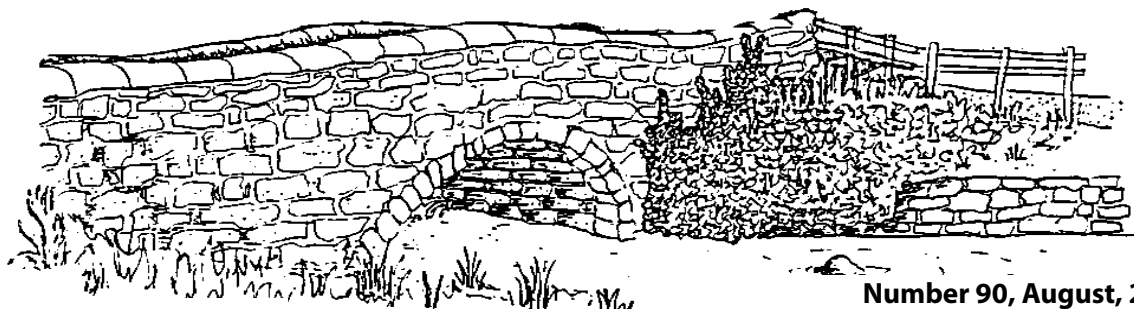


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Clapham Community Shop

Below are the Field Notes on the Feasibility Study from the shop project Steering Group

If you ever thought that 'becoming incorporated' was some kind of polite term for late development, we can now tell you it isn't. It's just happened to the Steering Group, on behalf of the whole community, and means that the necessary legal structure has come into being to make possible a Clapham Community Shop Ltd, should that be the way the vote goes on Saturday, 6th September. The fact of incorporation is also a necessary preliminary to major grant applications – so it is a part of our 'get-ready-for-anything' strategy.

Deciding which site would be the best for a community shop is clearly crucial – and we have been focusing on the options.

When the Steering Group began its work, we had only one possible site: that of the previous village store. Unexpectedly, the approaching closure of the Outdoor Gear Shop – the Home Barn – made it a second possibility, and over past weeks we have been researching many different kinds of fact about both of them.

New venture, new place: initially, that thought sent us into our research with a tilt towards the Home Barn – a tilt given a further little push by the impression the building gives you as you approach it.

Then the fact-finding began

James has examined the structural state of both buildings. The Home Barn wins here, although necessary maintenance work in the village store would not be complicated – but the Home Barn needs electric light on all the time, unlike the more airy village store. A telling energy issue. Home Barn has no parking space for either customers or delivery vans; the village store has some. Esther, with her wonderfully creative shop designer's imagination, has considered the interior of both buildings, and – possibly to her own surprise, as well as that of some of the rest of the Group – has come out strongly in favour of the village store. The Home Barn has the

physical disadvantage of internal steps, as well as less retail space and therefore less development potential than the village store: development potential that could be of significant importance to the financial viability of any enterprise. And then our financial experts had their say: leaving us in no doubt that the annual rent of Home Barn was very significantly higher than that of the village store.

As a group, we now find ourselves with a unanimous recommendation to offer the community, taken to it by all the crucial, practical evidence: namely that the previous village store would be the best site for a future community enterprise.

This decision has fed into the rest of our feasibility research, which we hope to finish within a few weeks so that we can assess if the proposal for a community shop is viable. Several existing community shops have provided trading figures and other information which has been very helpful. We are liaising with Post Office Ltd, talking with Ingleborough Estate about the possible terms of the lease, and planning the design, layout and 'feel' of the community shop. But we are also preparing a business plan, share prospectus, grant applications, staff contracts and shop policies.

Essentially, Steering Group members have been willing to risk putting in significant additional volunteer time to research and develop the proposal, but by doing so we have brought forward the possible re-opening of the shop by some months. If it's a viable proposal and you give the go-ahead for the enterprise, we can begin to raise funds (through share purchases, grants and donations) to cover start-up costs and get firm commitments from residents to volunteer in the shop to support a full-time professional shop manager.

We will present our recommendations to you on Saturday, 6th September at a public meeting starting at 2pm in the Village Hall.

*Clapham Community Shop Steering Group.
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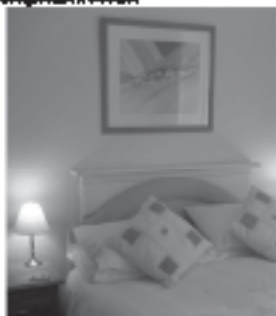


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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar writes. . .

Words of life from World War 1 - 100 years on Poppy Day will come early this year as communities across the UK gather during the summer to mark the centenary of the start of World War 1, when they will remember and pay tribute to the millions who sacrificed their lives in what was thought to be 'the war to end all wars'.

The shocking facts of World War 1 speak for themselves, as some 65 million troops were mobilised across Europe during the conflict. On the first day alone of the Battle of the Somme in 1916 about 20,000 British soldiers were killed with a further 38,000 wounded. By the end of the war 8.5 million had been killed with another 21 million wounded.

Christians in the military and Churches across the UK will be attempting to help people respond to the awful facts of war, while also drawing hope from the many stories of faith, courage and selfless sacrifice. Many people have found battlefield tours a helpful way of reflecting on and showing respect for the sacrifices that were made.

