

# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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# A Grand Day Out . . . .

It might have been the slowest Duck Race since time began but the tension created by ducks stuck in the mud was all part of a really great Street Fair on July 27th. All the usual favourites were greatly enjoyed by the hundreds of visitors – Classic Cars, bell ringing demonstrations, lots of stalls, quiet music in the church, noisy music in the street and, of course, the Duck Race. There were also new things for people to enjoy:

- new stalls including Guide Dogs and a fantastically successful stall run for the church by members of the Knit and Knatter group and featuring hundreds of beautiful craft items 'Made in Clapham.'
- we welcomed Dales Jam and Settle Voices for the first time and greatly enjoyed their contrasting musical styles.
- the Children's Tent run by Bethel Chapel was a huge success (especially as those adorable tiny sheep were next to it).

We like to think that the Street Fair has something for everyone – hopefully, we have gone a long way towards doing that.

**With thanks from St James' Church to all who contributed to the success of the day:**

- the crafters, the bakers, the jammers, the planters, the sandwich makers.
- the helpers on all the stalls during the day, as well as those who put them up in the morning and took them down in the afternoon.
- those who collected 'all sorts' and made them saleable on the day on the stalls, raffle and tombola.
- the tea, coffee and lunch makers and those who cooked 120lbs of bacon for butties).
- the maker of signs and erectors
- those who once again put on a fantastic display of Classic Cars

In fact, anyone who did anything during the day – whether up front or behind the scenes. We hope you enjoyed being part of the Street Fair.

## CHURCH NEWS

*The Vicar writes . . .*

### A summer reminder . . . .

A summer reminder – the second book in the Bible is Exodus and one message shouts loud and clear from the pages: the importance of taking a Sabbath.

From the moment God provided the manna in the desert, Sabbath was commanded (Ex 16 v 23). And when we get to the Ten Commandments in ch 20, the 4th commandment is not only listed above murder, but – stand back and look at the page, take a good look and see how long each commandment is - the longest is about Sabbath! In Ex 34 v 21, the Israelites are told that, even if it is a busy time, there is no excuse for breaking the Sabbath.

Why? Well they had been slaves, and were now free, and this is how God wants free people to live. The life with a rhythm that allows time for rest, celebration and space to encounter God is a liberated life.

Reading Exodus you cannot help but get the impression that this really matters to God and is an important sign of the covenant between us and Him. The challenge, in a world where busyness appears

unavoidable is: how do we recover the art of lying fallow in the presence of God?

This summer, as we think about holidays and rest, what a challenge to actually take Sabbath rest; to take days when we just rejoice in the freedom we have and the fact that we are no longer slaves. That means we can lavish time-off on our family and friends, and enjoy worship and fellowship without having to look at our watches or worrying about the next thing we must do. We actively stop to remember that we are not slaves to anything, but free in Christ.

May we all enjoy Sabbath rest this summer as we re-charge our physical, mental and spiritual batteries for autumn and the challenge of all that lies ahead.

May God bless you all.

Ian.

## Parish Notices

**Saturday, 10th August** – Cheese and Wine evening at the Vicarage.

**Sunday, 11th August** – Keasden Walk and Cream Teas – Meet at 2.00pm at Keasden Church.

**Saturday, 31st August** – Talking Heads play in Clapham Church.



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# Parish Council Report

The Parish Council met on 25th June and 23rd July 2013.

Do you know of any maintenance jobs around the parish? Some residents have submitted ideas such as clearing fallen leaves from the path between Cross Haw Lane and Riverside opposite Brokken Bridge in the autumn, gritting the steps at Brokken Bridge during icy spells and cleaning the village and road name signs. If you have any other suggestions or if you are interested in the post of caretaker then please contact the Parish Clerk whose contact details are at the end of this article.

