilgrimage was indeed a great experience and a marvellous way to begin a Sabbatical.

I returned home via Oxford to visit my daughter who had given birth to my first grandchild on 24 June. During a week at home I was able to do a few essential jobs: visiting elderly parents and gardening, then I went to Liverpool cathedral and met my rector from the three years I served as a curate, and we shared a lunchtime Eucharist in the Chapter Chapel.

I next went to Rome, taking Thomas, my son with me and staying just outside of the city by Lake Brocciano in the village of Trevigrano. We loved our visits into Rome, in particular seeing the Basilica – appreciating in many ways the roots of the Christian Church. I was amazed at the thousands of pilgrims and tourists visiting churches, sitting and being quiet, including many young people and young couples. Again I found, as I had in Spain, how precious a building can be. It was good to have quality time with my son, to enjoy a lovely lake and amazing views, to run and swim together, and enjoy good Italian food.

On returning from Rome I had another week of catching up with family before going to Keswick for a wedding and then heading to Cyprus for two weeks (1–15 August). Cyprus was more of a holiday giving me a chance to spend time with my wife, but also time to reflect and read a good book.

In conclusion my Sabbatical enabled me to slow down; no rushing from engagement to engagement, meeting to meeting, church to church, school to school. The pilgrimage to Spain reminded me of community living, as most of our overnight accommodation was in monasteries / albergues where we shared a room with 20-40 fellow pilgrims; and how important it was to respect each other's very limited space and the need to be quiet. During the cycling I particularly enjoyed the times on my own, times to think, to sing, to appreciate some amazing scenery.

During the Sabbatical I felt very much in the presence of God, answers to prayer, especially with the birth of my grandson, and a few individuals who turned out to be angels of mercy.

My thanks to those who made possible such a great time of Sabbatical.

May God bless you all.

Your friend and Vicar

Ian

CHURCH NOTICES

Sunday, 7th November – Service for Families and Children, 11 am.

Sunday, 14th November – Rememberance 11 am but the service will start five minutes earlier.

COMING EVENTS

Saturday, 6th November – Dilwali Celebration. £10 to include two course Indian meal and home-made entertainment. Clapham Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Tickets from Liz Mason or Sue Mann.

Saturday, 27th November – Christmas Coffee Morning in the Village Hall.

FUTURE EVENT

Saturdays and Sundays, 11th/12th and 18th/19th December – Christmas Tree Festival and Teas in Church. Details from Moira Ings (51316).

Athens Marathon - Sunday, 31st October

The Vicar will be running along the route of the original Athens Marathon – 2500 years ago on Sunday, 31st October. He is hoping to raise money towards the work of his churches by sponsorship. If you would like to sponsor Ian you will find forms at the back of church – or send a donation to the Vicarage.

Fundraising Caravanners

The caravanners at Ernie Coultherd's field down Station Road have raised £1800 over the past summer weeks for the 'Help for Heros' fund, by holding: Raffles, a Fun Day, Songs of Praise, a 140 miles sponsored bike ride and Coffee Mornings.

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A dispatch from the Parish's green front-line

'One green project making bio-fuel; one green project making bio-fuel, But if one green project should turn out extra-cool, There'd be two green projects '

In fact there are now ten – and that's even before mention is made of Clapham School's award-winning green life – or of the sparky, shop-up-lifting work going on in Terry's corner.

You will already know something of what's been going on from the pieces of paper asking you questions which have been coming at intervals through your letter-boxes. "Aren't all these questions a bit intrusive?" a quiet voice asked recently. We understand that as a possible first reaction – but challenge it. What's really intrusive in all our lives already – and will be so increasingly – is the rising cost of fuel and food in a world of changing climates and population-pressured resources. That's what's got Clapham's self-help going, (and none too soon, it would seem. Disasters such as the recent drought-devastation of Russia's grain harvest and its impact on world bread prices, make the point painfully).

Bio-diesel project

Each of our projects has its own story: 'The Clapham Community Co-operative bio-diesel project has now been producing fuel for three years – making about 5000 to 6000 litres per year for use by members and Growing With Grace. The project has been a great success, creating a quality, low-carbon-emission fuel by recycling a waste product – that is, primarily, chip fat!

