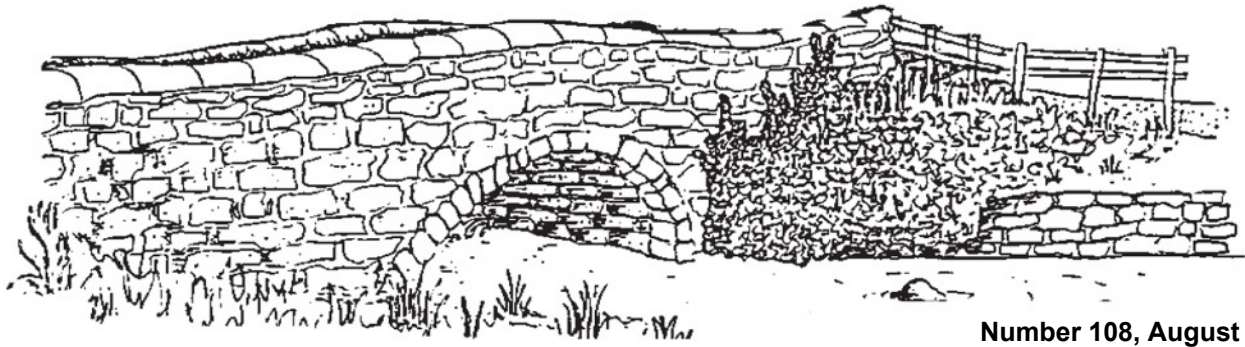


# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 108, August 2017

## Clapham Street Fair

When we opened the doors of the shop on Street Fair Day in 2016 there were about ten customers waiting outside on a glorious summer morning and it was already clear that the village would be teeming with visitors and that the whole event would be a success. When we opened the doors this year there was not a soul outside because it was raining so hard that Noah would have been nervous. The dedicated team of stall erectors had been in action in the downpour since 6am but I feared that the total day's takings would amount to no more than £17 because stall holders would be washed away before they could display their wares.

As I walked across the bridge a short while later I was surprised to see that for the first time we had set up a sauna. I



peered through steam and spotted Marilyn wearing not a towel but an apron and I realised that it was the rain on the bacon hot plate which was producing more water vapour than a health spa. Fortunately the weather improved so that people were able to see just how much hard work all the stallholders had put in and were able to enjoy the splendid music and entertainment provided by Dales Jam, The Flagcrackers of Craven in their colourful outfits, The Ukelele Band and The Batty Moss Buskers.

There was a ducking stool outside the CRO for those who were not already saturated and The Great Duck Race was completed in record time as the beck was in full spate.



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## CHURCH NEWS

*Ian's farewell letter ...*

I write this letter sitting outside Princes Risborough railway station, having just got off the train from London after watching the second day of the Test Match at Lord's. England were playing South Africa and it was my first visit to Lord's. It was an amazing experience: actually seeing Yorkshire's Joe Root bat and lead the England team as captain. It was very hot and Lord's was packed with an amazing array of spectators, and I couldn't believe the amounts of food and drink consumed during the day!

The day at Lord's was for me personally one of those special highlights, one of those occasions in my life I will always remember. When you read this, my final letter as your Vicar, I am anticipating giving you all my thanks for making our final Sunday (30 July) so wonderful, and another one of those occasions in my life I will always remember and which will be embedded in my mind, my heart and my life forever.

We have just moved into our new home in Giggleswick and I am sure Melanie and I will keep bumping into many of you on our travels.

*May God truly bless you all,  
Ian*

### For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

During the period of Interregnum (time without a Vicar), please contact:

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Church Warden Liz Mason - 015242 51319  
Church Warden Colin Brindle - 015242 51426  
PCC Secretary Sue Mann - 015242 51408

#### Keasden

Church Warden Graham Taylor - 015242 51636  
PCC Secretary Angela Peach - 015242 51108

## CHURCH SERVICES

### St James' Church, Clapham

August and September services

Every Sunday - Holy Communion at 11am

**Clapham House Communion - commence at 10.45am**

31<sup>st</sup> August; none in September; 26<sup>th</sup> October; 30<sup>th</sup> November and 21<sup>st</sup> December

### St Matthew's Church, Keasden

6 August - Holy Communion at 11am

13 August - Holy Communion at 2pm

20 August - no service

27 August - Evensong at 2pm

3 September - Holy Communion at 11am

10 September - Holy Communion at 2pm

17 September - Harvest Festival at 6.45pm

24 September - Evensong at 2pm

### Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

*Sundays:*

Sunday School 10.15am

Family Service 11.00am

Evening Service 6.30pm

*From September - weekdays:*

Bible Study Tuesday at 7.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Senior Citizens at 2pm