Cllr Price attended a meeting in Settle on how local people can become involved in the development and running of their local railway routes, services and stations. The meeting was hosted by Lancaster and Morecambe Community Rail Partnership (CRP) and attended by Julian Smith MP and representatives from Craven District Council, North Yorkshire County Council, Network Rail and Northern Rail. The Parish Council is having on-going discussions on how to make Clapham Station more appealing to residents and visitors: this could involve installing information points, art work and/or improving access. Please contact the Parish Clerk or attend the next meeting if you wish to make any suggestions.

Restoration work to the Millennium Stone has been completed and it has now been installed in its new home on the green of the National Park Authority car park.

The Parish Council continues to liaise with North Yorkshire County Council about unresolved highways issues and to campaign to keep the current level of service provided by the 581 bus.

There have been no further developments regarding the Old Mercedes Garage but the situation is being monitored.

The Parish Council considered the following applications:

- 18/2013/13721: Burnhead Farm Mewith, Retention of existing agricultural building for use as a general purpose building (To be demolished under planning permission 18/2003/3676.) Proposed lean-to extension to the above agricultural building and roofing over an existing area of hard standing for sheep handling equipment. Extension of the garden over an existing triangular area of agricultural hard standing
- 18/2012/13681: Woodgill Farm, Clapham, Demolition of existing farmhouse and the erection of a new dwelling with associated garaging and external works (resubmission of application reference 18/2013/13681)

- 18/2013/13603: Old Butts, Clapham, Alterations to existing farmhouse and change of use of lean-to shippoon to domestic/residential use of the farmhouse
- 18/2013/13553, Green Close House, Clapham, Proposed new dwelling for agricultural worker
- C/18/61H/LB: The New Inn Hotel, The Green, Clapham, Application for listed building consent for internal alterations
- C/18/61J: Full Planning Application for Installation of Containerised Biomass Boiler at New Inn Hotel, Clapham

## **It was noted that the following applications were approved:**

- 18/2013/13558 Grey Scars, Newby – Proposed alterations and extensions to dwelling and detached garage
- 18/2013/13460 Stoney Croft, Newby: New side and rear extensions forming annex and re-siting garage workshop

Notification of a Change of Use to Dwellings at Old Masons Yard, Clapham was received, reference number C/18/65L/GPDO.

The Parish Council meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month (except December when it is 3rd Tuesday) and meetings take place in the Village Hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Parish Clerk Gillian Muir can be contacted by email [claphamclerk@btinternet.com](mailto:claphamclerk@btinternet.com) or by phone 015242 51775.

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The ladies of the Handmade in Clapham stall would like to thank all of you who supported us over the last few months by buying our goods. We have enjoyed making them but without you we couldn't have raised the grand total of £1083.

We will be getting our heads together shortly to decide on what to make next, what was successful and what not to repeat. Our fingers are resting but our brains are busy. What a challenge we have to match that target next year!

In the meantime, please save old T shirts. They will reappear as rag rugs next summer.

*Glenys, Mavis, Val, Anne, Barbara*

## Many thanks

My daughter Sharon wishes to say thank you for all the cards, gifts and best wishes she received upon achieving her veterinary degree.

She is now very happy working in a practice in Beverley.

*Christine Wilcock*

## Quiz Night

You will be delighted to know that on Friday, 11th October the Village Hall Committee are again hosting a quiz night. Our Quizmaster will be Stuart Marshall and a delicious supper will be cooked and served by Lorraine and a band of willing helpers. At the end of the evening you will return home entertained, well fed, and possibly enlightened on the finer points of Sheffield.

Make a note in your diary NOW!

## No use crying over spilt milk!

Sitting in the sunshine makes me appreciate how beautiful Clapham and the surrounding area is, often taken for granted by those of us who live here. This got me to thinking how fortunate I am to be part of the village that has so many talented people who care for each other.