On The Bible Society's website (www.biblesociety.org.uk) details can be found of the influence of the Bible throughout the 1st World War. It states that when war broke out in 1914 every member of the British Armed Forces was given a Bible as an essential part of their kit. Historian of Christianity and War, Dr Michael Snape of Bingham University explains why. 'It was hugely consoling for individual soldiers', he says. 'There are poignant stories of bodies being recovered of men who had died with a New Testament in their hands'. What else could you do if you were alone, badly wounded and going to meet your Maker?

Communities will be marking the anniversary this summer in all kinds of ways, from planting poppies in school and church yards, to restoring war memorials, to holding services of remembrance. We will be holding community Services at the War Memorial in Austwick Cemetery at 10.00 am, in Clapham Churchyard at 11.00 am and at Keasden Churchyard at 12.00 noon - all on the official remembrance date of Monday, 4th August.

Do come and remember.

Peace and blessings to you all- Ian.

Church Services in August

Sunday 10th - 11.00 am Holy Communion at Clapham

2.00 pm Family Baptism at Keasden

Sunday 17th - 10.30 am United Service at Ingleborough Hall

Saturday 23rd - 12.30 pm Wedding at Austwick
Sunday 24th - 11.00 am Holy Communion at Clapham. 2.00 pm Evensong at Keasden
Sunday 31st - 10.30 am United Service at Keasden

DIARY DATES FOR AUGUST

6th-8th August - Vicar's Sponsored Event 2014 - The Vicar is cycling the 'Way of the Roses' from Morecambe to Bridlington - 170 miles with all monies collected going to our four Churches. Funds for sponsorship are at the back of Church.

Saturday, 9th August - Barbecue and Walk organised by Keasden Church - meet at Church at 6.30 pm

Saturday, 16th August - Barbecue for Newby Methodist Church at Bleak Bank Fann

Sunday, 17th August - Open Air Service at Ingleborough Hall at 10.30 am - Afternoon Deanery Teas for the whole Church family from Bowland and Ewecross Deaneries - Ingleborough Hall from 2.00 - 4.00 pm.

Come and meet all the Church families.

LOOKING AHEAD

Saturday, 13th September - Austwick Annual Plant Sale and Coffee Morning - 10.00 am - 12.00 noon in Church

Sunday, 21st September - Keasden Harvest Service at 6.45 pm

PARISH NOTICES

Christian Aid: Many thanks to all who gave so generously during Christian Aid Week which raised £910. Special thanks to Sue Brown, our Christian Aid treasurer.

Austwick and Clapham Church Book Sales: If you're short of a good read, you may find what you are looking for at the back of Church where there is now an ongoing sale of reading material. Hardbacks, paperbacks and magazines are all available in exchange for a small donation, with all proceeds going towards the upkeep of the Church.

Children and Young People's Choir

We are planning to start a choir for the young people of our parishes - our first rehearsal will be on Monday, 8th September meeting at 6.00pm at the Vicarage - at 6.30pm they will be joined by the adult choir and hopefully together we can begin to sing at a variety of events. Any adults are welcome to come along also on that evening. We will meet most Mondays to rehearse.

Speak to the Vicar for more information.

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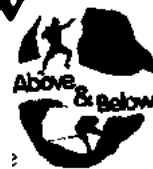
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Parish Council Report

The Council met on 24th June and 22nd July

The council continues to support the hard work being carried out by Clapham Community Shop Steering Group. The viability of running the shop as a community enterprise will be discussed at a public meeting on Saturday 6th September, 2pm at the village hall.

Much research is being carried out by Clapham Superfast Broadband (CSB) to investigate the need for improved broadband speeds. A survey in Keasden revealed that the majority of broadband users have problems with their current provision and would consider switching. CSB will now formally constitute in order to set out their aims and objectives, evaluate the available broadband options and examine how to take that forward.

The level of on-street car parking is becoming a growing area of concern for residents in Clapham especially on weekends and bank holidays when there is an increase in visitor numbers. As such the parish council will install two signs on ChUrch Avenue for a trial period encouraging visitors to make use of the National Park car park. The effect of these signs will be monitored for 3 to 6 months.

St James Church Parochial Church Council is leading events and activities to commemorate the beginning of World War I. In order to assist their work, the parish council is contributing £100 towards the cost of an information pamphlet highlighting the role local men played in the war.

An interpretation sign has been installed next to the Millennium Stone in the National Park car park. It is hoped that interpreting the carvings will enable visitors to gain a better understanding of our local heritage.

Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority Member Nick Cotton will attend the next parish council meeting on Tuesday 23rd September, 7.30pm at the village hall. This is part of the Authority's Parish Initiative that provides an opportunity to discuss topical issues and concerns relevant to the National Park and the parish such as planning, parking and broadband. You are more than welcome to come along.

If you have spotted any potholes or flooding issues then you can contact the Clerk or email the Highways Department directly on Area5. Skipton@northyorks.gov.uk

The following planning applications were considered:

- **C118/65M:** variation of condition 2 of planning permission **C118/65J** for conversion of existing

offices to form 2 no. three bedroom dwellings and erection of one dwelling, 8 Old Masons Yard, Clapham.