Recent changes have included a reduction in the price per litre to £1, representing a significant saving on the local pump price, and we are now in a position, (after paying off starting up costs), to welcome applications for our community grant scheme for a sum of up to £200 for local projects. For more details about these grants please see article on page 11 in this newsletter.

Anyone wishing to help, either by sourcing or collecting waste oil or coming down to the production shed to see how the bio-diesel is made, can contact Eddie on 51030 or Jim on 51063.'

Bulk delivery of domestic fuel

A year after the bio-diesel project brought the Clapham Community Co-operative into being, the subject of fuel started something else. . . . 'It all began with an item on the BBC. A village community had formed a group to bulk buy their domestic fuel. By ordering a tanker full of oil the number of journeys made by the supplier was drastically reduced The benefits were three-fold. The impact on the environment was lessened; the supplier saved money on tanker journeys and was ensured of a large order,

the villagers were able to negotiate a lower price for their fuel. The scheme seemed an excellent idea for Clapham, where many villagers were dependent upon a supply of domestic oil for their homes. The person who picked up on the idea and ran with it was Glenys McMahon and in 2008 the first bulk delivery was made to Clapham and Newby. We have now had a total of 7 deliveries, approximately three times a year and participants totalling 50. If you would like to join the scheme, please contact Glenys on 51403.'

Hydroelectric scheme

So Clapham now gets bulk supplies of oil – but what about its bulk supplies of water? Eddie has news: 'As you may know, Clapham was one of the first villages to have electricity to operate street lights and light Ingleborough Hall. The turbine installed in the Estate lake in 1908 by the Ingleborough Estate still functions, albeit somewhat inefficiently, producing electricity for the Estate Office and Hall Garth.

The Clapham Community Co-operative Sustainability Group, with the full support of Dr Farrer, are pursuing a new hydroelectric scheme. We have the support of the Yorkshire Dales National Park and Craven District Council, both of whom are financially supporting a Feasibility Study into the different options available for the Clapham development; the costs involved and the rewards from selling the electricity to the National Grid Inter hydro Technology, a company from Kendal, are doing the feasibility study and hope to report this November. The results of this study will be made available to local people.'

Energy efficiency

New ways to bring energy into the Parish – but what about holding on to the energy that's already there? Eddie again: 'A new initiative by the Co-operative aims to help Clapham Parish residents to check on the energy efficiency of their houses. We will have use of a thermal imaging camera that shows where there is housing heat loss. Residents will be able to see for themselves where they could prevent heat loss and save money. A short questionnaire will need to be completed in advance of an energy audit.

The audit will take place in November/December 2010. Those interested in having their homes Energy Audited please contact Eddie, 51030, or Maggie, 51500, to register interest. Information on grants will hopefully be available at the time.

4Rs Group

Holding on to what's already there: the 4Rs Group are the experts in that. Here's Jill 'The Group was formed as a result of interest expressed in the 2008 Parish Plan in improving local recycling facilities. From this beginning the 4Rs Group was formed,

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but our remit has grown to encompass more than recycling, as we try to encourage a drive to Reduce, Repair, Reuse, Recycle. To this end we have been responsible for a variety of initiatives in the village such as a Reduce, Repair, Reuse and Recycle Ideas Morning; ongoing liaison with the School to advertise and collect items to be recycled for cash or used in school activities; a creative recycling competition; participation in the CC Sustainability Group Launch; collecting books for Sierra Leone; a Give and Take Event. The group will be taking part in the Sustainability Group event in October when our local MP, Julian Smith, will be invited to answer questions on the environment. In Spring, 2011, there will be a village Seed and Plant Swap.'

Community Allotment

So much for the energy **outside** us, but we needed to do something for the energy **inside** us as well: **food**.