I have wanted to put pen to paper a while ago when our daughter had the blessing of her marriage at St. James' church. I still marvel at how we could put together such an event just on the talents of local people – the invites and Order of Service so professionally produced by Ray Hull; the flowers and bouquets arranged by Ruthie Woodhouse whose son was a fantastic chimneysweep; our magnanimous driver Richard Sexton in his vintage car who expertly chauffeured Katie to the church to the sound of our local bellringers; the cake-makers Rosie and Christine who produced such delicious cakes for the party; and our very professional wedding cake designer and maker, Janet Wildman who has made all our celebration cakes with an eye to detail no one can surpass. Help was given with the local hog roast and even our photographer was a local young lady. The guests were very comfortable staying at Brookhouse and Arbutus. What more could you want?

Again, back to thinking what a village we can be – caring and sharing. I congratulate Sue who is continuing to improve the facilities at the Bunk House, Reading Room Café and is making a welcome place for young and old.

Having now moved on from that business to becoming the local 'milk lady' I am seeing another side to Clapham and its residents.

I appreciate all those who support me with their own local businesses, helping to keep Clapham alive and well. That is: Ingleborough Hall with the help of

Audrey, the Village Store and Terry, the local schools and of course the Reading Room Café.

I took over the milk round to continue the good work Tom has done for over 50 years, (when he then delivered milk in cans to the New Inn) and to keep a village tradition going.

I know that when I am delivering newspapers, posting letters along with the milk I am doing a service people need and want. It is such a pity that not all the businesses in Clapham appreciate village traditions and want to enter into the village ethos.

It's not all about the money!

*Brenda Everson*

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## Flying Horse Shoe

Opposite the entrance to Clapham railway station there is a very smart looking building called Farrer Lodge. Its crisp, clean, cream sandstone exterior houses a number of luxury apartments. But for many, many years this building was the Flying Horse Shoe Hotel, a hostelry much beloved of Clapham and Keasden residents. Time was when customers would press six deep at the bar. One wonders about the stories the old walls would tell if they could. When and why was the hotel built? Who built it? Who lived and worked there? What happened to them? Why did it change from hostelry to apartments?

Some answers to such questions were given on Saturday, 2nd February this year when a talk was given in Clapham Village Hall about 'The Shoe'. The talk was well attended but afterwards several folk said how much they regretted that they were unable to be there. The organisers, the Village Hall committee, promised that the event would be repeated sometime in the autumn.

A date has now been fixed for that repeat event – Saturday, 2nd November, 2013, again in the Village Hall. The talk will be illustrated by slides of old family photographs of some of the people who lived there, made available by descendants of the landlord who ran the inn for over 50 years around the turn of the 19th to 20th centuries. One of those descendants

is planning to be with us and perhaps to add family anecdotes.

This second talk will be different from the first. On and after that first occasion several members of the audience added items of information – photographs, dates, names, happenings which helped to bring the bare outline to life. This new information will be added into the mix.

It promises to be an interesting evening. If you think that you might enjoy it, then be there.

*Ken Pearce*

## Settle Photographic Group

There will also be an photographic exhibition by Settle Photographic Club in Clapham Village Hall on Saturday 24th, Sunday 25th and Monday 26th August. Refreshments will be served in the Village Hall in aid of the Village Hall and St. James' Church. Offers of cakes and helpers would be appreciated. Contact Liz Mason

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# A Tribute to Jean Claughton 1926–2013 . . . .

Jean Claughton was born on the 13th February 1920 in Manchester – her parents were George and Ethel Moffatt. The family moved to Settle when Jean was a young girl and her father the reverend George Moffatt became the minister at the Zion Chapel – he stayed there for many years and was a well known and much loved figure in and around Settle.

Jean attended Settle High School and then began teacher training in Liverpool knowing that due to the war she would be evacuated to Keswick to continue her course – she loved the hills all her life and really was a country girl.

Once qualified as a teacher Jean did a whole range of full-time and part-time supply posts over the years. She worked for a time in Lincolnshire – she has probably taught at some time in most of the lower schools, whilst full-time in Long Preston, Horton-in-Ribblesdale and Clapham. When you consider that Jean did not drive, it is amazing to think how well she did using public transport and of the time to get to school.