- **1812014114805:** Erection of a detached double garage, The Croft, Clapham.

The following planning approvals were noted:

- **18/2014114704** Minor alterations to allow use of existing annex for holiday letting including changes to front boundary wall and fencing to retained recess to side, Wenning Bank, Clapham.
- **18/2014/14705** Listed building consent for minor alterations to allow use of existing annex for holiday letting including changes to front boundary wall and fencing to retained recess to side, Wenning Bank, Clapham.
- **C118/1 09M/LB** Listed building consent for refurbishment of internal spaces, repairs to windows, installation of associated drainage pipework and external ventilation ducts and repair 1 replacement of floor to courtyard dining room, Ingleborough Hall Outdoor Education Centre.
- **C118/621:** Full planning permission for erection of replacement shed/workshop (retrospective), Croft Cottage, Church Avenue, Clapham.
- **18/2014/14646** Replacement of damaged conservatory roof to match the house roof from glazed to slates, Tenter Hill House, Newby.

The following refusals were noted:

- **49/2014114600** Proposed 250Kw wind turbine 30m mast with overall height of 45m to tip of blades, construction of concrete base measuring 52sq.m, underground cabling and connection cabinet, Israel Farm, Lawkland

The parish council is awaiting decisions for:

- **C118/622:** Full planning permission for partial demolition of existing curtilage building and rebuild to create studio workshop and ancillary accommodation, 4 Gildersbank, Clapham
- **C118/622A1LB:** Listed building consent for partial demolition of existing curtilage building and rebuild to create studio workshop and ancillary accommodation, 4 Gildersbank, Clapham

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.

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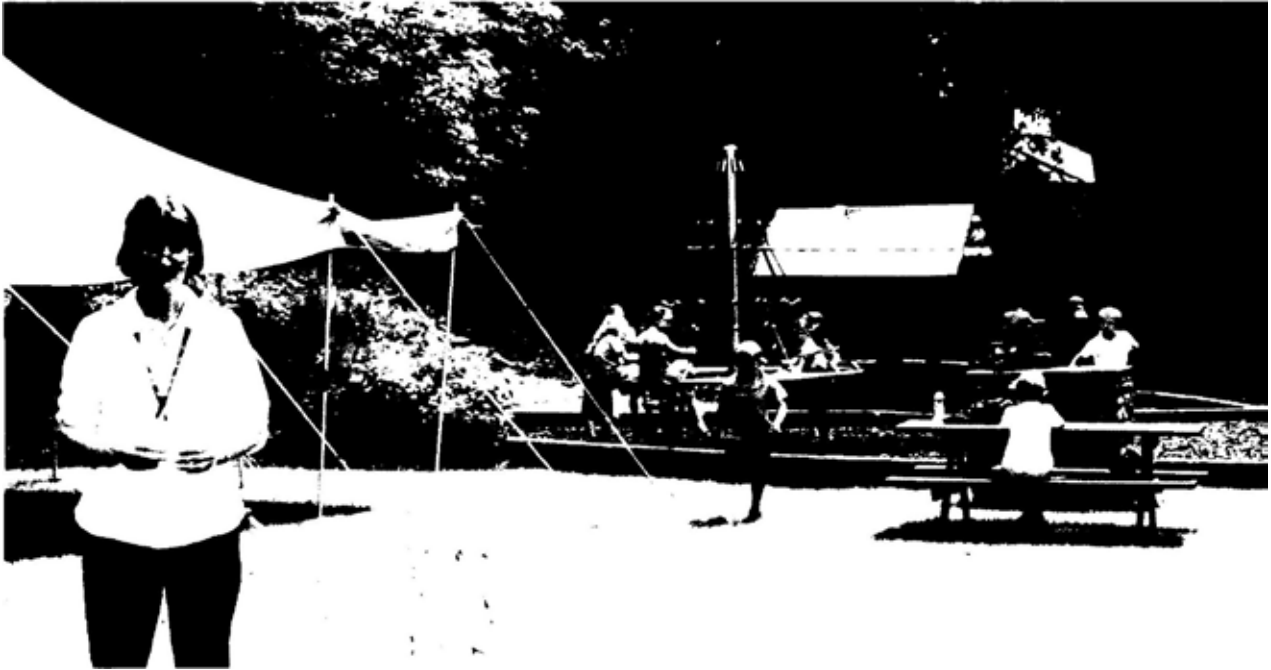
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I started my association with Clapham School in 1993 as a Teaching Assistant. I then became a teacher and recently acted as an Assistant Head at the school. I have always enjoyed running clubs for the children. An early scary moment was when a parent came to see me with a 'complaint'. It was because my 'Stop biting nails' club had been so successful that she had had to start cutting her daughter's nails for the first time in ages- she was joking about the complaint and was actually delighted that her daughter had made this decision. As a teacher, I have experienced many school trips. One that still causes a physical sensation in my stomach when I think about it was when I had to climb into a meerkat enclosure to retrieve an object dropped by a child. I then had to climb out, harder than climbing in, and hope that I didn't aid any escapee animals or appear on any surveillance cameras.