3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Fellowship at 2pm

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Coffee Evening at 7.30pm

*Children's activities:*

Mums & Tots Friday 9.30-11am

Fortnightly on Friday

Kmotion (primary school aged children) at 6.30pm

Encounter (10 years and up) at 7.30pm

### Methodist Chapel, Newby

Service - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month at 2pm, all other Sundays at 11am

## DIARY DATES

### AUGUST

**Wed 9<sup>th</sup> to Sat 12<sup>th</sup>** 10am to 4pm Soccer School & Netball - Bethel Chapel

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>** - Bleak Bank Barbecue from 6.30pm

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> to Monday 28<sup>th</sup>** - 10am to 5pm Clapham Village Hall - Settle Photographic Group 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup>** - 7.30pm in Clapham Village Hall - for all PCC members - meeting with Archdeacon Beverly Mason

### SEPTEMBER

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** - Plant Sale & Coffee Morning - Austwick Church 10.00am to 12.00 noon

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Keasden PCC - in church at 7.30pm

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** - Keasden Harvest Supper at Hammond Head

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Harvest Supper at 7.30pm Bethel Chapel

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Harvest at 11am & 6.30pm Bethel Chapel

**Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Clapham Autumn Lectures at 7.15pm

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## Dancing in the aisles – almost!



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St. James's church in Clapham welcomed back the Craven Accordion Orchestra on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> following the previous year's entertaining visit.

The audience, many of whom had attended last year and others who came for the first time, were treated to a wonderful evening of foot tapping music which ranged in style and had something to please everyone.

Many of the audience were surprised at the variety of sounds and tones the accordion could produce when put together as an orchestra, from the delicate flute and glockenspiel sounds to the robust trumpet sounds.

The orchestra is made up of players from all ages and it was a pity that local youngsters who are learning the instrument were not there to see and hear what can be achieved.

At this period of sadness, confusion and troubled times the concert enabled people to get refreshment of body, mind and spirit and both audience and players went out rejuvenated with smiles on their faces.

Not quite dancing in the aisles but almost!

*Liz Mason*

## Voices of Craven

Voices of Craven is an initiative designed to get the communities of Craven together using the power of song. During 2017 Voices of Craven helped to grow and nurture community choirs in villages around North Craven and then brought them together in massed rehearsals culminating in a grand finale concert on 24<sup>th</sup> June at Giggleswick Chapel. In June the Voices of Craven festival staged a series of concerts with well-regarded musicians in unexpected rural locations.

On 15<sup>th</sup> June the Church of St James, Clapham played host to Voices of Craven's Celebration of Folk event. Over 120 people flocked to the village, some local and some from much further afield, to enjoy an audience with folk legend Maddy Prior. Maddy brought along former Steeleye Span bandmate Rick Kemp as well as accomplished keyboard player Ian Matthew. The evening began with up and coming support act The Tenmours, who are a Skipton based trio who represented the new face of folk. They were thrilled to

be sharing the stage with such a star of the folk scene as Maddy.

*Jane Rice-Bowen*  
*Voices of Craven*



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### New in the village

This newsletter is full of information including some new happenings:

- a new domestic and estate services business – good luck to Mops & Mitres;
- a new website for the village – please go online to take a look, and
- new yoga classes at the Village Hall on a Thursday evening – welcome to Carole!

If you have some news to share - contact:

Andy Scott: andy at station-hse dot co dot uk or

Angela Peach: angela.peach@e-l-c.co.uk

## For Hire - The Clapham Apple Press

It's that time of the year! And the Clapham apple press is available to anyone in the parish who would like to use it.

The press is a large and effective piece of equipment, but it is heavy.

If you wish to borrow the press please phone or email Jill Buckler on 01524 251030 or [jillbuckler@mac.com](mailto:jillbuckler@mac.com)

I hope you have a bumper crop of apples this year.

*Jill Buckler*

*Clapham Sustainability Group*

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## Unwanted Items or Items Being Sought

Recently a notice appeared in the Sustainability Notice Board offering a nice chair 'Free' to anyone who was interested. I believe it was taken away very quickly.

If you have unwanted items please make use of the Sustainability Notice Board by putting a brief description and maybe a photograph of your item on the notice board. Alternatively, if you are seeking something in particular make your request known via the notice board.

The Sustainability Notice Board can be found on the left-hand wall of the shop (when standing facing the shop).

This could be seen as a 'Stop Gap' for disposing of unwanted items before we hold the next 'Give and Take' event in Clapham.