She met Lawrence when Lawrence who came from Halton was working in Millom at the then Prisoner of War Camp and like so many of that generation that first meeting was at a dance in Settle. They got married in 1949, in the Zion Chapel of Ease and their first home was in Upper Settle not far from the Chapel. Frances was born in 1958 and Robert in 1961 – they lived for a few years in Frodsham, Cheshire – not a place Jean loved and she was delighted when they moved back north initially to Lupton.

Despite her teaching career, Lawrence and Jean moved to Clapham to what was the Spindle Tree Café – and became a very successful business and Jean would often open at unusual times to look after the Cave Rescue members when out on a call.

Lawrence and Jean moved to Giggleswick – planning for retirement but after Lawrence died, Jean who never really settled or felt at home in Giggleswick decided almost immediately to look for a bungalow in her beloved Clapham. She discovered Birchlands on the Green was for sale, and within three months, in March 2000 she moved back to Clapham.

As we all know – she never stopped – I arrived in early 2004, and Jean was one of the leading characters and organisers in both the Church and the village. As we have already heard she was an ideas person – great at organising others, a typical teacher model – soon after I arrived at the PCC she suggested the Angel Festival – the Church was full of angels, and we had a special, really well attended service – Jean hosted the monthly house communion service which was so important to all who attended, especially those

unable to get to Church regularly on a Sunday.

She was very much *Mrs Street Market* and I can see her now marching down the road with a big key hanging around her neck. She was generous, liked to be in charge and had a great memory for people and needs.

She would often ring me up to tell me of a newcomer to the Village or someone who is ill, or of a death. I will always remember receiving a phone call in June 2007 telling me that Jean was seriously ill after suffering a stroke. Visiting her in Lancaster for those early days I wondered if she would pull through – but her inner strength and spirit led to her recovering – so much so that when I saw her maybe a month later she was rally fighting her corner.

In September 2007 she went to the Ingleborough Nursing Home, which would become her new home for the rest of her life. She settled in well – her mind was excellent and she began organising – coming up with ideas for the home, she enjoyed regular outings to the coffee shop run by Rachel in Ingleton and became a real part of Ingleton Methodist Church family.

She came to all the Street markets in Clapham and the special re-dedication service for the Tower, of the bells, the kitchen and the toilet.

Yes, on behalf of all the family we say thanks to the Ingleborough staff for all the love and care you gave to Jean.

Jean was proud of Frances and Robert – of their lives and achievements and especially her grandchildren Janet and Calum, Tom and Laura and she was over the moon when great-granddaughter Amelia was born nearly three years ago.

Today we thank God as a family, as a church, as a village for a very unique and special lady who gave so much to us all.

I will always remember Jean's faith and inner strength – I am sure something she gained from her own father – our reading from John 14 is all about families – our Lord's – all the disciples were different – different backgrounds, personalities and so when he tells them that soon he is going back to his Father – back to prepare a place for them – good old Doubting Thomas says but how can I know the way – Jesus replies with these famous words: I am the way, the truth and the light.

Jean loved and served the Lord – and Jean today is at peace, she is well and indeed like Thomas will have received her reward – a place in heaven.

In my father's house there are many mansions. May we all draw strength and hope for ourselves from the words of Jesus: I am the way, the truth and the life

*Rev'd. Ian Greenhalgh*



## ... and Frances shares memories of her Mum

I'm touched that so many of you are here today to remember my mum, Jean. I'm going to share with you some of my thoughts as I remember her.