We have had some great times at Clapham School and some very proud moments. The Staff and I are proud of every single child we encounter, we were delighted to be graded 'outstanding' by Ofsted and more unusually Mrs Pybus and I were delighted when a child named his two sheep Mrs Harper and Mrs Pybus. I enjoyed having my teaching graded as outstanding when being observed as part of my assessments but far more treasured was a recent comment by a child that my lesson was like 'being on holiday with Grandma, it was such fun'.

Many things have changed during my time at Clapham School but the things that have stayed the same have been the talented, kind, generous and warm hearted spirit that is Clapham. I will not miss the 'targets' and paperwork but I will miss Clapham. Thank you for a wonderful 21 years.

Sue Harper

Thinking inside the box just for once

Our food-share box has now come to rest at the foot of the wall that fronts the Outdoor Gear Shop. It is, actually, food-share box mark 2; mark 1, on its first Saturday, came to an untimely end because it was (unwittingly) obstructing an entry. We think we've got the geography right this time!

Can we encourage everyone who finds they have spare fresh produce to take it to the box - and everyone who could do with more, to go and find it there? As you know, it is all free, in the interest of community sharing and community avoidance of

waste. A jam jar has now replaced the wooden box for any contributions to the specified local charity of the month, (the Cave Rescue Organisation for July); at least the jam jar can cope with any shape of coin, unlike the box, even if it is a drop in refinement...

The food-share box will be in place from 10am to 6pm every Saturday until further notice. We need you to help us both fill it - and empty it.

Clapham Community Orchard Group

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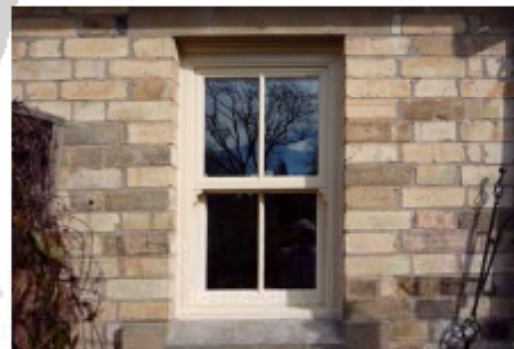
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A Grand Day Out - Clapham street Fair

Thirty five years ago members of Saint James' Church, Clapham needed to raise a thousand pounds towards repairs. The result was the first Clapham Street Fair. On Saturday, July 26th the 35th of these events took place. Blessed by beautiful weather, people were able to enjoy a wide range of activities with something for everyone. There was music from Batala, the Lancaster Samba Band and Dales Jam, Craven's own community jazz band - plenty to tap your foot to.

For those seeking more vigorous activity, Clapham Cave Rescue Organisation ran their Olympics with activities including the climbing wall, archery and Hide and Seek with the search and rescue dog. Younger visitors found games and face painting in the Children's Tent and could then visit the tiny sheep from Greenlands Farm Village. As usual the 50' Classic Cars attracted great interest and lots of opportunity for fond (and perhaps not so fond) memories of past journeys. In addition, there were 24 stalls from both Saint James Church and a range of other community groups who were able to provide any number of cakes, jars of jam, books, plants, white elephants, *raffles* and tombolas - all raising funds for good causes.

As usual the day came to a climax with the Duck Race organised by Clapham Village Hall.

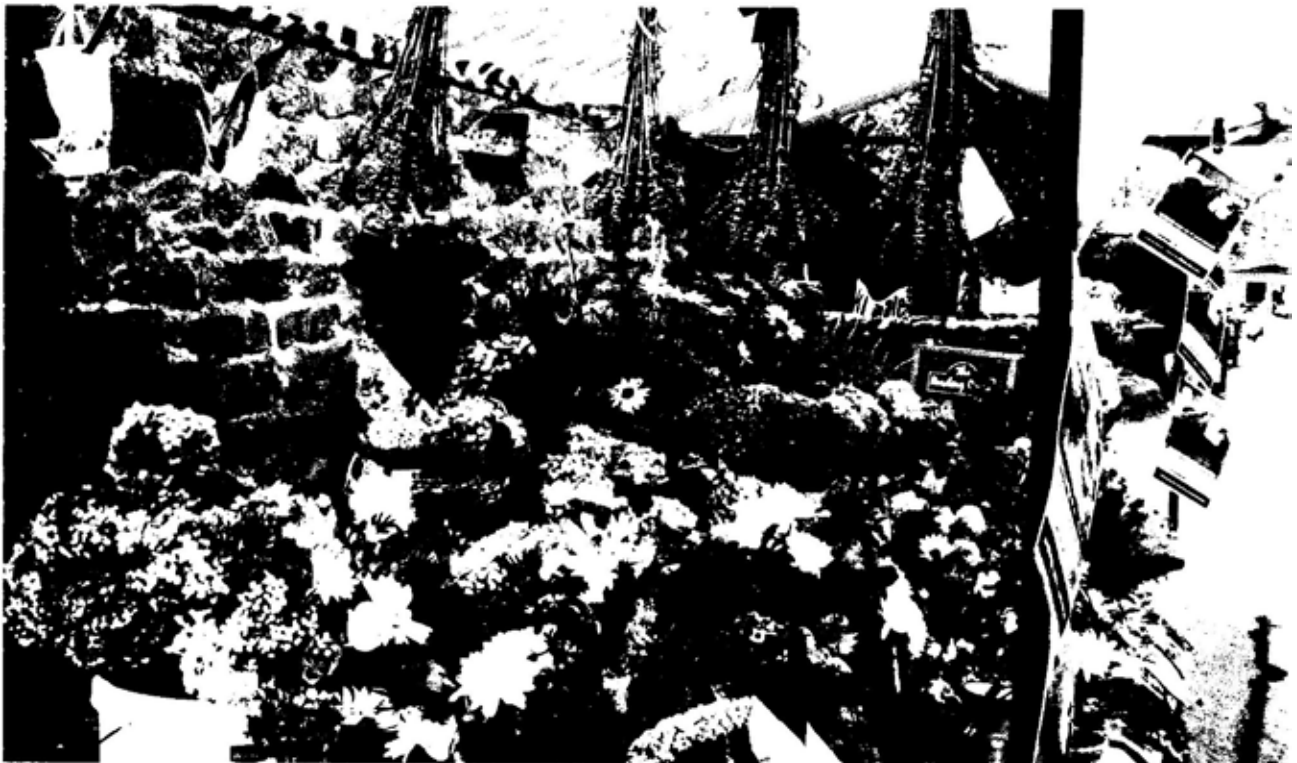
The dry weather conditions meant that this was swum on a shorter course than usual this year but still provided much excitement for the large crowds with a beak to beak finish!