*Jill Buckler*

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## Clapham Playpark

Unfortunately, the late July illustrated talk by David Crutchley, about a ramble around the Yorkshire county border he did a couple of years ago, had to be cancelled due to people being away on holiday, but we hope to arrange a new date for this fundraising event soon.

In the meantime funds continue to come in steadily, which is just as well since the mower battery needed to be replaced.

Other than that minor hiccup, volunteers have kept on top of playpark maintenance by regular mowing, picking litter and weeding.

Hopefully it will be a nice summer and the playpark will get well-used.

*Don Gamble*

*Clapham Park Association*

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## Clapham Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

First of all I would like to say a very big 'Thank You' to Glenys who, despite having had a knee operation and being laid low for a while, is now back managing the Bulk Oil Buying project.

So, time to cough up with your £1 contributions which go towards the costs Glenys incurs keeping in touch with you all and haggling over prices with the domestic fuel providers.

Just to remind you this is year nine of the scheme and people continue to join!

Again, we will have a collection box behind the counter in the shop. A list of subscribers to the scheme will be attached so please ensure you tick your name when you have added your contribution. If you cannot find yourself just put your name on the list.

Thank you all for supporting this project and for your subscriptions.

*Jill Buckler*

*Clapham Sustainability Group*

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## Autumn Lectures In Clapham

As autumn approaches it will be time for the programme of evening lectures to start again. This year they will start on **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September**. Please make a note of the date in your diary or on your calendar.

By kind permission of the head teacher the lectures will again take place in the classroom behind the school building, **beginning at 7.15pm**.

This year a varied range of topics will be presented by well-known local lecturers Bob Ellis and Dr. Rob David. We look forward to welcoming them back to Clapham. The usual 10 week programme will be extended by one extra lecture on local history, given by Ken Pearce.

There will be a fee payable for the course. Further details will be advertised nearer the time.

*Ken Pearce*



## Clapham Community Shop holds its 3<sup>rd</sup> AGM

Thirty eight people gathered in the village hall for the shop's third Annual General Meeting. At 6:30pm only one person had turned up –and they told us that people probably would not come as they were very happy with the way the shop is being run! It was therefore with some alarm that there were so many people in the hall at 7:00pm! Added to that, it had been made very clear that we had to be finished by 8:45pm - since everyone was going to get up and leave then in order to be home to watch our local media stars John and Will Dawson on the telly!

Nevertheless, everything went smoothly and it was possible to report on a good year for the shop. Headlines for the end of the year have been that, despite the fact that initial forecasts had indicated that we might not be in profit until the end of our third year of trading, we have made a profit in the year 2016 / 17. Our sales have increased largely due to the extension to the retail area at the back of the shop and our gross profit margin has also increased from 23% to 24.8% with some of our best earners being greetings cards, hot drinks, bacon butties, eggs and bananas. An interesting shopping basket, but as one of our customers remarked 'Where else can you buy HP sauce, napkins and earrings?'

We could not summarise the year without acknowledging the role played by our staff and volunteers in this success. We now have four paid staff, which we regard as an achievement given the contribution this makes to the local economy as well as to the successful running of the shop. They are all an asset to the business in their

own roles. With specific reference to the volunteers, our Treasurer was able to put a financial value on the work they do. If we had to have a second employee to work with the manager or supervisor it would cost another £25000 a year, so that is a financial measure of how much the volunteers put into the shop. Without them it would not be viable. Everyone who works in the shop is to be thanked for the hard work they put into keeping it open and making it such an asset to the village.

One particular group of volunteers who play a key role is the Management Committee who are responsible for the overall running of the business. It was with sadness this year that Don Gamble, who played such a significant part in rescuing the shop and turning it into a successful community venture, has decided to stand down. Don will be much missed for his wisdom and his humour. However every group needs new blood and it is very encouraging to have two new people come forward to join the committee. This now consists of Chrissie Bell, Ian Crossley [new member], Diane Elphinstone, Marilyn Galpin, Jill Gates, Kathy Hall, Sue Mann, Angela Peach, George Sheridan, Liz Walton [new member], Denise Wilson, Helen Rollinson, as Shop Manager, is also in attendance. The meeting ended well before the 'guillotine' of 8:45pm and all were at home and in front of the box in time to enjoy the unfolding of the farming year at Bleak Bank!

