# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER Number 75, February, 2012

# **PARISH COUNCIL NEWS**



The bridleway and all-weather route for walkers from Austwick to Clapham under consruction

Welcome to the regular Parish Council news where we report on our activities and keep you up to date with Parish Council matters.

The Parish Council learnt just prior to its meeting on 25th January that the planning application for the new classroom and related facilities at Clapham Primary School has been withdrawn. A bat survey carried out at the time of the application indicated evidence of bats. Further investigation and analysis has identified the bat droppings as those of the Soprano Pipistrelle, which is a common species but nevertheless strictly protected and the County Council Ecologist has advised that a further survey – an emergence survey – will be required sometime between mid May and August. Once the emergence survey is completed the appropriate precautions can be drawn up to protect the bats during the construction works, and the planning application will be resubmitted with all the required supporting documentation.

United Utilities have advised the Parish Council that work will start on the pumping station at Clapham Station during the week commencing 27th February 2012. We have continued to monitor the seepage of water from the grass triangle area and the potential for ice to form on the road surface in very cold weather and have asked United Utilities to return to reassess the situation again.

The Little Chef on the A65 was closed almost immediately after the company announced that it proposed to close a number of its restaurants. The site has been secured and left tidy and the Parish Council has written to PT Specialist Retailing Ltd (t/a Little Chef) to seek assurances that the site will be kept tidy and secure and regularly monitored so that it does not become an eyesore.

Demolition work is in evidence at the Mercedes garage site but progress is considerably slower than we were initially told it would be. We are in contact Continued on page three

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Parish Council News – continued from front page with Craven District Council to see if there is a revised timetable for completion of the demolition and levelling of the site.

The public meeting held on 23rd January, 2012 to discuss marking the Queen's Diamond Jubilee was much better attended than the first meeting on 7th Novembe,r 2011 and the Parish Council would like to thank everyone who came to the meeting for ideas, suggestions and volunteering. The meeting agreed to mark the occasion with an ecumenical church service and picnic with children's games and sports on Sunday, 3rd June to be held in the grounds of Ingleborough Hall. Further information on this will be sent to everyone shortly. Additionally the Parish Council hopes to receive permission to light a Jubilee Beacon at Bowland Knotts and to share with Ingleton the Jubilee Beacon on Ingleborough, both to be lit on 4th June.

We continue to investigate the possibility of natural stone village signs at the east and west entrance to Clapham and to Newby and are very grateful to the YDNPA for their help and advice. We also plan to place a commemorative plaque on the inside right hand face of the Queen Victoria Diamond Jubilee Drinking Fountain, which will be of the same material and design as that on the inside left hand face which commemorates Queen Victoria's Diamond

At the December meeting the Parish Council were delighted to hear from Steve Hastie of YDNPA that the bridleway and all-weather route for walkers, cyclists and horse riders linking Clapham and Austwick was planned to start in January and many people will now have seen that the work is well underway and at the Parish Council meeting on 24th January we were advised that it should be complete by the end of March.

The Parish Council meets monthly at Clapham Village Hall at 7.30pm on the fourth Tuesday of each month (apart from December which is the third Tuesday). Do come along to a meeting and meet your Councillors and see the lowest tier of local government in action! The Agenda is published the week prior to each meeting and posted on the Clapham, Keasden and Newby notice boards. Matters that you would like to draw to the Parish Council's attention can be raised with any of the Councillors whose contact details are on each of the notice boards. or email the Clerk at clapham.pc.clerk@btinternet. com or telephone on 015242 51703.

Next meeting: Tuesday 28 February

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2011 was a tough year though, and not just for us. The economic climate meant everyone was keeping their belts tight. Nevertheless the amazing dedication of our staff and committee has meant that we are surviving these difficult times. Everyone here really believes in the importance of securing local food for the region, and is prepared to work incredibly hard to realise this dream.

Things are looking good for our customers though – the greenhouses are producing enormous amounts of delicious local vegetables. Where else can you get a year round supply of local salads & spinach, and seasonal treats like heirloom tomatoes, asparagus, or watercress? We sell to local people via our onsite shop, and via a scheme whereby we deliver bags of veg to community collection points. Our veg bags have never had so much of our just-picked own-crops in, and as a result we have had some very happy customers 'Hurray for Growing With Grace!' one satisfied customer recently wrote to us.