As you will all know the congregation of Saint James Church is still raising funds towards repairs so some things don't change. However, it is really great to have what is now an event which involves so many members of our community whether they are running stalls, helping to put them up, take them down again, bake cakes, play musical instruments, marshal cars and on and on we could go.

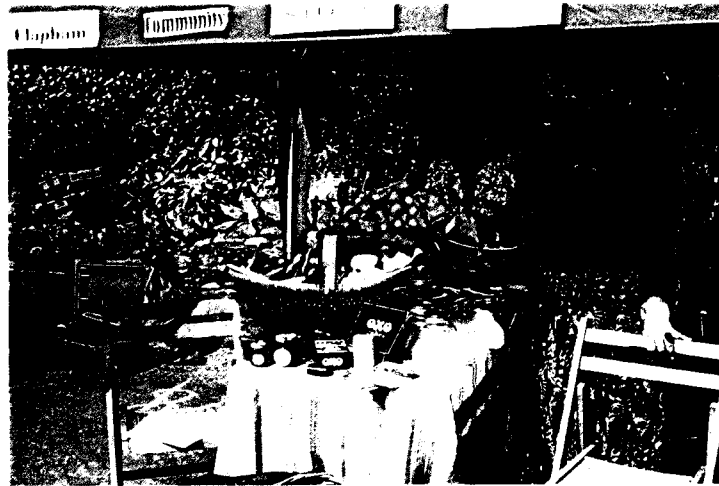
Many thanks from the Vicar, Wardens and Parochial Church Council of Saint James' to all those who took part to make this such a great day.

A message **from Ian** - After 10 years as Vicar one of the highlights of my time has been the annual Street Fair - as I look back over the past 10 years and reflect on this year's Fair I felt it important to express my personal thanks to the whole Clapham Community for enabling this remarkable event to be so successful. Without your amazing support the event could not take place, and many of you have been working over many months to enable the day to make so much money.

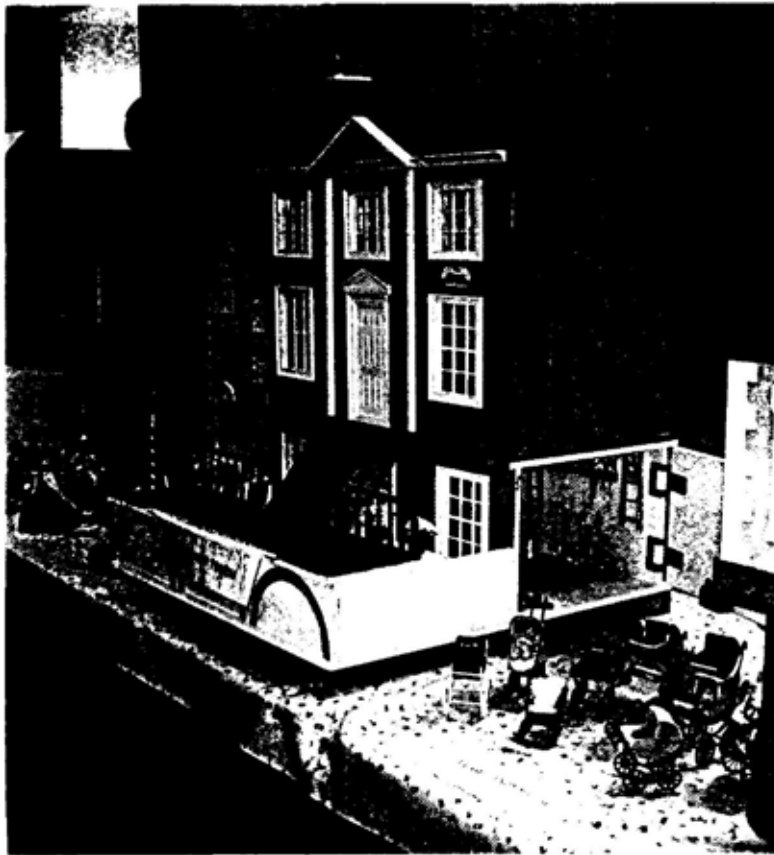
May God bless you all and all that you do for Clapham. - *Ian*