*Sue Mann,  
Management Committee Chair*

### Clapham Community Shop Ltd: Payment by debit or credit card

You may be aware that the Government is going to ban extra charges added to payments for goods and services made by credit or debit card. In the shop, up to now, we have made a charge of 25p on payments of less than £20. We took this decision to help us to cover the cost of the charges paid to the card companies. The shop has exceeded expectations in its first two years of trading, so we are going to remove that charge ahead of the Government deadline. **From August 1st we will no longer make any charge for the use of credit or debit cards.**

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# Wildlife in Clapham

## *Hummingbird Hawkmoth – Macroglossum Stellatarum*

This month's featured species is not a bird but a moth with a bird's name. The hummingbird hawkmoth is a fairly large day-time flying moth. It has a dark grey body with orangey brown wings and, as its name suggests, it flies like a hummingbird. When it is feeding, the hummingbird hawkmoth hovers and sticks its long tongue into flowering plants like red valerian and buddleia. This long tongue also looks like the long bill of a hummingbird. In the past, hummingbird hawkmoths have been misidentified as a hummingbird feeding on garden plants.

The hummingbird hawkmoth originates from North Africa and Southern Europe. After they have bred there then they will then start migrating north looking for new areas to breed and, in good summers, large numbers of them will arrive in the UK and Northern Europe. Some even manage to hibernate and survive the British winter to breed the following spring.

This year has been a good year for the hummingbird hawkmoth around the local area with four having been seen so far this year. The first was seen at Ingleborough Hall on 26th May. The next two were seen feeding together on the red valerian at Smithy cottage on 9th June and the fourth one was seen at Ingleborough Hall on 13th July.

All our local birds and summer visitors are now breeding or feeding young. Young blackbirds, song thrushes, blue and great tits, willow warblers, oystercatchers and lapwings have been seen around the local area. A pair of kestrels that bred under the viaduct at River Bank Cottage raised at least one young, also a pair of spotted flycatchers were seen feeding young at River Bank Cottage, with another pair possibly breeding at Arbutus House.

Alan Bennett reported to me that he had a pair of grey wagtails breeding in his back garden, there was also another pair of grey wagtails breeding at Chrissie Bell's house and a third pair was found breeding in the old courtyard at Ingleborough Hall - even though they are associated with becks, streams and rivers they will breed some distance away from water. Two little egrets were seen flying up the River Wenning near Clapham station on 20th May: they were later seen several times feeding by Austwick Beck. Four juvenile stonechats were found on the old railway line near Nutta Farm on 26th May - these will be locally bred birds. One very late fieldfare was seen at Ingleborough Hall on 11th June. This species is normally seen in large flocks during autumn, winter and early spring.

*Tim Hutchinson*



Photo: Tim Hutchinson



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## Village People - Anyone For Drinks and Nipples?

Did you know that the daughter of Karl Marx lives in our area? Did you know that our vicar has said grace to The Queen? If not, you need to read on to discover more about the lives of Melanie and Ian Greenhalgh who will soon be leaving this parish after thirteen years.

Melanie was born in Manchester in 1958. She enjoyed what she describes as a poor but happy childhood with her younger brother and sister. Her grandfather was a devoted communist who achieved the distinction of an honorary M.A. from Manchester University. He showed his devotion to the cause by giving his son, Melanie's father, the forenames Karl Marx in honour of his hero. At school Melanie enjoyed creative subjects more than academic ones and she liked having positions of responsibility such as being a prefect. Her hobbies were tap and ballet. I know that at some stage in her education she became an excellent cook because her cakes are well worth looking out for at village functions. After school she trained as a nursery nurse but there were no jobs so she became a civil servant at the DHSS in Sale.

Ian was born in Lancaster in 1949, the middle one in a family of three boys. His father, an engineer, went to Bristol to train as a vicar when Ian was still a young boy but the family stayed in Lancashire where Ian attended school in Fulwood. He liked maths, which perhaps explains how he became school chess champion, but his enthusiasm for academic work did not match his enthusiasm for football and cricket. He was glad to leave and when he did so he worked for Barclay's bank. By this time his father was working as a vicar so Ian and his brother set up a youth club attached to the church, a worthy cause which had unexpected benefits because it was there that he met Melanie. She was fourteen at the time but they did not start going out with each other until four years later. Two years after that they married.

Working with young people in the club made Ian reconsider what he wanted to do in life. His father wanted him to become a bank manager but Ian thought he would be happier working with people rather than money. In 1974 he began three years training for the life of a vicar at Wycliffe Hall, Oxford where he was the only trainee who had not been to public school and the only one without a degree. His Lancashire accent caused some amusement, especially in Greek tutorials, but he survived the course and relished the opportunity to play lots of sport. He was ordained on Melanie's birthday in 1977 by David Shepherd, The Bishop of Liverpool, who is better known to cricket fans as a very fine English test batsman. His first parish was in St Helens where he served for three years and it was during this period that he and Melanie were married. He

was transferred from one rugby league town to another in 1980 when he went to Wigan and it was there that their first child, Emma, was born in 1981. When he took his first communion there was a slight unintended hitch and the solemnity was broken by smiles because, in the process of reminding people that they should not covet their neighbour's ass, he pronounced ass with a long A. It must

have been a combination of nervousness and the influence of his former public school colleagues at college. No wonder ass has been replaced by donkey in modern versions of the commandments.