In December, 2008, Dr Farrer agreed to lease a plot of land off Cross Haw Lane to the Cooperative as a future community allotment. That plot is currently under wraps - literally: old carpeting to smother its weeds. Its time will come. Then, in the early Spring of this year, possibilities that had been in our heads in the Sustainability Group for months, turned into living matter in our hands in the good earth: seed potatoes going into part of an acre of farmland generously lent to the community by John Dawson, and fruit trees and bushes being planted all over the Parish in garden space generously offered by members of the community. Here's Don, who leads the Potato Project: 'It's great to see that all of the voluntary work in planting and caring for the potatoes is now paying off. The new potatoes have all been harvested and enjoyed and now three tasty varieties of main crop potatoes are available: Lady **Balfour:** pink-splashed tubers with tasty creamy flesh, best suited to boiling and roasting; Kondor: red skin, slightly yellow flesh, good for boiling, baking and chipping; Sante: light yellow skin and flesh, a good all-rounder, but especially good for chips. All are 80p/kg. You can place an order for any variety in any quantity by phoning me on 51775 or emailing claphamspuds@wooflump.com. Alternatively, order forms are available from Clapham Sustainability Group's notice board on the side of the village shop. Please support this local food project.

Orchard Project

Chrissie speaks for the Orchard Project: 'To share the harvest of fruit from existing trees whose owners have offered them to the Community, it is proposed to hold a series of 'Harvest Days' during the Autumn. On these specified days from a centre point in the village, fruit can either be exchanged for other fruit, or for a token redeemable against future fruit, or purchased at

a modest price. Storage will be available ahead of the event—which will be publicised on Notice Boards in Clapham, Keasden and Newby. Please keep an eye out for these posters. With the agreement of Terry and Growing With Grace, any surplus fruit will be offered for sale in the Village Shop.

Meanwhile members of the Group will be contacting all those who are 'hosting' Community fruit trees and bushes so that their current progress can be inspected and recorded, and help on pruning and cultivation can be offered if needed.

More volunteers are needed for the Group – and for helping with harvesting – especially of apples. Contact Chrissie, on 51610, Wendy, on 51455, Kathy, on 51232, or Moira, on 51316. We look forward to hearing from you!'

Bee-keeping

We are finding, inevitably, that each new project nudges others. An orchard needs **bees** A bee project is now buzzing—literally and metaphorically—with five colonies of bees now installed at carefully-chosen sites round the Parish, and five sets of trainee bee-keepers hard at it, learning about these astonishingly complex creatures. Getting them through the winter is the first challenge Anyone interested should contact Sue Manson, 51405.

And the bees need bee-friendly flowers – and wonderfully, Christa, an ecologist coming to work with the Millennium Trust, arrived at just the right moment to guide a Bio-diversity project which should help to keep the bees fed.

We've started something – and it's getting bigger all the time. We knew it was about producing local energy and local food that local people could afford, but we're finding it is about more than that. Take the potato field: hard work, yes – but lots of laughter and sharing – and oh the pride as we unearthed the first of the harvest! Do join in.

Clapham Community Co-operative's Sustainability Group.

NSPCC walk

The 'Can you HACK it?' charity walk recently saw 345 sponsored walkers tackle a 24 mile circuit of the 'Ingleborough Massif', starting from the New Inn. The route, which had to be completed in 12 hours, took them via Ingleton, over Ingleborough on to Horton then through Sulber Nick and back into the village. On the warm day walkers got through a vast amount of bottled water kindly supplied by the event's main sponsors 'Ice Valley'. All the money raised goes entirely to the NSPCC and last year raised £86,000. The organisers would like to thank all their volunteer helpers, the people of Clapham for their co-operation and Renee and Martin Brook at the New Inn for their hospitality and bacon butties!

LOOKING WELL NEWS – BENTHAM

October sees our traditional half-term involvement in the Lantern-making Workshops and Bentham Bonfire Procession, as well as contributing to World Mental Health Day (October 10th) events throughout the region.

Lantern Workshops – Saturday 23rd to Friday 29th October (including Sunday 24th) 2.30–4.30pm Workshops are for individuals and families making lanterns for the bonfire procession – all welcome. Children under 12 years must be accompanied. Due to the popularity of the workshops, we are running them on a first-to-arrive basis.

Positive Futures – Every Wednesday 11.00 – 1.30pm

This project offers supported learning and training to build confidence and increase skills that can help towards employment or volunteering. This project is ideal for those who have been out of work for some time, in particular through ill health, and need a bit more assistance to get back into learning. Includes access to free accredited or certificated courses. New participants should ideally get involved before November.