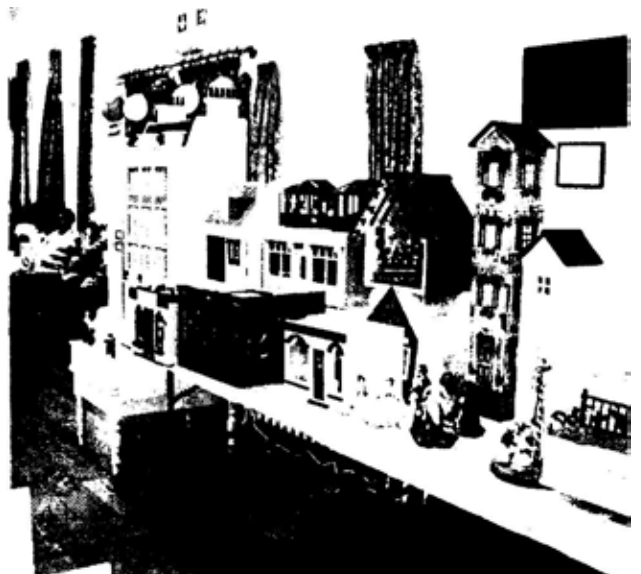
Dolls House Exhibition

The Village Hall was the venue on Saturday and Sunday the 2nd and 3rd of August for a delightful dolls house exhibition of close to 100 pieces. Each one of the pieces was painstakingly put into place by the owners Ken and Maureen Varley of Rathmel.

Their collection of dolls houses, shops and room boxes has been built up over the last 14 years, with Ken in charge of construction and Maureen making all the clothing, soft furnishings etc.

For the last ten years they have been tirelessly transporting their collection to many different sites and then guiding the visitors around this miniature world to raise money for charity. A wonderful selection of mouth-watering cakes, tea and coffee were available.

Rosie would like to thank everyone who supported the Derian House fundraising at this event on 2nd August by buying teas, coffees and cakes. £150 was raised on the day.





The marriage of Matthew Price and Donna Holliday, both formerly of Clapham, took place on 15th July at The Coniston Hotel, Gargrave. They will live near Shap, Cumbria.

THANKS

Many thanks to all the cooks who prepared wonderful, assorted cakes, slices, buns and loaves which drew much appreciation from the public at the Village Hall on Street Fair Saturday.

Many thanks, too, to everyone who donated supplies and prepared 120 assorted sandwiches for sale in the middle of the day. They sold out between 11.30 and 1.15. Apologies to all those who then found that end of the food table bare. We will try to do better.

Very many thanks to EIGHTEEN village hall helpers. Some set up tables and chairs, some acted as cashiers, others served food and drinks, washed up, cleared tables, emptied bins and vacuumed the hall floors.

As always, thank you to those who prepare and maintain the hall and its facilities for our use. (We noticed the fine new carpet in the entrance hall).

More thanks are owed to the village signage team who neatly fixed signs around the village to help the public move from event to event during the day.

Thank you ALL for a lot of preparation, generosity and good-natured assistance.

From The Refreshments Team 2014

Clapham Village Hall - Forthcoming Events

QUIZ NIGHT on Saturday, 4th October 7.00pm for 7.30pm start.
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Helen departs

Thank you all for the flowers, cards and good wishes on my departure from Ingleborough Estate Office at the end of June.

For those who were there I think you'll agree it was a lovely afternoon at Hall Garth.

Best wishes to everyone and I hope to see you either in Clapham or Austwick in the near future.

Helen Price

See notice on page 15.

Recycling up-date

Below is a list of facilities for recycling items such as Household Batteries, Waste Paper and Cardboard, CFL's commonly known as Long Life Light bulbs, Tetrapaks or Tetrabriks, and Plastic Items Numbered 5 or 6 in the recycling triangle imprint.

Household Batteries: These can be recycled at Booths or the Household Waste Recovery Site on Sowarth Estate, Settle.

Cardboard: Please take the blue bags of waste paper and cardboard, together with any other similar items, such as unwanted books or magazines to the containers located in the Swimming Pool car park, Settle. The waste will be sold and the money used to help fund the running of Settle swimming pool. This year Craven District Council cut their grant to Settle pool. Without the extra revenue made from the collection of paper and cardboard it is unlikely that the swimming pool would remain open. Volunteers are at the site during the working day" ex~pt at lunchtimes, and will assist by emptying your blue bag and replacing it with another to take home.