Ian then decided to take on a new challenge when he embarked on a special RAF course for people such as padres, teachers, doctors and dentists. It was a rigorous training but perhaps not as tough and exhausting as it would be for a fighter pilot. His first posting was to Halton in Buckinghamshire where Melanie gave birth to their second child, Tom, in a military hospital.

During his RAF career, Ian and Melanie were posted here and there more times than a chain letter. There was one occasion when Melanie was nearly arrested. Ian was away so a friend with a pantechinon offered to

help her with one of the moves - but he could only do so late at night. When they began to load the lorry, someone on the estate was understandably suspicious so he phoned the police who turned up in a squad car ready to apprehend the burglars. She convinced them that she was innocent so it is a good job that Melanie does not look like a criminal.

The Berlin Wall was pulled down during their time in that city but I am not sure if they were responsible for it or merely cheering on the sidelines along with the rest of us. Ian said grace to The Queen and had lunch with her when she visited RAF Marham and, during his time in The Falklands, Mrs Thatcher arrived in a giant Hercules within which she had her private caravan. She attended one of his services and he preached to her; an interesting example of role reversal. He also went to Las Vegas where he was the first British runner in the annual marathon, to Bosnia and to NATO HQ in Europe. It was there that Ian became famous and his story did the rounds in NATO meetings for some time afterwards. There was an important gathering attended by numerous high ranking dignitaries and when the business was completed it was Ian's job to explain the arrangements for refreshments. "Ladies and gentlemen," he announced in his finest padre's voice, "would you like to come into the next room for drinks and nipples?" I was too gentlemanly to ask him what people said in reply.

Ian chose to leave the RAF in 2004 but I have no reason to believe that his decision was connected in any way to the previous incident.

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They came to live in Austwick where his role is very different from his duties in service life. In the RAF many marriages are under stress as a result of separation but here his pastoral work involves many other matters. They love living here as so many of us do because they like the people, the scenery and the opportunity it gives them to enjoy their various hobbies such as craft work, dancing, running, walking and cycling. I will leave you to work out who does which. They had to decide where they would live in retirement. Ian wanted to live in the Ripon area because he likes worshipping in Ripon cathedral but Melanie pointed out that she has been following Ian around

for 38 years so now is the time for Ian to follow her. Melanie did not want to lose her friends and all contact with this area so their next move, the thirteenth in their marriage, will be to Giggleswick where they hope to have more time to spend together.

Next year they will celebrate Melanie's sixtieth birthday and their fortieth wedding anniversary by visiting Australia, a holiday that she has long dreamed about. I am sure we all wish them happy celebrations and an enjoyable retirement.

*Stuart Marshall*

## Farewell Service for Ian and Melanie

Clapham church was filled to capacity on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> July to celebrate 40 years of Ian's ministry and to wish them both a long and happy retirement.

*Photos: Veronica Caperon*





## Clapham Steam Update

Clapham Station continues to see a reasonable amount of steam traffic, though it is mostly light engine movements to and from Hellifield, where the locos are used for Settle-Carlisle workings, or testing and training runs for Carnforth-based engines that are being prepared for mainline duties. An interesting example of the latter came through on 6<sup>th</sup> July when the former Southern Railway's Rebuilt Merchant Navy class no 35018 "*British India Line*" came through on a loaded test run. This engine was withdrawn for scrap in 1964, spent the next 15 years rusting away in south Wales and was eventually purchased for preservation in 1979. The slow process of restoration began in 1980 and it has taken up to the present day to get her ready to re-enter mainline service!

In the last few weeks, the regular "Dalesman" service over the Settle and Carlisle has run most Mondays and Tuesdays though, in the future, it will largely give way to the Tuesday "Fellsman" service from Lancaster. The locos for the "Dalesman" travel past Clapham at the start and end of their working day, though they usually run backwards or, as has happened on one occasion, somewhat incongruously attached facing backwards and at the rear of their train! Former LMS loco 46115 "*Scots Guardsman*" has had the majority of these workings.

Clapham's first (and possibly only!) real steam working for 2017 is scheduled for Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> September when the Lune Rivers Trust Special is due to pass. It's far too early to know which engine will be given the duty however.