And it's not just local healthy, just picked, vegetables that local people have got from us this year, but experience and knowledge of growing vegetables. We have had a fantastic team of volunteers working hard for us in the glasshouses alongside our professional growers. These are all local people who value the chance to work as part of our team, and learn about growing veg on a commercial scale, or just to get work experience and the feeling of being part of a team.

Education, a key element of Growing With Grace. is a growing part of our business. We have always worked with schools to give local kids fantastic days out here on the farm, but we are now setting up an educational space to improve the facilities on site. Amongst our growers, we have an enormous amount of knowledge that we would like to share, and with the arrival of our beautiful Mongolian Yurt (you have to see it to believe quite how wonderful it is!), we will now have a space from where to run a programme of educational workshops. It will also be available to the local community to hire.

The economic climate may be hard, but we know that the ideas that Growing With Grace is



based on have never been more relevant or popular. Securing sustainable local food for the region is more important than ever. Growing With Grace has always championed sustainability in the region – we are well respected in the organic movement for our green credentials, indeed we are one of the flagships for the new certification of 'climate-friendly food'.

Our unique forest garden under glass, which is a food forest of North Yorkshire peach trees, apricots, cherries, Mediterranean herbs and more, demonstrates using nature's own ideas for maximising food production in a space with minimum effort, and has attracted the attention of the Permaculture Association. We are in the process of becoming an official demonstration site for Permaculture ideas (the word literally means permanent culture, and is rapidly growing and respected school of thought aiming for truly sustainable human populations on this planet).

We want 2012 to be as exciting a year as 2011 for all, and invite you to get involved. Come down and see us – we really are your 'community farm' and want to get everyone involved. You can buy our fantastic local veg, seedlings, or compost, or just have a look around our spectacular greenhouses. We always welcome more volunteers, and keep an eye out for our education programme starting in the spring! If you are really inspired, we are looking for more people to further strengthen our committee and to set the direction of the work here on the farm. If you have about half a day a week to offer, and a commitment to the issues, then get in touch!

Tony Bennett

# **CHURCH NEWS**

The Vicar writes . . .

#### Psalm 48 v 12 'Walk around Zion'

On the 4th January I arrived in Israel and returned home on the 13th, following one of the most amazing trips of my life, culminating in running the Tiberius (Sea of Galilee) Marathon on the 12th January.

Jerusalem was my first base for four days, the city holy to Judaism, Christianity and Islam and just full of historic and holy sites. Tourists visiting Jerusalem really do journey back through a 'time tunnel' to the enthralling periods in the city's annals. The archaeological sites, synagogues, monasteries, churches, mosques and museums open up its diverse aspects. I walked miles seeing this fascinating city.

My next stay was Nazareth, the site for the Annunciation of Mary and the town where Jesus grew up as a boy. The final three days were spent in Galilee, literally within yards of the Sea of Galilee, an area many would describe as 'the Cradle of Christianity'. The New Testament contains several references to the Lake which is alternatively called the Sea of Tiberius, the Sea of Galilee, Lake Tiberius and the Sea of Gennesaret. No other area in the world is so closely associated with the life and times of Jesus.

Each morning, at dawn, local fisherman cast their nets on the Sea, much as their biblical forebears used to, and I sampled St. Peter's fish in one hotel. I visited the traditional sites of the Multiplication of the Loaves and Fishes, a small chapel marking the

site of Mensa Christi, where Jesus told Peter to 'feed my sheep'. At Capernium, home of the apostles Peter, Andrew, James and John, I saw the towering white limestone pillars of the synagogue. On the hillside above were the ruins of a Byzantine chapel on the Mount of Beatitudes, the place where Jesus preached the Sermon on the Mount.

Finally, on the 12th January, I ran the Tiberius Marathon. It was amazing to run round the lakeside, crossing the Jordan River, the site for baptism. My legs did begin to feel tired but, with God's help, I finished in 3 hours, 54 minutes.

My thanks to all who sponsored my efforts – with Gift Aid I should be close to raising £4,000.

I returned home spiritually uplifted – my Bible really came alive.

Your friend and Vicar, Ian

# **Church Notices**

**Lent mid-week services** will be held each Wednesday at 7.30pm in each of our local churches:

22nd February Clapham

29th February Eldroth

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The PRG must be seen to work between patients and practice, because its main purpose is to represent patients. If you have concerns please contacts us and let us know. Ring Lorraine Crossley (Chairman) on 61700 Prescription ordering is causing some problems. Patients are asked to order prescription's at least 3 days before a prescription is due, and allow 48 hours before expecting to be able to collect it. The order can be made in person, phone at the Surgery and though the answerphone at Ingleton on 42497. Also prescriptions can be ordered online www. benthamsurgery.org.uk once you have registered with the practice. Patients do not need to see a doctor to order a repeat prescription.