CFL's Long Life Light Bulbs: Unfortunately we have now lost the facility to dispose of unusable Long Life Light Bulbs (CFL's) that was located at the New Inn. The nearest dropping off point is Tooby's at Ingleton, they have a CFL collecting box located inside their shop. If you are unsure about its location a member of staff will help you.

Plastic Items Numbered 5 or 6. Some of you may have noticed that the large green container in Whitefriars car park in Settle used for the disposal of plastic items 5 and 6 has disappeared. David Pope from Craven District Council informed us that the contractor who supplied the plastic recycling banks has terminated their contract with the Council.

They are currently looking for another company to provide the service. He went on to say that whilst plastic types 1 and 2 (typically, plastic milk bottles, many household cleaning product bottles, shampoo bottles, etc) can continue to be recycled via the blue bins, types 5 and 6 will need to be disposed of in the green refuse bin. As a temporary measure until a new contractor is found plastic types 4 and 5, if clean and empty and not used for meat products, will be accepted at the Household Waste Recovery Site on Sowarth Field Estate, Settle. I understand that the Sowarth site will also take Plastics 1, 2 and 3.

Tetrapaks or Tetrabriks. These can continue to be disposed of in the designated container at Settle's Whitefriars car park and at Ingleton's Community Centre car-park recycling site. If the Village Shop re-opens the Recycling Group hope to be involved in ensuring a comprehensive recycling service is made available on site.

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World War One Commemoration – Lest We Forget

On August 4th 35 people gathered at the War Memorial outside Saint James' Church to remember those from Clapham who had joined up and given their lives in the First World War. Canon Ian Greenhalgh led the service using material developed for the national celebrations but bringing it back home with information provided by Ken Pearce who has been researching Clapham's response to the 'Call to Arms'. The contribution to the war effort from Clapham was startling:

- Between 101 and 110 men from the civil parish joined up over the course of the War. This was from a possible maximum of 135 men eligible to fight. Therefore, between 75% and 81% of those eligible to enlist did so. As Clapham was predominantly a stock farming community this was a huge percentage with obvious implications for those left behind.
- There are records of 31 Clapham men who died as a result of fighting in the War. This contrasts with 18 names which appear on the war memorial inside the church.
- The number of awards for gallantry made to men from Clapham is very impressive. Seven Military Medals were awarded among the 101 - 110 Clapham men. This represents an average of 1 Medal among every 15 men, while the average for the War as a whole was 1 Military Medal among every 76 men, showing that Clapham men won more than 5 times the average number of such medals.

The service was enhanced by the contribution of

the bugler Pam Whitehead, who played the Last Post, as well as accompanying the hymns.

The service marked the first of a number of activities in Clapham which will commemorate the First World War. These include a **Flower Festival** in Saint James' Church, August 23rd, 24th and 25th

Despite the ongoing repair work, the Church will be open over the August Bank Holiday weekend and will be beautifully decorated with flower arrangements which reflect different aspects of the First World War. There will also be an opportunity to find out more about Ken Pearce's research on the sacrifice made by the people of Clapham to support the Call to Arms. With music and themed refreshments this will be a Clapham event not to be missed.

Ongoing work: There are plans to take the research further in order to compile a fuller record of how the First World War affected Clapham. There will be more information on this as the work develops. However, one important question to be addressed concerns the discrepancy between the number of names on the war memorial and those we know to have died from the parish. We will update you on this through the pages of this newsletter.

If anyone has any memories, photos or artefacts from the War that they would like to be included in the research or as part of the Flower Festival please contact Sue Mann on 51792 or sm.newby@btinternet.com

New life for Bridge Cottage

As many villagers will have noticed, Bridge Cottage, the former home of much-loved and much-missed Valerie Potter, has changed hands.

Isobel Palmer, a former caterer and journalist, has spent the last six months renovating the cottage on Station Road with the help of her friends and a seemingly never-ending array of workmen.

The next stage is to open as a Bed & Breakfast, offering dog-friendly accommodation in three rooms – two doubles with showers and one super king size/twin bedded suite with its own bathroom.

If all goes to plan, Bridge Cottage B&B will start business in September. The number for enquiries is 015242 51506.

It's been a long hard project for Isobel, who can be seen regularly around the village walking her Lakeland Terrier, Flo. But she says she has found settling into her new surroundings an absolute pleasure.

"I have found a very warm welcome here and feel

I have made good friends already. I want to thank everyone who has supported me and made me feel at home. I looked all over the place before finding Bridge Cottage. I still can't get over how lucky I am to be living in my favourite village," she said.

"I was beginning to think I would never find anything suitable but then a friend spotted Bridge Cottage online. The day we visited was dark and rainy but I knew immediately it was the place for me. It has a very special atmosphere and I think that must be to do with Mrs Potter.

"We have uncovered some interesting features and artefacts along the way – lovely beams, fireplaces and slate floors – and the cellars and attics are a huge bonus. But the most exciting discovery was a George III Irish halfpenny. Ken Pearce found it in rubble when we were taking off the old plaster downstairs. And we were both thrilled. I will put it on show for guests and hope to find out more about how it came to be here."



The marriage of Peter Walker Shaw and Elizabeth Kaye Bibby took place at St. James' Church, Clapham on Saturday, 26th June. The ceremony was conducted by Rev. Ian Greenhalgh.