Over on the Settle and Carlisle, a number of trips headed by 60103 "*Flying Scotsman*" are scheduled to take place on Sundays throughout the summer. Starting in York, these head north through Settle around lunch time and return in the early evening, so there are multiple chances to spot them if you happen to be near the Helwith Bridge at the time!

*Andy Scott*



*British India Line. The engine has been painted in an unauthentic black British Rail livery and carries its modern day (ie Network Rail) TOPS number 98818 on its cab side, though some wag has roughly chalked its proper number, 35018, on its smokebox door number plate!*

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## Clapham Primary School

The end of another school year - how time flies - especially when there have been so many interesting things and events taking place. Myrtle (Mr Armstrong's dog) has had four gorgeous golden puppies – three boys and a girl! They have all gone to good homes.

The year 2 children took part in a Mini-Olympics tournament at Settle College whilst the year 5 and 6 children took part in bikeability sessions, although an extra day had to be added because of the appalling weather! All passed their Level 2 course and received a special certificate and badge.

The year 6 children had a wonderful day visiting the "Chill Factory" where they had fun sledging on large doughnuts and went skiing. The children had a great time trying something new. They also had a great day at the transition day at Ingleborough Hall meeting up with other year 6 children for a challenge day which included caving and problem solving activities.

All the children visited the Clapham Art Group exhibition and have visited a local farm.

The children in Key Stage 2 took part in the "Big Sing" at Casterton School with other participating schools. They are working with Quarry Arts to create a set of musical stones which will be set into a bench for the playground. They visited the quarry to learn about the rocks to be used.

Rehearsals are well underway for the end of term production of a Midsummer Night's Dream set to music.

Eight children who are part of the School Nutrition Group went to Harrogate to take part in the Food for Life celebratory events.

The five year 6 children who are leaving are looking forward to moving on to their secondary schools and we wish them well for the future.

Canon Ian Greenhalgh and Liz Mason retire as foundation Governors. In the short term (until a new vicar is appointed) Rev Anne Russell and Rev Tim Madeley will visit the school. Elizabeth Greenbank will replace Liz as a Foundation governor.

**Please do continue to support our village school whenever the opportunity arises.**

**"Every child an individual, every child to excel"**

*Liz Mason,  
Foundation Governor*

Postscript: The School production of A Midsummer Night's Dream was a great success, with the village hall packed to see the children perform, which they did brilliantly. A raffle raised £85 for school funds too.

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# Clapham Website Relaunch

[www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk)

The Clapham Development Association (CDA) is the successor of the Clapham Traders Group which was originally formed by the businesses in the village. Richard Sexton was involved, along with Keith Manion who was the landlord of the New Inn at the time, together with others. They produced the original village brochure and A65 signs. The group disbanded in the 90s.

It was about 2002 when the late Dr J A Farrer approached David Kingsley to see if he could muster support to reproduce the old village brochure. David approached various businesses but they were reluctant to finance this project. He realised that funding was the only way, and to do this required the formation of an elected community group with constitution and elected committee; the CDA. The group got support from villagers and some local businesses. They obtained funding from Craven Council and a quality brochure was produced 'without advertising'.

In 2004 the CDA felt that a website was necessary so feelers were put out for assistance. David and Jackie had a guest staying at their guest house – Peter Collings Wells. He offered to create the website for the price of a couple of free weekends. Since then Peter has been updating and maintaining the site.

Now 13 years later, we are relaunching it. The new website has been designed to continue where the old one left off, while making use of the latest technology and security. It is fully 'responsive', which means the design will adapt to make it easy to use on all devices - mobile phones, tablets, and regular desktop computers.

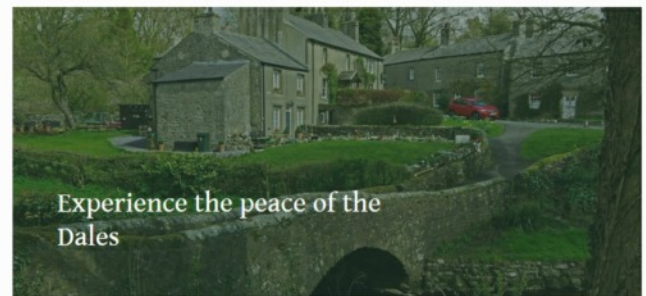
Features include information for visitors and locals, a local business list, events (updated by villagers), parish council page, photos by John Peter Farrer, and the newsletter archive (numbers 1 - 107 coming soon). It has been built for free, using popular off-the-shelf software (WordPress) so it can evolve in content and design if required.

We hope you find it useful: if you'd like to help or have other ideas, please let us know.