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**Thursday Fellowship** meetings at 2.30pm will be held on 16th, 23rd February and 15th March.

**Senior Citizens** get togethers are held on the first Thursday of each month.

Saturday, 25th February an **Evening of Gospel Music**. Saturday, 10th March at 7.30pm the young people will give a programme of **Songs and Readings**. A supper will follow the meeting. Special services for the young people will be held on Sunday 11th at 11am and 6.30pm. You will be made very welcome at any of these events.

# CLAPHAM PLAYPARK

The Park Association welcomes new members able to offer a little of their time to help with managing the playpark, fundraising or anything else to look after the playpark and keep it such a fantastic community resource.

The next meeting is our annual general meeting on Tuesday, 21st February at 7.30pm in the New Inn. We usually meet every couple of months and meetings always finish by 9pm. All are welcome.

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If you prefer to remain anonymous you can contact Crimestoppers with information. In emergencies always dial 999.

# **Biodiesel Project**

The Clapham Community Co-operative's Biodiesel Project has just allocated over £500 to other Community Groups in Clapham.

We are now into our fifth year of Biodiesel production and our second year of grant allocation. The reasons for setting up the project were to recycle a waste product, produce a low carbon emitting fuel and to make a profit that could be distributed to other worthy causes in the Parish. Our waste oil collection and production is now a smoothly run operation. But more help is always needed. So if you would like to learn how to make biodiesel and help in its production then phone Jim Fox 51063. If you could help out with waste oil collection then phone Ron Wilson 51104. The Grants given this time are:

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Our annual crop size increases each year as our knowledge and skills improve. Around one metric ton has been produced for each of the two years but with the second year using 25% less seed potatoes. This year we have reduced the number of seed potatoes yet again and hope to still maintain our output.

One problem we constantly face is planting and harvesting our crop with sufficient speed to maximise our efforts. More participants would be very welcome. It is a great group exercise with lots of support and always fun (and potatoes for supper).

If you would like to join us contact Eddie Leggett 51030.

# Obituary Flt.Lt. John Mason D.F.C. 1922–2011

John died at his home in Newcastle-under-Lyme, aged 89 years, on 22nd November, 2011. He formerly lived at Smithy Cottage, Clapham. He attended Clapham Primary School and gained a scholarship to Lancaster Royal Grammar School. After leaving school he was employed by Martins Bank (now Barclays) in Settle, travelling to work on his bicycle.

Early in the Second World War he joined the Royal Air Force and volunteered to serve as a navigator in the Bomber Command. Part of his training was carried out in Canada. He completed a full tour of thirty operational missions during which time he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross.

On leaving the R A F he returned to Clapham and completed his banking examinations. He was then transferred to the Nottingham branch and then into the Potteries where he remained for the rest of his career. He married Susan Moor formerly of Bowsber Farm. Susan predeceased him in 2000. He is survived by his daughter Joan, son-in law Howard, grandchildren Paul and Helen and brother Eric.

# Saving lives above and below ground

# **Help the Local Rescuers**

Phil James

The Cave Rescue Organisation is your local Cave AND Mountain Rescue team. Despite our name, which reflects the CRO's proud beginnings, most of our rescues occur on the mountains and fells, rather than under them. The CRO is staffed by local volunteers, and relies entirely on voluntary contributions to keep running. A large part of CRO's annual income is from the Broughton Game Show, which we organise jointly with Upper Wharfedale Fell Rescue Team. This year, however, we have had to cancel the show, as the Olympic torch comes to Skipton on the same day. Needless to say, this will significantly reduce our funds for this year.

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# Village people . . .

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Angela, the youngest of three children, was born in Sunderland in 1970 where her parents worked in a factory. They had little money but she enjoyed her childhood. She excelled at school where she collected O levels and A levels by the bucket load at a comprehensive school in Gateshead. It must have been a testing time in more ways than one because she was a Mackem in a school full of Geordies. For those who know little of tribal loyalties in the North East I should explain that a Mackem is someone born in Sunderland whereas a Geordie comes from Newcastle or Gateshead and there is fierce rivalry



between the two, so it was an ideal grounding for later life on the front line in the police.