Jean had passion. She was passionate about people and she thrived on creating relationships. Many of you will have known her as a teacher, perhaps as a colleague, or you may have been a child that she taught or the parent of a child. Jean taught in many local schools (and some elsewhere) in a long and varied career. In fact when was teaching part time, and she reached 60 years old, the Local Education Authority asked her what she wanted to do, expecting her to say "retire", but Jean said "I want to work full time", so they had to find her another job. When she did eventually retire the children at Clapham school wrote individual letters to her that were presented bound together in a book. Many of the letters recounted a time she had taken some of them to the zoo and clearly to allow them in the gift shop they had to be with a parent, so she had told the children to pretend she was their grandma. It was obvious that the children had loved being in on this little deception; I'm not sure how many grandchildren she was supposed to have had.

Another of Jean's great loves was for animals, and she often amused the children at assembly time with stories of Jenny, her beloved spotty dog or Joey her big ginger cat. Jean also loved her local environment and was enchanted by the sight from her classroom window at Horton school, which framed a view of Pen y Ghent hill.

Mum's creative streak was well suited by her occupation, although sometimes she flew by the seat of her pants. I remember going in to help in the classroom one day and her asking me to give out the art equipment, paper brushes etc. Once this was done and the children were seated expectantly waiting for further instructions I asked her what we were doing. "I don't know, I haven't thought yet" was her reply. You will probably be relieved to know that the lesson was a complete success and this was not at Clapham School.

Mum was a woman who loved to be involved and doing something. When we first came to Clapham she was involved in local politics and an early venture in catering that comes to mind was when we had to prepare a buffet for the visit of Liberal politician Cyril Smith to the Victoria Hall in Settle. Notwithstanding the appalling kitchen area in said hall at this time (early 70's) and the BBC filming a documentary on local politics while we were stuffing savoury eggs, she pulled



this event off with her usual style, only pausing temporarily from the cooking while she and I had to both sit on the chair Cyril would be using to see if it would bear his weight. Happily it did.

Jean often remembered individual customers to the cafe, many of whom came in year after year. She remembered their stories and gave them a warm welcome. She would often re-open up late at night when the cavers were coming back from going down Gaping Ghyll and a few stopped off with her rather than going to the pub. Jean loved being at the centre of things.

Perhaps one of the things that Jean will be best remembered for was her involvement in the street market.

The story goes that Peter Winston, the then vicar, had said to the church community that money was needed for repairs to the church roof. Jean had said "I'll raise you £1000", a lot of money 30 odd years ago. I remember at the end of that first street market we had to copper up to reach the £1000, but the village did it and mum and I carried £1000 in loose change up the street to Mr. Pollitt's house (he was the church treasurer). Boy is £1000 in change heavy. A few days ago Ian told me that the church needed £40,000 to make some repairs to the church, and I found myself thinking, "We could raise that".

Mum's greatest passion was for the community she lived in, Clapham. When she first had her stroke and went into hospital she received a great many get well cards, and a nurse on the ward asked her if she ran a committee? "No", she replied with her naughty, sense of humour, "I run a village".

So tonight if you go outside and look at the stars and see a bright one amidst a few that seem out of their normal alignment, you never know, it might be Jean organising a new heavenly choir, or something.

And I just want to finish with a poem that we found among Jean's belongings when she died, it seems very apt . . . .

### Turn Again To Life

If I should die and leave you here awhile,  
be not like others sore, who keep long vigils  
by the silent dust, and weep.

For my sake turn again to life and smile,  
nerving thy heart and trembling hand to do,  
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*Mary Lee Hall*



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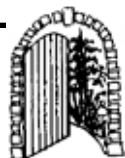
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We would like to thank everyone who supported us at the Animal Rescue fundraiser held in the Village Hall recently. We had a great day and raised a grand total of £652 for the five attending charities dedicated to animal welfare. A big thank you also to everybody who helped with setting-up the tables, running the stalls and helping in the kitchens and thanks also for the donations of baking etc. which was very much enjoyed by stallholders and customers alike.

It was nice to see so many familiar faces on the day and we hope to hold another event in 2014.