A String of Pearls – Exhibition

This exhibition has been designed to coincide with World Mental Health Day and has been created by people experiencing Memory Loss and their carers. Exhibition in the Stairwell Gallery runs from October 8th - December 10th. You are welcome to view between 10.00 – 3.00 pm Monday - Friday

World Mental Health Day – Events in Skipton and Kendal

We will be contributing art work to awareness-raising events in Skipton (8th October) and Kendal (7-12th October). Contact Julie for more details.

We also have rooms available for hire ranging from office, meeting rooms, therapy room to workshops & messy arts activity spaces. Please get in touch if you are interested in renting a space on a one off or regular basis.

Do pop in, phone or email for further details or information on other Looking Well activities. Julie on 015242 62672 or julie@pioneerprojects.org.uk.

Julie Vass

THANK YOU. Eric Mason would like to say thank you for the cards, cakes and get well messages he has received.



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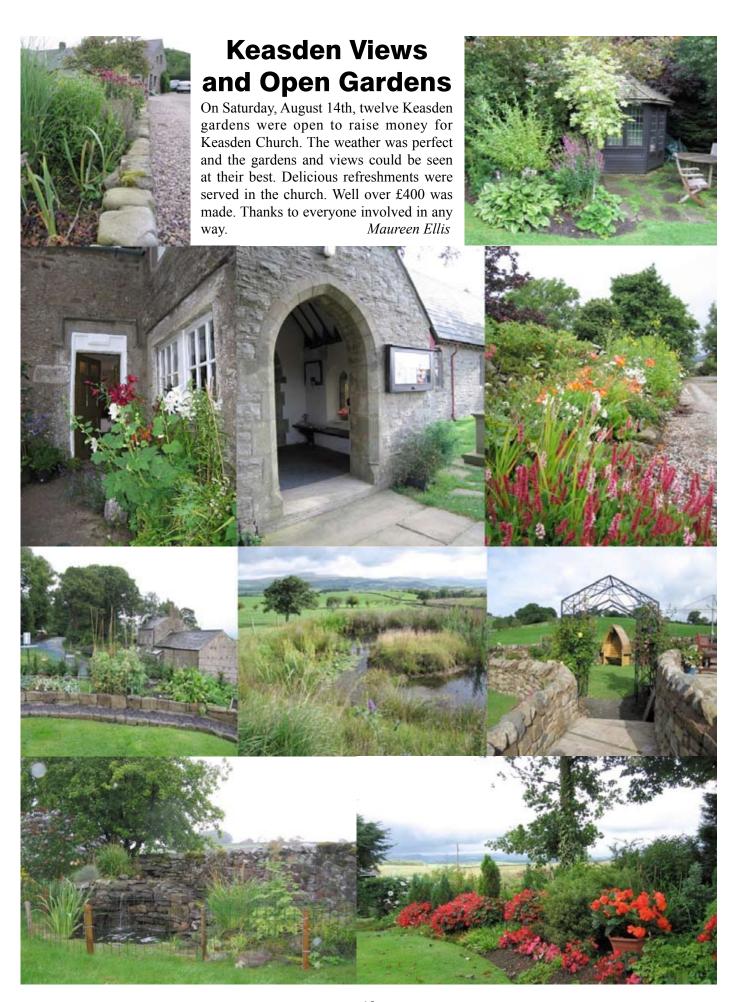


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NEW FUNDING FOR LOCAL PROJECTS

One of the aims of Clapham Community Co-operative Ltd is to use some of the income generated from its biodiesel project to provide funding for community projects that benefit residents of Clapham-cum-Newby parish. As biodiesel sales have been going so well, we are now very pleased to be able to offer Clapham Community Grants. These are grants of up to £200 for a small number of local projects. There is no match-funding requirement (i.e. you can apply for 100% of the total project cost). Grants can be used to pay for revenue items such as volunteer expenses, staff costs, publicity, events, meetings, and training courses, and capital items such as equipment, toys, art materials, and furniture.