Angela went to Staffordshire University where she studied International Relations and German. It was particularly hard work because she had no money and so she had numerous jobs as a waitress in bars and restaurants to pay her way. She had no idea what she wanted to do when she left but her brother suggested a police career because he had entered the force when he left university. She decided to give it a go despite firm opposition from her mother. 'It's not a job for a woman,' she declared. However, Angela applied to several forces and was accepted by West Yorkshire after passing various written and physical tests.

She began police life on foot patrol on her own in the Manningham district of Bradford, an area notorious for high levels of street crime, including robbery and drug dealing. She came into daily contact with the vice girls in the district and saw at first hand the wretched lives they led. It was lonely and emotionally exhausting but she says she was too young and daft to know how frightened she should have been, although the Bradford riots later made the dangers all too apparent. Once she had proved herself, the older officers in cars or vans would provide her with temporary shelter so that she could drip dry or recover from frostbite. She really enjoyed the camaraderie, particularly when she met PC Moorhouse.

Les, the eldest of three children, was born in May 1968 in East Bierley, a village near Cleckheaton, which still had its own stocks although sadly he was not allowed to use them professionally. He enjoyed his childhood but unfortunately his parents separated when he was a teenager. His mum went to live in Holland so he only saw her periodically after that time. Les liked school and excelled at craft and design thus suggesting that he had inherited some of his skills and interests from his father who was an architect. He left school after collecting his A levels and applied to join the police force because his interest in the job had been kindled by his great uncle who was an inspector in Lancaster. There was a long waiting list so in the meantime he worked for Asda where he was promoted to supervisor. When his name came to the top of the list he joined West Yorkshire Police and was soon sent to the national police training school where he enjoyed the delights of square bashing and regular rigorous kit inspections. He began foot patrol in the Armley area of Leeds and enjoyed the work, especially when the opportunity for

# 'No job for a woman!'

traffic work arose. His work took him to such places as Chapeltown and to Huddersfield when there were riots. He was in Pudsey and then Manningham when Angela joined the shift as a new recruit. It was not love at first sight. They did not elope to Gretna Green in a black maria at the end of their first shift together but they came to know each other as colleagues. However, when they did start dating in February 1995 they wasted little time. They became engaged in April and were married on Angela's 25th birthday in September of that year. It came as a complete shock to some of their colleagues who did not even know they were going out together.

Their first home was a cottage in Micklethwaite and from there they often came to Clapham in their spare time to go walking. Les had spent a week at Ingleborough Hall when he was 13 and recalls going down Long Churn Pot with David Crutchley. Their enjoyment of this area resulted in simultaneous successful applications for transfers and Angela was posted to Settle whilst Les came to Ingleton. However the delights of our area were offset by the pain of commuting daily from Micklethwaite so they were overjoyed when they got the chance to rent the police house in Clapham and later, to buy it. Like many people who come here after living for years in cities they experienced a massive culture shock on arrival. Angela recalls driving past some children on her first day and they waved to her. She wound down the window to reprimand them for their cheek only to discover that they were waving in friendliness not mockery. In his previous post Les had arrested 148 people in his final year. When he came here it was six months before he made his first arrest. They had to learn a different style of policing because in a city they could call for immediate back up whereas here they were on their own and realised that the skills of persuasion and negotiation were vital.

In 1999 Angela joined the CID in Harrogate and Les returned to traffic duties, based in Skipton but covering a vast area. Angela's detective work was fascinating but demanding and her investigations of murder cases and other serious crimes took her all over the country She received a commendation from the Chief Constable for one particularly tricky case but before she could become as famous as Miss Marple her work was temporarily interrupted by the arrival of their first child, Erin. Meanwhile, Les was promoted to sergeant and became a senior investigating officer of road deaths in his area which covered Skipton, Harrogate, Richmond and the AI.

It was important, serious but sad work and some of it must have been exceptionally harrowing such as the accident in which a drunk driver killed four people in another car: both parents, their child and their baby, leaving one other child as a survivor. Les received a commendation for his investigative work in connection with that incident. He continued as a traffic sergeant until 2010 and had to deal with 70 fatal accidents during his time in that role before switching to become a sergeant in Settle, with responsibilities later extended to include Grassington.

Angela returned to the CID after five months maternity leave but it was exhausting trying to organise child care to fit in with shift work. In 2005 their son Riley was born and on the same day Angela received a phone call from the personnel department to offer congratulations, not for giving birth but to announce that she had been promoted to sergeant. In 2007 a return to life as a uniformed sergeant based in Ingleton made life a little easier than being in the CID and later she moved to Skipton.