*David Kingsley & Edward Sexton,  
Clapham Development Association*

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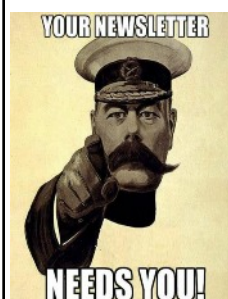
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### Upcoming Events

Clapham Street Fair  
July 22, 2017  
Church Avenue, Clapham, North Yorkshire

## Our Newsletter

The village newsletter is a community initiative which hopes to share news, announcements and other items of general interest with our residents and visitors from further afield. It is funded almost entirely from its advertising revenue and reliant on a small band of volunteers to get it all together and distributed. The intention is that it's both "for you" and "by you", so the editors are reliant on submissions from its readers and the various village institutions which, together, make our great community.



We aim to produce 6 issues a year, on alternate months, and the next one is due out at the beginning of October. If you have anything you'd like published – from the germ of an idea to a full article – then please get in contact with the editors: an email to andy at station-hse dot co dot uk should do the trick. The deadline for submissions is the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month prior to publication – so that for the next issue will be 20<sup>th</sup> September.

To those who regularly produce items for publication, a huge thank you: for those who'd like to have a go for the first time, then a huge welcome. Items should, ideally, be limited to about 600 words and, if at all possible, accompanied by one or more photos: but we can be very flexible so just contact the editors if you'd like something larger considered.

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## Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017

A report of a blocked drain on Church Avenue in Clapham had been received. It was noted however that this had been unblocked prior to the meeting. It was also noted that North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department had responded to correspondence from the Council in relation to the state of the road near to Calterber Bridge and have placed the matter on their list of jobs requiring digging-up of the road.

Efforts to appoint a new Parish Caretaker were still under way and the Council hoped to be in a position to appoint a caretaker at the July meeting.

The Council received an update in relation to hyper-fast broadband project. There had been a successful period of work since the Council's last meeting. The "Clapham loop", together with ducts to properties around the village, had been completed. The project had also attracted the support of a number of volunteers from the village.

Council decided to support Merchant Navy Day on September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017 by seeking to fly the Red Ensign from the Church flagpole.

### Planning

Application 18/2017/17834-Erection of three dwellings and associated access and landscaping on the site of the former Dalesview Garage, Clapham was considered. The Council was opposed to this application which proposes building on land which had, at an earlier stage, been designated as community space.

The Council authorised letters of support to two farmers in the Keasden area for their proposed development of woodland and hedgerows.

For more information on the work of the parish council please click on the 'parish council information' link at [www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk)

The parish council meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month except in August and December. Meetings take place in the village hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Nigel Harrison can be contacted by email: [njhar1957@gmail.com](mailto:njhar1957@gmail.com) or telephone 015242 51165.

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## Settle Photographic Group

### Town Trail

Settle Photographic Group's Annual Photo Trail will be on from 1 - 22 August. About 80 framed photos will be on display in shop windows around Settle, so have fun hunting them out whether you're a visitor or a local. Information can be found on our website [www.settlephotos.org](http://www.settlephotos.org). A list and schematic map can be picked up from the TIC, Field to Home, Lamberts, Sweet Corner, The Corner – Arts and Books (formerly Speight and Watson) or Settle Community and Business Hub.

### Annual Exhibition

All the photographs will find their way to Clapham Village Hall for the 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Exhibition over the Bank Holiday weekend from Saturday 26 August to Monday 28 August, 10am to 5pm. Entry is free and refreshments are available. The Photographic Group currently has members from all over the district, from Ingleton to Long Preston, from Rathmell to Horton and all points in between.

### Monthly Meeting

New members are very welcome at our monthly meetings which take place on the third Monday of every month at Townhead Court, Settle, from 7.30pm – 9.30pm. Visitors welcome, £3.

*Gill Pinkerton,  
Settle Photographic Group*

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## Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

In the 20 years since the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) has been operating, we've raised more than £28m from a diverse range of funding sources to benefit the environmental, social and economic well-being of this special area.

Over the last couple of years, with major new schemes being launched, YDMT has taken on several new members of staff and we are now a significant employer in the area. Of the 25 employees, most live within about 10 miles of Clapham, and three live within the parish.

Numerous projects have taken place in Clapham and nearby areas; recent projects include dry stone wall restoration, a new shelter for the playpark, educational trips to farms and archaeological sites for Clapham schoolchildren, and restoration of the Victorian drinking fountain (work is to start soon). We also support the shop by renting office space there, as well as buying lots of its goodies!

Last year we ran very popular short courses looking at the traditional buildings in Clapham. We are repeating the courses in Ingleton (19th August 2017) and Chapel-le-Dale (20th September 2017). If you're interested in taking part, or want to know more about YDMT, what we do and how you can help, then please visit [www.ydmt.org](http://www.ydmt.org) or phone 015242 51002.



