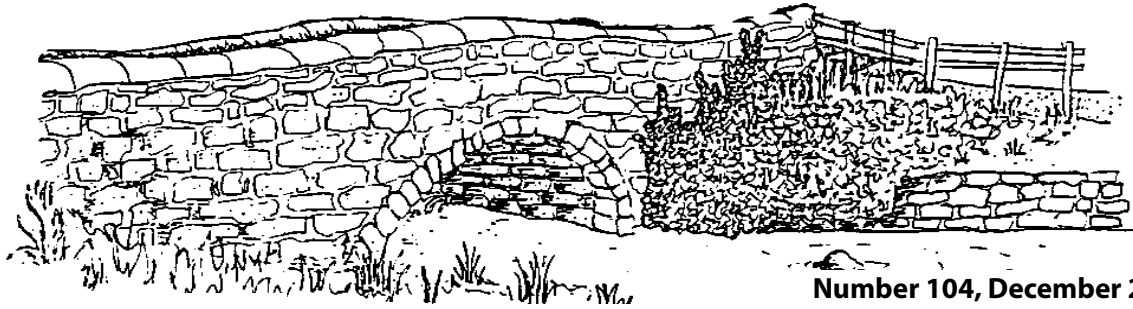


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 104, December 2016

Your newsletter needs you

... as a volunteer on the Clapham & District Newsletter. Please read on!

We have been in production for over sixteen years and this is our 104th edition. During this time we have overcome several difficulties, not least financial and printing problems, but we hope you consider we have produced a reasonable publication.

Our biggest difficulty is about to hit hard, as one of our hardworking, dedicated members has already stood down and others are forced to take on Multiple roles. So if anyone out there is prepared to help out in the preparation/and or production of the newsletter we would be delighted to hear from you, whether you be a long time resident or a newcomer, be you young or not so young. A wider age range would perhaps give us a better balanced newsletter. If you have never done anything like this before, now is the time to start. Most of our present committee were novices at the game so if you do have any expertise in this field you will be particularly welcome.

Please contact our chairman, Chris Hart, Tel. 51476, or our production editor Ray Hull 51492 or our treasurer Chrissie Bell 51610.

We would also like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to act as correspondent for their particular organisation or group and would be only too happy to include reports and details of your events.

To those people who have sent in articles, many thanks. To others, who have not yet submitted, we are interested in your opinions, holidays, activities, hobbies, work experience, year out adventures, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, etc. – please let us hear about them. Letters to the editor are also welcome. **Copy deadlines** are 25th September, November, January, March, May and July.

We look forward to hearing from you!

The paragraphs above are nearly an exact copy of the front page of the Newsletter dated July 2001. Only the numbers and names have been changed. We are now facing a similar problem and urgently need some more people to join the Newsletter group. It is not an onerous undertaking! There are only six meetings a year, lasting about an hour, in which the previous and next editions are discussed.

Chrissie Bell



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Clapham cum Newby Parish Council News

The Parish Council met on 25th October and 22nd November.

The Cave Rescue Organisation held a very informative defibrillator training session. The session was well attended by local residents who learned how to recognise if someone is having a heart attack, when to call for an ambulance, relevant first aid to carry out, CPR, and how to operate the defibrillator. If you would like to learn how to use this life-saving piece of equipment then please contact the parish clerk, Gillian Muir (contact details below). If there is enough interest, a second training session will be arranged.

The 2017-18 precept has been set at £7,899. This money will be used to fund grass cutting and maintenance of St James' Churchyard, street lighting in Clapham and Newby, the upkeep of parish assets such as public benches, village signs, the war memorial and ornamental drinking fountain, as well as the normal running costs for the council. Additionally £500 has been ringfenced for donations to community projects within the parish. Please contact the parish clerk if you would like to request a donation.

The parish council has submitted an objection to the planned closure of the BT payphone next to the New Inn. Although the phone is not used very often by the public, it forms part of the emergency plan for Ingleborough Hall, it is being incorporated into the community emergency plan for the parish, and BT has previously advised local accommodation providers to use this phone when their landlines have stopped working.

Planning

The applications listed below have been reviewed:

- 18/2016/17527 Application for listed building consent for proposed conservatory extension to south elevation, Crooklands, Old Road (West), Ingleton, Carnforth LA2 8HY.
- 18/2016/17399 The construction of three residential dwellings (two semi-detached and one detached) with associated access and landscaping. (Resubmission of refused permission 18/2016/16738), land to the south of Clapham, bounded by Station Road.
- 18/2016/17343 Re-construction of partially collapsed barn to form B1 workplace and ancillary living accommodation, Bence Barn, Keasden Road, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8EU.
- 18/2016/17190 Conversion of traditional barn to dwelling with ancillary office and new garage

building, Fountain House Farm, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8EH.