Applications can be made using our simple,

two-page application form. All applications will be assessed by a small panel of co-op members who live in the parish. Applications should explain the community benefit of the project, how residents are involved in planning and running it, local need and support for the project, and value for money.

For an application form and further details please phone me on 015242 51775, email claphamgrants@ toothfairy.com, or write to Clapham Community Grants, c/o 3 Sunnybank Cottages, Clapham, LA2 8DY

The first deadline for applications is 15 November 2010. Depending on demand and biodiesel sales there may be another application round in the new year.

Don Gamble

FLU VACCINATIONS

This year's flu vaccine will be available at Townhead Surgery throughout October and November.

Letters will be sent out to patients who are eligible for a vaccine shortly, inviting them to telephone the Surgery to make an appointment. A wide variety of appointment times are available at both the Settle and Hellifield surgeries including after school, early evenings and Saturdays as well as weekdays.

Lots of patients are eligible for a vaccination including:

- Pregnant ladies who have not already had a swine flu (H1N1) vaccine
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- · Poultry workers
- Residents of long stay care homes
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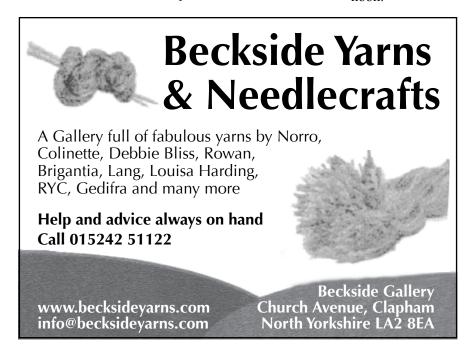
- Patients who suffer from chronic respiratory disease, heart disease, kidney disease and liver disease
- Diabetics
- Patients who have a weak immune system
- Patients undergoing chemotherapy
- Patients over 65

Patients who receive a letter asking them to telephone for an appointment are encouraged to ring the Surgery between 1.30 & 6.30pm, Monday to Friday on (01729) 822611

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The MacMillan Coffee Morning

A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes cards and raffle prizes and all those who came and supported what was a most successful event raising about £550.00 to date. Many thanks from Liz Mason Jackie and David Kingsley.

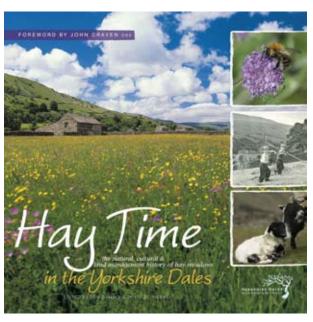
BOOK REVIEW

Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales

Of the many wonderful habitats and landscape features that the Yorkshire Dales are renowned and loved for, it is arguably the flower-rich hay meadows that are the most iconic. Hay meadows are the product of years of careful management by generations of Dales farmers to ensure ample winter fodder for their livestock. Visually stunning and teeming with wildlife, they are also a living and vibrant link to the past, rich in folklore and tradition and an important part of our rural heritage.

To celebrate and explain the Dales hay meadows, and to help to raise awareness of the need to conserve and restore them, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has recently published Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales. This 270-page book explores the types of meadows in the Dales and their history and culture, their flora and fauna, the science behind their botanical richness, and the efforts being made to protect the remaining meadows and, where possible, bring back the flowers, wildlife and beauty to meadows that have been agriculturally improved. It is filled with superb photos, charming illustrations, beautiful artwork and evocative poetry, capturing the beauty of the meadows, the emotions they arouse, and the character of the people who manage them. The book has a foreword by John Craven, and includes contributions from Dales farmers, authors such as Bill Mitchell and David Joy, academics with a specialist interest, and many others.