They love their life in Clapham, as everyone says they do when I interview them and rightly so because we are all lucky to be here. They felt it took a while for them to be accepted but the arrival of a dog and children gave them a passport to the network of village life. In six years time Les will be eligible for retirement and he wonders what he will do then so he is open to offers to keep him busy. We certainly don't want him hanging around street corners and being arrested by his successor. A year or two after that Erin will be contemplating what she wants to do as an adult. If she considers a police career Angela will echo the words of her own mother: 'It's not a job for a woman!'

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# **Looking Well News – Bentham**

 $\label{eq:Raw-An exhibition about recognition, illness and joy$ 

We are delighted to announce the opening of a new exhibition entitled 'Raw'. The exhibition will be on show from Friday, 2nd March and will be open to view every Tuesday and Friday 2.00 – 4.00pm until 30th March (except Tuesday, 6th March)

Artist, Andy Wild, says of his work, "I want to share my journey with painting; from my first painting of a bird, to where I find myself now. It is a visual journey of how you can express your life in paint – from how you see things to how you feel about things. We can all do it, you just have to let go."

Coffee and Crafts at Café IN – Wednesdays 11.30 – 12.30 until the end of March. Series of new 1 hour craft taster workshops.

**Activities for February:** Nature Collage, Weaving with re-cycled Materials, Felt Badges, Fabric painted wall hanging.

Here is a quote from someone who attended in January – "As a newcomer to art, I found the art class at the Looking Well Studios to be thoroughly worthwhile and enjoyable. The atmosphere was friendly and relaxing. I shall certainly look forward to attending next time".

**'Sleeves Up'** is a group of volunteers at the Looking Well who organise volunteer-led activities to support Pioneer Projects. The group have organised this month:

**Feeling good** – Friday, 3rd February 1.30 – 3.15pm. Try out enjoyable ways of relaxing and feeling good.

**Friday Night at King Street** -"Bringing Home the Olives", 24th February from 7.30 to 9.30pm as part of the Friday Night at King Street series, a talk by

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For more details of activities and groups, please pop in to Café IN on Wednesdays, see Diary Listings, telephone Julie 015242 62672 or email julie@pioneerprojects.org.uk.

New faces always welcome.

Julie Vass

# **Meals on Wheels Service**

The meals on wheels service has been operational in Austwick and Clapham for over 40 years. It provides a hot nutritious and tasty meal two days a week which is delivered into the recipient's home by local volunteers .The service is crucial to anyone who is unable to prepare their own meals, or to someone recovering from a a period of ill health.

Individuals can choose to have one or two meals a week and can have the meals on a long or short-term basis. The meals are excellent value at £3.50 for main and sweet, or just £ 2.70 for a main course .We can cater for vegetarian and diabetic needs. If you would like to arrange a trial please ring Mrs Doris Child on 015242 51555 or Age UK in Settle on 01729 823066.

# Clapham village store to close!

**Nightmare or reality?** In these difficult economic times I've been thinking what would I lose if the shop went? My initial thoughts . . . .

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Buying stamps and posting stuff to far flung family. Cards – no more 'sorry I missed your birthday' messages.

Catching up on village news and meeting neighbours.

Collecting prescriptions and having dry cleaning done – freely offered services.

Not running out of basic household stuff – loo roll, soap, baked beans etc.

An estimated 10% off the value of my house – ouch! Buying tickets for village events.

So, the shop is a really convenient place to buy stuff, gives me a reason to be in the village, keeps me in touch with community life AND benefits me financially too by adding value to my home . . .

Thank you, Terry and Sonya and congratulations on your engagement.

Sue in Keasden



# **Baby & Toddler Group**

Clapham Baby & Toddler Group would like to thank everyone who donated cakes and visited the Indoor Carboot on 28th January. We raised £527.18 with £139.10 on refreshments alone, we had a few cakes left over so we have frozen them and intend on enjoying them on a Tuesday when the Baby & Toddler Group meet. We set a target of £1000 for this year and we have now achieved this and therefore plan to continue fundraising in order to raise some pennies for some lovely new toys.

Our group runs on a Tuesday morning between 9.15 and 11am and always welcome new visitors.

Once again Thank You for your continued support and we hope this continues throughout 2012!

We would also like to thank everyone for their kind baking donations for our cake stand at the entrance of the Nature Trail just before Christmas. Over the weekend we raised a massive £299.08 and will be looking at doing the same this year.