- C/18/173D/LB Listed building consent for renovation and alterations including works to basement, ground and first floor layout, alterations to fenestration and formation of draught lobby to rear. Spindle Tree Cottage, 2 Gildersbank, Clapham.

The applications listed below have been approved by Craven District Council:

- 18/2016/17055 Proposed conversion of water treatment works to form three bedroomed dwelling and conversion of water tank to ancillary garage and office/workshop, Former Yorkshire Water Treatment Works, Keasden Road, Clapham.

For more information on the work of the parish council please click on the 'parish council information' link at www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk.

The parish council meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, except August and December. Meetings take place in the village hall starting at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Gillian Muir can be contacted by email: claphamclerk@btinternet.com or call 015242 51775.

Village Hall

There are no immediate plans for an increase in charges just yet, so book now.

Sheila and Stuart Maywood have now given up the care of the hall. We thank them very much for all the work they have done over the years. We have a hall to be proud of, and we wish them all the best for their retirement. They were presented with a holiday voucher.

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this year.

The next event in the Village Hall in the new year could be a domino drive followed by fish and chips.

The pantomime this year will be held on Tuesday, 27th December.

The committee would like to welcome new members. If you would like to join please come to our next meeting on Wednesday, 18th January at 7 p.m.

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CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar's thoughts . . .

ADVENT

In the early Church the baptisms at Easter were prepared for by a time of fasting and penance (Lent), and likewise the baptisms at Epiphany (the early Church's Christmas) were prepared for by a time of fasting and penance called 'Advent' which comes from a Latin word meaning arrival or coming.

Gradually, in many places, Christ's birth was given its own feast day on 25th December, and the season of Advent shifted to a time of preparation for that feast. Advent varied in length, but eventually the practice of beginning on the fourth Sunday before Christmas became the norm. With this shift in focus, Advent became less and less a carbon copy of Lent with its fasting and penance, and more a time of prayer and reflection to appreciate the true meaning of Christ's coming at Bethlehem, and his coming at the end of time.

The vestments in Advent continued to be purple (as in Lent), but the Gloria and Alleluia (eliminated during Lent) were sung, and the mood was less penitential. The symbol of this season has become the Advent wreath, with the successive lighting of its four candles on each of the four Sundays – a sign of the approach of the birth of the light of the world.

There's an old Greek proverb: 'Well begun is half done'. The Church's calendar begins on the first Sunday of Advent, a whole new Church year and also getting ready for the Feast of Christmas. A good beginning to both of these could go a long way towards a good Christmas and a good year. Christmas is just around the corner, and things will become busy, even hectic.

Advent is meant to help us keep our perspective. The point is to focus on what is important so that we can enjoy the feast of Christmas even more. Advent is not meant to take the fun out of this season. It's a wonderful time of year, one that is dear to us, rich in memories and customs, with sights, sounds and smells all around that gladden one's spirit. This Advent, take a few minutes every day, open yourself to the Lord's presence and ask Him what you might do during this holy season. It may be something you've never thought of, something that surprises you.

May God bless you all in your preparations for Christmas.

*Your friend and Vicar
Ian*

Diary Dates for December

Thursday 1st – House Communion at the home of Eileen Plumridge at 10.45am.

Thursday 8th – Austwick School Nativity in Church (see poster for times)

Friday 9th – Christingle Service, 2pm at St James' Church with children from the village school.

Carols and Mulled Wine at Beck House (by kind permission of Graham and Gwen Cleverley) from 6.30 to 8.30pm.

Saturday 10th – Christmas Coffee Morning at Keasden Church from 10.00am to noon. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 11th – Christingle Service at Austwick Church at 9.30am.

Carol Service – For Clapham and Newby at Newby Methodist Church at 7.00pm.

Tuesday 13th – Clapham School Nativity in the Village Hall.

Carol Singing around Newby from 6.30pm.

Wednesday 14th – Afternoon Church Fellowship Christmas Lunch at The Traddock.

Thursday 15th – Carol Singing around Keasden from 6.30pm.

Saturday 17th – Carol Singing around Clapham from 10.30am – 12.30pm.

Friday 23rd – Carols at The Traddock from 6.30pm.

Saturday 24th – Crib Service, St James' Church at 5:00pm (followed by Communion for those wishing to take part).