Chapter 1 looks at what meadows are, the kinds of meadow in the Dales, and their history and role as a vital component of upland farming. Chapter 2 describes the annual cycle of traditional meadow management, haymaking, and the implements and machinery used over the years. This chapter includes wonderfully evocative photos of Dales farmers haymaking in the past, including a photo taken near Clapham in the 1940s. The history of field barns and dry stone walls and the role in meadow management that they play are explored in Chapter 3. Many of the meadow wildflowers and grasses, their folklore and their intriguing traditional culinary and medicinal uses are described in Chapter 4, while Chapter 5 describes the birds, animals, insects and other fauna supported by meadows. Chapter 6 describes the shift from traditional to intensive meadow management and the huge impact this has had on meadow ecology and the countryside. Chapter 7 looks at how agrienvironment schemes support farmers who have continued to traditionally manage some of their



The front cover of the book

meadows. Chapter 8 covers the scientific research that has been carried out to explain how meadow management affects the species composition of meadows. The research informs meadow restoration policy and practical meadow restoration projects such as Hay Time. The project, a partnership between YDMT and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority, uses seed harvested from species-rich meadows to restore meadows that have lost some of their nature conservation value. Chapter 9 looks at this project and its achievements so far. In May the project won the Environmental Projects category of this year's Yorkshire Rural Awards, organised by The Dalesman. Chapter 10 concludes the book by looking to the future. Also included are details on a selection of 25 superb meadows in or close to the Yorkshire Dales National Park that have good public access.

Hay Time in the Yorkshire Dales is softback, full colour throughout and costs £12 (plus £2 p&p). You can buy a copy from the YDMT office, or place an order on 015242 51004, email info@ydmt.org, or online at www.ydmt.org. The book is also available in the village shop, National Park visitor centres and selected bookshops.

We hope the book is of interest to all – locals and visitors alike – who have a love for the Yorkshire Dales and its wonderful wildflower meadows.

Don Gamble and Tanya St Pierre Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust



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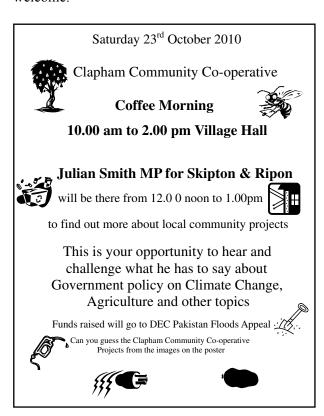
Whist Group

The Whist Group meets at Clapham Village Hall on Friday evenings.

All proceeds go to chosen charities. This time we have chosen Clapham Park Association. We have donated £200, we felt it should go into the village amenities.

Future dates are:

October 1st, 15th, 22nd and 29th. November 12th, 19th and 26th. December 10th and 17th All commencing at 7.30 pm to which all are welcome.



Autumn

Rain, then sun; sun, then rain. Warm, then cold; then warm again. A wind blows soft, gently humming. Then roars, announcing Winter's coming.

Trees turn in amber kaleidoscope, Summer's hold, as slippy as soap. The dark nights climbing September's wall, Then marching strong to Autumn's call.

So here I lie, summer lost; Winter beckons with voice of frost. The sun, bereft, when Winter grieves, Is here, consoled, in Autumn's leaves.

Terry Jenkins

I was intending to entitle this piece Neighbours because it is all about the two lovely ladies who live next door to us but I was fearful that readers might assume it was all about that dreadful antipodean tripe of the same name on TV. When our youngest granddaughter met our neighbours for the first time she said afterwards to Barbara that she had enjoyed talking to Glayvis and Menace. It was, I am sure, a slip of the tongue rather than a character assessment.

Mavis and Glenys are sisters who were born in Nelson where their father was an overlooker in a cotton mill and mother was a weaver. There was already a boy in the family when Mavis was born in 1935 and seven years later Glenys arrived on the scene. She was clearly a mistake but her mum regarded it as her best mistake ever. Joan Farrer when she heard the story said she was not a mistake but an autumn crocus. They enjoyed a very happy childhood where they were well provided for, but school life held few attractions for Glenys who walked off home on several occasions. When she was told that this was unacceptable it made little difference because she was defiant and determined.

They both enjoyed practical work and Mavis was very happy to work in a mill as a weaver when she left school at fifteen. Her brother was in the forces and the friends he brought home provided her with a selection of boyfriends. One of his other friends, Gerard Leonard, became a pen pal for her and she wrote to him for two years before they met. Perhaps Mavis should write for this newsletter instead of me because her writing impressed him so much that he married her when she was 20. They went to live in Farnworth near Bolton for five years but

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Mavis and Glenys

then returned to Nelson where Gerard became a successful swimming teacher, so successful that he only had two complete failures. I won't say who they were but if you fall in the beck don't rely on Mavis or Glenys swimming to your rescue. They had two sons, a daughter and four grandchildren. Later Mavis worked for thirty years in the school dinner service. They celebrated their golden wedding four years ago but sadly Gerard died six months later.