From all at Clapham Baby & Toddler Group







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# **NEW LOCAL LEISURE CENTRE**

A stunning new leisure centre is coming to Ingleton. Steve and Wendy Moorhouse of Stackstead Farm, Tatterthorn Lane, are building the leisure centre to compliment their existing caravan site/bunk barn business. The good news is that they will be offering memberships to local people.

The facilities will include a 15 metre indoor swimming pool, which will have panoramic views of Ingleborough. A small fitness centre with seven work stations. A Jacuzzi spa and a sauna.

The leisure centre opening times will be: 8am to 8pm Monday to Friday. 9am to 6pm Saturday and 10am to 4pm Sunday.

The location of the Leisure centre is only one mile from the centre of Ingleton, which means there will be a lot less travelling for people from all around the area, including Bentham, Clapham and Burton, who want to keep fit or just have a leisurely swim. Although the leisure centre will not be opening until March, they are already taking on members.

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However, memberships will be limited to avoid overcrowding and to keep the facilities exclusive. Midweek membership is currently available at just £300 per year. Full membership is £400 per year. They are also offering a special limited offer of lifetime membership.

For more information or to request a membership form telephone 015242 41386 or e-mail enquiries@ stacksteadfarm.co.uk. Or visit their website: www.stacksteadfarm.co.uk.

# **School News**

The Friends of Clapham School would like to thank all those who supported the Quiz Night on 27th January.

The night was a great success. Many thanks must go to Stuart and Barbara for all their hard work.

After an evening of exercising the grey matter The Old Bradfordians claimed pole position over 21 other teams, congratulations to them! A magnificent total of £440 was raised for School funds.

# **North Yorkshire Police**

**Metal Thefts** – Crimewise we have had a fairly steady time with crime matching last year and no significant increases despite last year's weather suppressing the overall figures.

One area where we have been relatively untouched until late is the removal of metals and on Friday evening (20th) thieves broke into the tip on the A59 and stole 2 skips worth £5000 each and another one from Airedale Business Park also valued the same. This could only be stolen with the use of large plant

either a bespoke Skip lorry or a HGV flat trailer. Also we have seen the removal of a broken dishwasher from a back yard. This shows that we still have the thieves driving around looking for opportunities and just at the moment metals are the best way of making quick money and in some cases it is very organised.Please report anything suspicious to us we have taken two of the cops off normal patrol and they just follow up on any suspicious reports. This is paying off in regards to identification of villains and deterring them from coming back.

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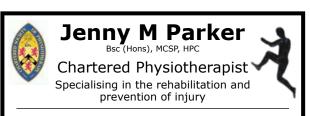
Flowering Snowdrops and Daffodils, singing Mistle Thrushes and drumming Woodpeckers, even a Swallow just outside the local area near Carnforth on New Year's Day, you would think its early spring but no its mid-winter. The down side to the mild winter is that there are very few winter migrants around the local area. Only one small flock of Fieldfares have been seen several times and one Redwing was seen with the Fieldfare flock flying over Clapham Moor near Lawsings Farm – 29th December. The only two Snow Buntings were seen by Simon Greswell, Trevor Davies and Mark Hodgson on the Bowland Knotts as they were going to work on the 24th November.

Four Siskins, one Redpoll and two Crossbills have been seen regularly flying

over Ingleborough Hall throughout December and January. Only one Brambling has been seen so far this year at Wenning Hipping with the Chaffinch flock – 2nd January. Two Woodcocks were seen by Wynn Roberts at Ingleborough Hall – 9th January.

Two species of Geese have been seen around the local area recently. Two Pink Footed Geese were seen on the maize field next to Growing with Grace – 10th December and a flock of about thirty European White Fronted Geese were seen landing in a field near Crina Bottom Farm – 2nd January. These could be the same European White Fronted Geese that were seen by the River Ribble near Helwith Bridge at the end of November and they are moving around the local area.

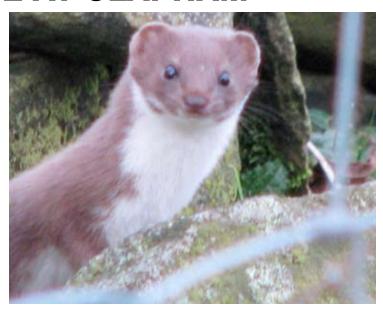
A white-wing tagged Red Kite flew over Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor and then it flew towards the Flying Horseshoe – 27th December. This bird flew in from the west so it could be a released bird from



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Four species of owls have been seen and heard calling recently around the local area, these are Tawny Owl, Barn Owl, Little Owl and Long Eared Owl.

Tim Hutchinson Smithy cottage

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