Tuesday 27th – Pocket Panto presents – Jack and the Beanstalk, Clapham Village Hall, 12 noon. Tickets – £8 adults, £4 under 18s. From Sue Mann (015242 51792) or Clapham Village Store.

Saturday 31st – Parish Walk and refreshments – Keasden Head Farm – meet at the Farm at 10.30am for coffee.

PARISH NOTICES

St James' Church Rotas: The lists for flowers, refreshments and brass cleaning are at the back of church. If you can help at all please add your name to the lists – new volunteers are always welcome.

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

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Christmas Greetings

The following readers send Christmas Greetings
to their friends in Clapham and District

John & Ann Beckfield House	Barbara & Stuart Bramall	Pete & Bren Greenacre
Stuart & Sheila Flying Horseshoe Cottages	Anne Park House	Linda & Colin The Green
Richard, Justina & Edward, Fall View	Ruth, Simon, Zara & Ben Beck Cottage	Sam, Sue, Tom & Barney Low Lea
Gus & Ann Eggshell Lane	Ian & the Girls Jacques Farm	Glenys & Mavis Crosshaw Lane
Janet & Muppet Clapdale Way	The Dinsdales Cross Haw Lane	Chrissie Gildersbank
Martin & Christine Yew Tree Cottages	Alan, Paula, Lorna & Connor, Bishopswood	Sue & James Gildersbank
Val & Eddie Cross Haw Lane	Susan & Norman Limefold	Pam Clapdale Way
Eric & Liz Clareson	Richard, Jayne & family, Gildersbank	Sheila & Lara Sunnybank
Ron & Denise Tinkers Ford	Don, Gillian & Hugh Sunnybank Cottages	Brenda & Ken Stonegarth
Vesta West Avon	Christopher & Jessica Honey Wood	Inki & Howard Jacques Barn
Rosie & Ray Park View	John, Lorraine & Fred Station Road	Simon, Angela & family - Keasden
John & Jane Hall Garth	John, Diane & Jack Crooklands	Barbara, Nigel, Grace, Bethan, Joe & Edward
Isobel & Flo Bridge Cottage	Iain, Jill, Chloe & Emily The Old Manor House	Annie The Beeches
	Helen & Staff Clapham Village Store	

Thank you - The above greetings have raised nearly £200 and easily cover the
cost of one issue of the Newsletter.

Also, many thanks to all our advertisers for their support over the past year.

CLAPHAM VILLAGE STORE

Festive preparations

It has been an early start for Christmas preparations at the shop. The Fosters Christmas Van showing all their special Christmas goods arrived in May for an early selection. Christmas cards have to be ordered by July and other suppliers and the internet trawled for other goodies over the summer. The reason for such an early start is that we have to have our goods on display by the end of October, otherwise we'll miss out to all those others making their irresistible Christmas offers to you (think about when you first saw Christmas goods advertised in a big store – October, I'm sure).

The day chosen for our special Christmas event was October 27th and the shop was ready for this

special occasion. Christmas goods were on display, the wine, beer and gin tasting were all set up and the tastings of festive food prepared. The event was well attended, sales were brisk and the noise level was testament to a good time being had by all.

The shop will carry on being busy up to Christmas and we can take your orders for meat, fish, vegetables, dairy products and, indeed, anything else we can supply! We are also able to make up beautiful hampers from our wide range of gifts and special Christmas treats! Just call in and speak to Helen, Ruth or one of the volunteers or telephone on 51524.

New access ramp launched

On October 27th, prior to the launch of the Christmas merchandise at Clapham Village Store, I paid a visit to try out the new access ramp which enables wheelchair users to have access to the whole shop. I have a powered wheelchair called a 'Pronto,' supplied by Airedale Mobility Services. It is an excellent wheelchair and I had to take a 'driving test' shortly after being given it because it is very valuable.

I was diagnosed with MS in 1999 and have been a wheelchair user now for about eight years. As the MS progresses I rely more and more on people to shop for me. I find the shop very useful as I am able to phone up and friends will collect the items I need. However, visiting the shop myself and seeing what's on offer is even better. On this occasion I was able to order two Christmas hampers, buy cards and other items I needed.

I have carers from Continuing Care to support me and, after dealing with me, their treat is to visit the shop to buy cake, bacon sandwiches, hot chocolate, coffee etc. Clapham Shop is a perk which we all enjoy!

Although I cannot recommend MS as an asset, living in Clapham makes it less of a burden. I enjoy my involvement in the shop as a shareholder, customer and someone generally interested in its development.