Glenys wanted to be a hairdresser when she left school but she could not afford the bond that had to be paid in those days to take up an apprenticeship so she went to work in an office where she endured seven years of boredom. There was, however, one bonus and that was that she met Tony McMahon at work when she was 20 and they married three years later. Tony believed that if Glenys wanted to be a hairdresser she should follow her instincts so they

bought a shop in Nelson and she was able to set out on the road she wanted to travel. When Tony was made redundant it led to a major change in their lives because they moved to Giggleswick where Tony started a taxi business and they bought a shop for Glenys. Thirteen years later Tony had some time to kill in Clapham whilst Glenys was visiting a well known physiotherapist and he was very impressed by a bungalow which was for sale. Half an hour later Glenys also fell in love with it and six weeks after that they moved to Gilgen on Cross Haw Lane.

Tony's business expanded and he concentrated on school transport, especially for children who were handicapped or had special needs. He employed a number of local retired people because he knew that he could rely on them and they never let him down. Later he enjoyed a few years of retirement until he died just eight weeks before Gerard. It made sense for the two sisters to live together so Mavis sold her house where she had lived for fifty years and came here. In their younger days Mavis must have resented

her sister because Glenys wanted to be with her and that is the last thing a teenager needs when she is hoping to impress a new boyfriend. Today they are friends as well as sisters and they get on well because they are both very practical and they enjoy the same activities. Some years ago they refurbished a house in Nelson, including the replacement of floorboards so they are not easily daunted by challenges. A further example is that Gerard bought Mavis ten driving lessons for her birthday when she was 55 and she went on to pass first time. Tony then challenged Glenys to do the same and she did. Three days later she drove his big new Mercedes and when he retired through ill health Glenys ran the business for twelve months.

It's good to have the two of them next door and not just for the friendly chatter over the fence. I know that if we have major building work or gardening to do whilst I am busy on the golf course Barbara won't have to do it on her own.

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Tea on the Green

August's weather was not the best but the afternoon of Sunday, 21st bucked the trend providing a glorious backdrop for 'Tea on the Green; in Newby. The event, planned by Ros Walton and Sue Mann, raised funds for the Pakistan Flood Appeal and Queen Elizabeth School's Drama trip to Washington D.C. More than 50 people attended and the event proved so popular that those arriving from Newby Chapel had to go back to get their own pews so that they had somewhere to sit! Conversation flowed, tea cups were replenished and a wonderful selection of home baking ensured that no one went home hungry. In total £400 was raised for these two good causes.

It would have been lovely to have a photo of what was a really enjoyable afternoon in a typically English setting but we were so busy that we forgot to take one. Consequently, we now have an incentive to hold another event next summer – all we'll need is the weather!



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CLAPHAM PARK **ASSOCIATION**

Our last meeting was held on the 7th September and there has been significant progress in our endeavours to improve our park facilities.

The Community Spaces grant has been completed. Rachel, the grant facilitator, was meeting Eddie Legget on the 8th September to go through the application to ensure all is in order and it is envisaged there won't be a hindrance to the grant being approved. If we are successful we hope to receive £49,999. Playdales, who specialise in children's play equipment, will be the appointed contractor and the approximate total cost is £53,000 and we have enough funds in the bank to meet the shortfall. We will be informed by the end of December if the application is successful. Once the grant application has been confirmed the existing park will be dismantled which would be done early Spring and the redevelopment will begin.

Once the park has been redeveloped we will need £1,500 per annum for the upkeep of the park which includes public liability and equipment insurances. This will require a considerable amount of on-going fundraising and we are always grateful for any new fundraising ideas or donations we receive.

We raised £200 at the Street Market and we would also like to thank Clapham Whist Group for their generous donation of £200.