*Sally Dewhurst*

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You may wonder why there is no interview in the Village People series this month. There are various reasons (excuses?) which I have offered to our esteemed editor in the hope that he will remain on speaking terms with me, including the fact that we have been on holiday at the crucial time but the two main reasons are that the people I approached before going away declined to take part, after reassuring me that they enjoy reading the articles about others. Secondly there may be some folk who have agreed but I have forgotten who they are so I would urge them to remind me. However, following a chance conversation at the Street Market, I have an interesting interview lined up for the near future. Watch this space.

*Stuart Marshall*

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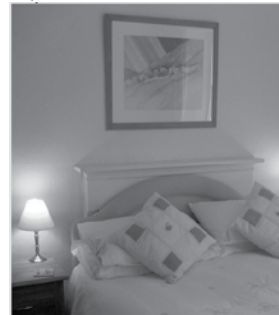
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# Wildlife in Clapham

This year all our breeding birds have had a much better breeding season than last year. Lots of juvenile Swallows, House martins, Swifts, Warblers, Tits, Thrushes, Robins, Finches and Waders have been seen around the local area. This time last year Meadow Pipits had totally deserted their nest sites due to the heavy rain we had, but this year I have seen lots of juveniles and adults carrying food to their young. I also found a Wren's nest at Ingleborough Hall which had at least five young in it, three days later the young had left and gone out to the wide world.

Swifts also had a good breeding season, on the 18th July adult and juvenile Swifts were seen screaming around Clapham, by the 21st July most of them had already started migrating south as there was only five left seen feeding over Clapham.

The Barn Owls near Crina Bottom Farm have also successfully raised two young. The juveniles can be seen looking out of their nest hole on warm afternoons, dawn and dusk. They both still have white down around their heads. The only migrant seen recently was a Hobby chasing Swallows over Ingleborough Hall – 12th July.

One downside to last year's bad weather is that not many Butterflies have been seen around the local area especially the Whites, Small Tortoiseshell, the Skippers and Peacock, though a few second generation Small Tortoiseshells have started to emerge recently. Some species of Butterflies have seemed to have got through the bad weather of last



year. Lots of Ringlets, Meadow Browns and Small Heaths have been seen on Hardacre Moss, Newby Moor, Clapham Moor and the old railway line. Two Ringlets and a couple of Common Blues have been seen at Ingleborough Hall. The first Red Admiral of the year was seen at Ingleborough Hall – 12th July.

Two Small pearl bordered fritillaries were seen on Hardacre Moss on 7th July, these are the first Small Pearl bordered fritillaries I have seen around the local area for five years.

Dragonflies were late emerging this year. The first to be seen was a Blue-tailed Damselfly at High Hazel Hall Farm – 5th July, after that Common Blue, Azure, Large Red and Emerald damselflies and an Emperor dragonfly have all been seen at High Hazel Hall Farm. One Common Hawker has been seen several times at Ingleborough Hall.

*Tim Hutchinson*

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## Clapham's Bellflowers

When we first came to Clapham, getting on for twenty years ago, I was delighted to see wild Nettle-leaved Bellflowers growing in the Dales. I have photographed them in one or two locations on higher ground, but also here in Clapham.

For quite a few years they continued to flourish, slowly increasing, with a bit of tlc from me as I tucked them into the hedge for support – they can grow very tall. Unfortunately, something began to attack them, appearing to chew off the flower spikes. Over the years, being an optimist, I always felt it couldn't happen again the following year, but it has got worse. Recently, seven flower spikes in bud had gone from the hedge side and 21 had been chewed/broken off on the other side of the track; no seed can now be collected.

The family (Campanulacaecy) includes a variety of flowers, from the fairly common dainty Harebell to the large Nettle-leaved ones. The latter include the Giant Bellflower, its natural habitat being in hilly and mountainous areas. Could perhaps be the one we have around here? Walkers are probably more likely to come across these lovely flowers in the vicinity. If the Clapham Bellflowers do eventually survive, it would be worth walking up the farm track to see them.

*Pam Summers*







*What a difference a day makes – Street Fair Day on the left and on the right the same location 24 hours later!*