Janet Raine



Janet (with supporters) cuts the ribbon to launch the new access ramp in Clapham Village Store.

Settle Stingrays: A New Beginning

Settle Swimming Club has relaunched as Settle Stingrays; some will remember the club has run from Settle Pool since 1975 for pre-competition training. Following the appointment of our new head coach – Debbie Mahoney from Ingleton – it has transformed into a successful competitive club for children aged 7-17. The club is focused on encouraging local children back into swimming: we have an exciting name and new logo for the team kit. We run two training sessions a week, split to cater for younger and older swimmers.

Monday evenings at Giggleswick School Pool are aimed at children who want to swim to keep fit as well as those who want to compete, Thursday evenings at Settle Pool are more challenging for competitive swimmers, and in January, we start an early morning session at Giggleswick for children ready to compete at a higher level. As the club grows we will increase the range of sessions to give young swimmers even more opportunities to improve their skills and enter local galas. We aim to get local

children into the Yorkshire Championships to represent their county at national level and who knows, some may go even further.

We have the support of the Friends of Settle Pool and have applied for funding from Sport England to get more of our coaches qualified to ASA Levels 1 and 2. Our close connections to Skipton Swimming Club, where Debbie and some of her assistants also coach, mean the future looks very bright for Settle Stingrays.

The club continues to grow and we always welcome new members; if you are aged between 7 and 17, can swim at ASA Stage 5 and would like to swim with your friends, improve your technique, learn how to do tumble turns and take part in galas, give Debbie a call. Trials are held on the second Thursday of every month. We look forward to seeing you!

Jill Gates

Debbie Mahoney, Head Coach

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Melanie Greenhalgh is holding her annual Wreath Making Class on Monday 12th December from 2.00-4.00pm in Austwick Parish Hall. Cost £8 including refreshments. Please bring greenery, secateurs and an old towel.

Ring Melanie: tel: 015242-51313 to book a place.

CHURCH SERVICES IN DECEMBER

Thursday 1st House Communion at the home of Eileen Plumridge at 10.45 am.

Sunday 4th 9.30am Holy Communion at Austwick and Eldroth. 11.00am Holy Communion at Clapham and Keasden.

Thursday 8th Austwick School Nativity in Church. See poster for times.

Friday 9th Christingle Service at Clapham with School in Church 2.00pm.

Carols and Mulled Wine at Beck House 6.30 – 8.30pm. by kind permission of Graham and Gwen Cleverley.

Saturday 10th Christmas Coffee Morning at Keasden Church 10.00am to 12 noon. Everyone welcome.

Sunday 11th Christingle Service at Austwick 9.30am. Carol Service for Clapham and Newby at 7.00pm Newby Methodist Church.

Saturday 17th (morning) carol Singing around Clapham from 10.30am to 12.30pm.

Sunday 18th

9.30am Holy Communion at Austwick.
11.00am Holy Communion at Clapham.
2.00pm Carol Service at Austwick.
6.45pm Carols & Lessons at Keasden.
7.00pm Carols & Nativity at Eldroth.

Monday, 19th 7.00pm Lawkland Young Farmer's Carol Service at Astwick Church.

Christmas Eve

4.00pm Crib Service at Austwick.
5.00pm Crib Service followed by Holy Communion at Clapham.
11.30pm Midnight Mass at Austwick.

Christmas Day

9.30am Family Communion at Eldroth.
10.45am Family Communion at Keasden.

Sunday, January 1st

10.30am United Service with Bishop James at Clapham.

Holy Communion is held in Austwick Church every Wednesday at 10.30am.

Recycling

You can recycle your used printer ink cartridges, mobile phones, household batteries and unwanted shoes at Clapham Village Store.

You will find a tub for ink cartridges and mobile phones, and a tub for batteries just inside the front door of the shop. The tubs are emptied regularly by village volunteers.

The ink cartridges are sent to The Recycling Factory in Boston, Lincolnshire where over 8 million inkjet and toner cartridges are recycled each year. Any cartridges that cannot be recycled are disposed of in an environmentally friendly manner and the value of the cartridges is donated to a nominated charity, in this case the NSPCC. Damaged or not, many of the components of mobile phones can be re-used or recycled. Many contain small quantities of precious metals like gold, silver, platinum and copper. This metal can be recycled as jewellery. The nickel can be used in stainless steel saucepans and the plastic is widely recyclable.