Our next fundraising event is "Clapham's got Talent" which will be held in Clapham Village Hall on the 20th November at 7:30pm. This spectacular event is open to anyone of any age who thinks they may have what it takes to impress our panel of judges. Posters and leaflets will be distributed shortly and application forms and tickets will be made available from the Village shop. We hope to see all our talented (or not so talented!) locals competing for this prestigious title!

Lucy McNamara (secretary)

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WILDLIFE AT CLAPHAM and . .

On the next page there is a report by Kate Rowe about breeding Barn Owls at Keasden, I can add a little to that report. One Barn Owl was seen at the cemetery near Crina Bottom Farm at dusk on the 21st August, it was seen again nearly two weeks later on the 4th September by the bottom entrance to Crina Bottom Farm. In between those two dates the Barn Owl was seen, it or another Barn Owl was seen flying over the A65 near the Little Chef at Newby by Dave Sharrod on the 26th August. It is possible that these sightings of Barn Owls could be the juveniles from the Keasden pair. Hopefully they will stay around the local area.

Staving on the subject of Owls, one Long Eared Owl was seen roosting in bushes on Newby Moor several times between the 15th and 31st August.

Swallows, House Martins, Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps are still being seen around the local area. but the last Swifts were seen at Ingleborough Hall and at Clapham Station on the 20th August. The last Spotted Flycatchers were seen on the old railway line near Nutta Farm – 3rd September and the last Willow Warblers were seen at Ingleborough Hall -10th September.

Other migrant birds have been moving through the local area, One Pied Flycatcher was seen at Ingleborough Hall – 10th September, two Green Sandpipers flew over Newby Moor – 15th August, one juvenile Dunlin was seen at Crook Beck with a flock of thirteen Lapwings – 19th September. Dunlins normally migrate in flocks but this one must have got lost and attached it's self to the Lapwing flock and ended up on the flooded field at Crook Beck during the heavy rain showers we were having that day. This is the first Dunlin I have seen around the local area.

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Juvenile Common Lizard

Whinchats were seen on Newby Moor and Hardacre Moss between 15th August and 5th September. Whinchats use to breed on Newby Moor and Hardacre Moss up to ten years ago but they have declined as a breeding species since then, I only see them now as an autumn migrant.

Several late summer butterflies have been seen around the local area recently, Red Admiral, Peacock and Small Tortoiseshell have all been seen locally, a Comma butterfly was seen at Ingleborough Hall - 20th August, Speckled Wood butterfly have been seen regularly on the old railway line near Nutta Farm between 20th August and 5th September and one Speckled Wood was seen at Ingleborough Hall - 10th September.

One juvenile Common lizard was seen basking in the sun near Newby moor – 15th August.

> Tim Hutchinson Smithy cottage

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. . . KEASDEN

In the August Newsletter it was mentioned that there were barn owls at Keasden. I thought you might like to know a bit about them.

For the first time this year, a pair used the box I put up four years ago in a barn, in the hope of attracting barn owls. I had never seen a barn owl around here, but I was concerned that so many local barns had been converted to houses, thus removing nesting places for them (and for swallows).

Only jackdaws had used the box, and I'd decided to take it down. In going to do just that one afternoon in mid May, we saw a barn owl flying towards the barn, being mobbed by jackdaws. The owl flew away from the jackdaws but my son suggested we look in the box before removing it. He did and said he could see, but not clearly "something fluffy". After bringing a torch and camera, it was amazing to discover two young barn owls aged about three weeks. Barn owls are very protected, and a licence is needed to look at a nest, so we never looked again once we knew they were there.

Young barn owls make a wonderful hissing noise when they are hungry, so I was able to know from a distance that they were fine. The eggs are incubated for 31/32 days and then the owlets brooded for about



three weeks. They start to fly at about nine weeks. A ringer with a special permit for barn owls came up and ringed one of them, a female, (the other had flown).

Many barn owls do not survive their first year, but I hope that these do, and that the parents survive to raise more next year, to further the chance of us all being able to enjoy the ghostly sight of pale wings swooping around the moors.

Anyone with a barn wishing to put up a box can find information and a safe design on "The Barn Owl Trust" website.

Kate Rowe, Keasden



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