## News from the Farm

It was the vicar's fault.

Sometime in July of last year, while I was having a perfectly innocent cup of coffee and possibly a chocolate biscuit, I answered the phone to a nice young lady who introduced herself as Emily Cadman from a television company, based in Leeds, called True North. I reached for another biscuit.

It turned out that True North had been commissioned to make a series of eight one-hour programmes about people who live and work in the national park. This was because both the Yorkshire Dales national park and the Lake District national park have recently been expanded and this series would be designed to celebrate life and community within both parks.

Emily wondered what I thought. "First name terms already" is what I thought, but I said celebrating life and work in the dales was a brilliant idea. But what did it have to do with Bleak Bank?

Apparently one of the things True North do when they begin to investigate working in an area that is new to them is to ask the local vicar who and what he knows – who knew? This had now turned into a three biscuit coffee break of the type that are normally reserved for visits from the bank manager or the farm assurance inspector!

Emily telly (she had a new name) visited Bleak Bank a few days later to discuss her thoughts and to see if we could help each other. Turns out she thought we could. We had another long coffee time with the added extra of ginger

On the second visit she brought Ben the camera man - who was Ben telly before he got out of the car. He came armed with some very high tech equipment, from lighting to cameras to sound recording but crucially no wellies, anyway we sorted him out.

It soon became apparent that both Tash and Ben were very patient and understanding when it came to working with amateurs. They were happy to film the same sequence several times from various angles until they were reasonably satisfied. We probably filmed for about seven days to make the bit that actually makes up our tiny, tiny part of "The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes" TV series.

In one of the episodes the film crew join us for an Ingleborough gather, and in order for Emily to have an idea of how it all worked, I took her on a walk up the mountain the day before. We got to the first steep bit and Emily promptly fainted. Anyway, in true showbiz tradition, she got back up and the show stumbled on.

Much of our day-to-day farming now involves the quad bike, and both dogs and staff are comfortable using it. Not so telly people - it frightens the pants off them. "An insurance nightmare" was a favourite phrase.

All of us at Bleak Bank hope that the glimpse into life and occasional work on our farm has contributed something to a series of programmes that people find informative and enjoyable. To quote Jane Austen - "for what do we exist but to provide sport for our neighbours"!

*John Dawson*



biscuits. The basic idea was for True North to visit the farm once or twice a month, to film whatever we were busy with, for a period of about six months or until they decided it was a waste of their time and effort. Hopefully they would gather enough information about life, work and our standard farming disasters to help introduce the general public to what happens on a small upland family farm. Apparently not everybody knows that life in the parish of Clapham is where it all happens and they needed educating.

Next we met Tash who soon became Tash telly (I sense a pattern). She came to spend a whole day with us to see if there was anything to work with and quite remarkably she found something. She also took the ginger biscuit recipe.

### Bleak Bank Barbecue

The barbecue at Bleak Bank this year will take place on 12<sup>th</sup> August - 6.30pm onwards, everyone very welcome, please ring us on 51350 to advise numbers. Donations in aid of the upkeep of the Church on the green in Newby.

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At the end of the race officials collected all the ducks which were intent on swimming on to the Irish Sea before bedtime. Having accounted for all the ducks, other folk counted the helpers in the water to ensure that none had been washed away. My duck would undoubtedly have won but it failed a routine dope test carried out by some quack doctor.



On the car park there were forty superb classic vehicles including a Bedford bus, the only one left of its breed, a Ford with wooden spokes and a green Jaguar with such an enormously long bonnet that you could have played bowls on it. They attracted lots of attention as did the thirty highly polished Vincent motor bikes whose owners had come from places such as London, Kent and Buckinghamshire.



Meanwhile, in the village hall a dedicated team served home-made cakes, sandwiches and refreshments, undaunted by a power cut at lunchtime. I met a delightful group of young people who had come from various countries including Nigeria, Syria, Iran, Pakistan, Ethiopia, Kashmir, Guyana, Sudan, Eritrea, Ivory Coast, Uganda **and** Afghanistan. Some of them hope to run their own stall next year selling various foreign foods. I shall be first in the queue.



In the evening sixty people had a delicious supper in the village hall served by the Coultherd family whilst we watched Ron, hidden behind piles of money, as he counted the takings (in the region of £4000). Liz Mason said a warm thank you to Sue Mann, The Admiral of the Fleet, who had done so much of the organisation and kept her fleet afloat in choppy waters. I am already looking forward to the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Clapham International Street Fair.

*Stuart Marshall*