The batteries are taken to Booth's or Sainsbury's BatteryBack collection points (there are now over 30,000 of them across the country) for onward sorting and recycling. Thousands of discarded batteries end up in landfill where they break down and leak harmful chemicals into the ground. Recycling helps to recover valuable metals, reducing the need to mine new materials, cutting CO2 emissions and saving resources. Dangerous and non-dangerous materials are separated and certain components reprocessed.

The Variety Club (shoe collection sack outside the shop) works in partnership with the European Recycling Company. Shoes are sorted for suitability. Worn out shoes are used to manufacture materials like insulation for buildings and stuffing for car seats. Other shoes are distributed to developing countries around the world where they are refurbished by local people, thereby creating much-needed employment and shoes for people's feet.

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Many thanks

We would like to say thank you to our friends in the village for joining us in celebrating our recent silver wedding anniversary.

We would also like to thank you for your donations raised during the night, which amounted to £405 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Martin and Christine Wilcock

. . . . and more thanks

We would like to say a big thank you to everyone who came along to support us at our Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on Saturday, 12th November, raising funds for Bentham Pet Rescue and Craven Cats Rescue. We had a busy morning and raised £525 for the charities. In addition a further £60 was raised for Derian House.

Thank you again to everyone who donated raffle and tombola prizes, and all the wonderful baking which was very well received. *Sally Dewhurst*

Christmas Fair

Clapham Primary School would like to thank all who supported the fair when £485 was raised for the benefit of the children.

On a crisp winter's morning it was good to see the parents, villagers and friends coming together to show support to the village school. The children had enjoyed baking and decorating Christmas cakes and manned various stalls together with parents.

Liz Mason

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hull365@btinternet.com or phone 51492.

Sustainability Group

In October the group held its first meeting in over a year. The meeting was to review current projects and the group's finances, and to look at future developments. It was a positive meeting and there were a few proposals for new projects – more on that in the February newsletter.

We held the fifth Give and Take event on Saturday, 22nd October. Despite a loss of power throughout it was very successful, with items flowing in and quickly flowing out again. Costs have been pared down to a minimum and our team of helpers are practised and slick. Just one load had to be taken to Household Waste.

In the Village Hall on Wednesday, 7th December we will be showing Naomi Klein's inspiring film *This Changes Everything*, about "seven communities around the world with the proposition that we can seize the crisis of climate change to transform our failed economic system into something radically better". The film starts at 7.00pm, all are welcome and entry is free. Afterwards there will be time for a discussion about the film, the implications for us, and what we can do. So bring a bottle!

Don Gamble

Clapham Sustainability Group

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Congratulations . . .

To John and Jane Farrer on your recent marriage.

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Monday, January 2nd: closed

A splash of colour for winter

The waxwing is about the same size as a starling with pale pink plumage, it also has a black bib and face mask. The tail is tipped with yellow and has a large crest on its head. The waxwing gets its name from the red blobs on the tips of its wings which look like blobs of red wax.

Waxwings breed in northern Scandinavia and Siberia. During the summer they feed on insects, but in the winter they change to eating berries like many of our winter thrushes. If the berry crop is good in Scandinavia and Siberia they will stay in Northern Europe for the winter, but every so often the crop fails and the birds are forced to move south and west looking for food. When this happens, thousands can turn up in this country, as is the case this year. This year they were first seen on the east coast in mid October, and since then very large flocks have been arriving almost daily into this country.

The first sighting in Clapham was at Ingleborough Hall on 7th November when a flock of about 12 were seen, they stayed for several days. Two were seen in Clapham Village on the 10th, then on the 21st the largest flock ever to be seen around the area was a flock of about 150 to 200 which flew around the hall and Clapham just before the gale-force winds and heavy rain arrived. I think they landed somewhere along the nature trail.

This year there are plenty of berries around the local area, so if you see a pink starling-shaped bird with a high pitched trilling call, feeding on the berries (which starlings do not) they will be waxwings.

Redwings and fieldfares which are our winter thrushes started arriving back to the local area at the beginning of October. Large flocks of both can be seen feeding on hawthorn berries near to Lawsings Farm and Nutta Farm, especially on and around the old railway line.

A greenshank, which is a wader, and a new



The Waxwing

species for this area, was found at Crook Beck near Nutta Farm with a flock of about 200 Lapwings on October 30th. The bird was watched for about ten minutes before it flew off towards the west.

A flock of about 70 pink-footed geese flew south over Clapham on November 13th, and two chiffchaffs were still being seen with a flock of tits on the old railway line.

It has been another good year for yellow browed warblers this autumn across the country, one was found on the old railway line on October 10th and another was seen at Ingleborough Hall on the 19th.

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