After the service the couple and guests were entertained at the Bunkhouse by the McSherries, and later a reception at Brookhouse. They later honeymooned in Cornwall.

The couple would like to thank everyone - guests and villagers, who made their wedding so memorable.

Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

Once again we are asking for a yearly donation of £1.00 from those households which participate in the Bulk Oil Buying Scheme run by Glenys. We ask for this donation to cover costs incurred by Glenys when securing the best possible oil price, telephoning members of the scheme several times per year and supervising the deliveries. I hope many of you were able to have a delivery at the latest - very good price!

This year we are asking you to drop off the £1.00 subscriptions at either 'Long Bam', Cross Haw Lane, Clapham or, alternatively if you live in Newby at 'Wyvern' (post-box located on the fence). Please be sure to add your name to the envelope.

Thank-you for your help.

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Clapham Playpark

The 'house-to-house' flea market' on 24th May was a great success, with more than 30 stalls spread around the village selling unwanted toys, clothes, bric-a-brac, books, and loads more besides. The event raised around £400 to go towards a replacement playpark shelter. We plan to make the flea market into an annual event.

All members help with park maintenance in one way or another to keep it in good condition but at the start of the summer we had Jim Fox on standby as it was looking as if we wouldn't have enough volunteers to help with mowing and strimming. However, Sean Goodwin, David Kingsley and Alan Woodhouse have now joined James Atkin and Don and so we now have a regular rota to do this park maintenance.

After several years of involvement, mainly with helping to maintain the playpark, Les Moorhouse has resigned. We thank him for helping to make the park such a great place for our children.

You may have noticed that our marquee is now up for the summer. The marquee (roughly 5 x 10m and 3.5m at its highest point) can be used informally but it can also be booked for a private party or event in the playpark, in return for a donation of £30 for private parties and £50 for organisations. If you're interested please contact Eddie on 51030.

We've been told that the mower has been affecting the TV signal of two households. The mower's sparkplug has been changed but if your TV signal is affected please let Don know on 51775.

Clapham Park Association

Fundraising Success

I would just like to say a big thankyou to all of you who came to support us in the Village Hall at our Animal Rescue Fundraiser held on Sunday, 13th July.

We had a great day and raised £904.61 at the event - a fantastic result!

Grateful thanks also to everyone who donated cakes and savouries for us to sell in the refreshment room, all of which were very much enjoyed by our visitors.

All the money raised on the day will go to help look after the ever-increasing numbers of unwanted or abandoned animals who find themselves needing our help.

This was our 7th charity event in the Village hall and we all appreciate very much your continued support and generosity.

With best wishes - Sally Dewhurst

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Wildlife in Clapham



The Swallow which has iridescent blue black upper parts, pale under parts and long tail streamers is one of our earliest arriving summer migrants (juvenile swallow pictured above). They usually arrive back early April but sometimes they will arrive back as early as mid-March. There is an old saying 'one Swallow doesn't make a summer' but people always keep an eye open for the first Swallow back and when the Swallow arrives back there is a sense of joy that the seasons are changing and winter is behind us 'hopefully'.

The males always come back first and they always go back to the same nest site they used in previous years. The nest is a cup shape which is built in barns, old and new buildings with easy access. Nests from previous years are always used again. There is a nest at Clapham station that has been used regularly for about fifteen years. Swallows normally have two broods a year but sometimes they will have three if it is a good year like this year. Juveniles start migrating south from about mid-July and adults from late September onwards.

The last Swallows are usually seen from mid to late October, sometimes some will stay until early November. It takes a Swallow about six weeks to migrate to South Africa and four weeks to come back in the spring. The last statistic is that a brood of young Swallows needs about six thousand insects a day to survive.

The first Swallows arrived back to the local area on 11th April and after that their numbers increased rapidly. The first juveniles were seen on the wing from late June onwards. Of the other Hirundines that

breed around the local area the Sand martins were the first back, they were seen over Hardacre moss, Newby moor, Meldingscale farm and Clapham - 4th April. The House martins were back on the 15th April and finally the Swifts came back on the 5th May.

Only two Cuckoos were reported to me, one was heard singing at Keasden in early May and one was seen flying over Clapham Station on the 1st June.

Dotterels are normally seen on Ingleborough and Little Ingleborough on their spring migration but the first five were seen by Kevin McSherry on Norber on the 17th April. Three were seen on Ingleborough - 24th April with five there the following day.

A species of butterfly that has been increasing recently is the Ringlet, lots have been seen along the old railway line between Nutta farm and Green close and they have been seen regularly at Ingleborough hall. Up to seven Pearl bordered fritillaries were found on the old railway line near Green close, this is an increase in numbers over the last few years.

*Tim Hutchinson
Smithy Cottage*

Morecambe Bay walk

The cross bay walk was cancelled at the last minute due to the River Kent being very dangerous following heavy rain. Sheila Maywood was all set to go and had raised a lot of sponsorship money for Derian House Children's Hospice. She would like to thank the very kind sponsors who refused to take back the money. The money raised amounted to £143.

Many thanks - Sheila



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