

CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 16, April, 2002

Celebrations in Clapham, Newby and Keasden for the Queen's Golden Jubilee

Newby starts off the celebrations on the Saturday with their Sports Day. These have been very well attended in the past and we are hoping for many entries and supporters, there will be lots of prizes for various races.

On Sunday, 2nd June at 7.00 p.m. there will be a United Service of Thanksgiving at St. James Church to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. The Church is also staging a commemorative exhibition featuring photographs etc. from important events in the Queens life. Tea and biscuits will be served after the service.

On Monday there will be a Sports Afternoon with lots of prizes followed by the planting of a commemorative tree in the Childrens Playground, there will be stalls with toys for sale, and refreshments will be available.

On Monday afternoon the Commem-

orative mugs will be presented to all the children of Clapham-cum-Newby and Keasden and children attending Clapham School who do not live in the area (for children 16 and under) (see Registration Form below).

At 7.00 p.m. there will be a Social Evening with a Barbecue, followed at 10.30 p.m. with a torchlight procession around the village. Tickets for the barbecue will be on sale on a date to be announced.

A commemorative plate will be the prize for the best decorated property in the village.

We wish to thank all sponsors of the Golden Jubilee weekend. There is a box for donations in the Village Store.

We need volunteers to help with these various events – can you help? If you can please ring 51566.



Queen's Golden Jubilee – Commemorative Mugs

For children living in Clapham-cum-Newby and Keasden and children out of the area attending Clapham School.

Please complete the form and hand it in to the Village Shop by Saturday, 27th April.

Name Date of birth

Address

School

If more than one child – please write their names and Date of Birth below

CHURCH NEWS

The Vicar, Rev'd John Dalby and the Churchwardens are most grateful for all the support given to the Church Repair Fund, especially on the recent Gift Day. The amount received to date is £5,000 – a heart-warming assurance that the Parish Church has meaning in our community.

An evening for 'Nosh and Natter' on Saturday, 13th April at the home of Mrs. Jean Mallaband, tickets are £5.00. These are always happy occasions and everyone is welcome.

Sponsorship and registration forms for the Walk Across Morecambe Bay on Saturday, 8th June can now be obtained from the Village Store or from church members. Transport is available but please ring 51324 for details, after 6.00 p.m. or at weekends please.

CLAPHAM PARK ASSOCIATION

We would like to say thankyou to Louise and Graham for organising a 'Table-top Sale' in the Village Hall. It was very successful and raised a total of £141.60, this included a few donations, thanks to all who contributed in any way.

At a Coffee Morning held at the Village Hall on Thursday, 21st March a further £70 was raised for playground funds.

The Playground Committee are holding their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 17th April and we are in desperate need of more support, any new members would be very welcome – please ring 51492 or 51502.

Rosie



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Throughout 2001 the countryside was haunted by the spectre of Foot & Mouth. Tragedies – loss of life for some farmers who felt unable to cope with the devastating effects of the disease on their farms and anxiety for all families who had neither pre-knowledge nor firm direction from agricultural advisers.

As the markets closed and movement of animals was restricted the availability of extra feed was difficult and expensive. The whole countryside suffered – shops, tourism and all businesses connected with the rural economy.

Each week throughout the year, the Craven Herald covered the whole scene and kept us well informed on all aspects of the crisis. Parts of Craven were affected directly and the loss of animals increased the gloom.

However, now that we appear to be 'free', lessons have been learned and we hope this horror will never come again!

One salient feature during the twelve month period has been the attitude of local farmers and businesses. Their support, industry and sympathy for one-another has been inspiring.

There must be many people in and around Clapham who, like me, are grateful to live in such a community.

Joan Farrer

DETAILS FROM 1879 CENSUS

	Austwick	Clapham
Males	201	363
Females	212	332
Births	16	16
Deaths	4	13

IDEAS FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The following ideas for community projects have been suggested by local residents:

Funding may be available for some of them
But

Nothing at all will happen unless you take the initiative and make it happen.

It's up to you.

These ideas are not listed in any order of priority:

- Provide fencing and new equipment for Clapham children's playground.
- Build a public toilet in Clapham church or churchyard.
- Provide low-level street lighting in Clapham village.
- Enable people to learn and exchange skills locally – 'Clapham Community College'.
- Provide first aid training locally.
- Provide somewhere in Clapham for young people (teenagers) to gather informally.
- Improve local public and community transport.
- Build a computer suite at Clapham school, accessible to adults outside school hours.
- Hold life-saving equipment within the parish.
- Create a cycleway/footpath in fields by the A65 linking Clapham and Austwick road ends.
- Provide car parking spaces on verges of Cross Haw Lane, near Village Hall.
- Restore iron railings beside Clapham beck, between Church Bridge and the waterfall.
- Repair beck-side walls in Clapham.
- Preserve the old cattle trough in Eggshell Lane, Clapham.
- Tarmac the Green, Clapham.
- Provide place for skateboarding in Clapham (or youth transport to facility elsewhere).
- Put all utility cables underground.
- Build an outdoor bowling green.
- Restore the Clapham fountain for public use.
- Develop a community composting scheme.
- Provide facilities for re-cycling plastics.
- Provide mains gas for Clapham.
- Provide equipment for a community rounders team.
- Develop a community 'swop-shop' to allow local people to exchange goods and services.

If you would consider taking the lead on one or more of these projects, please telephone the Parish Council's Clerk on (015242) 51071

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CLAPHAM COTTON MILL

The building in the Sawmill Yard at the entrance to the lakeside walk to the caves was originally a cotton mill. It was insured in 1786 for cotton spinning for £200. The partners were: George Armitstead (yeoman) Thomas Wigglesworth (Padside Hall, Hampsthwaite) William Petty (Hampsthwaite, bridle-bit maker) Ethriam Ellis (Dacre, joiner) It was in use as a cotton mill by 1786 under the direction of Armitstead, who later took over Ingleton Mill with the above partners. The mill was put up for sale in 1807 and sometime later converted to a sawmill. In 1871 A Water Turbine was supplied by Gilkes & Gordon of Kendal, to a Mr Walker of Clapham for Bobbin Mill. In 1907 a replacement turbine was supplied to Mr. Farrer for the Sawmill.

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PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 12 MARCH, 2002

PARISH TOPICS:

Estimates of cost have been received for building a supporting base for the proposed waiting shelter at Clapham railway station. Funding arrangements have been agreed, so the work should now go ahead. The shelter itself (second-hand) is in store, awaiting erection once the base has been built.

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It seems that improvements to the Settle to Ingleton bus corridor are being planned for 2004/5. The Parish Council decided not to press for any additional bus shelters before then.

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At an informal public meeting in February, local people were given an opportunity to suggest ideas for community projects in the parish. A list of suggestions is displayed on the notice boards in Clapham, Newby and Keasden. Craven District Council has followed up the meeting with advice on how projects based on these ideas might be financed. If anything is to come of this initiative, individual local people or groups must now take ownership of projects that interest them and get involved personally to carry them forward. Potential project leaders should contact the clerk on (015242) 51071.

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An informal group has been formed to make arrangements for marking the Queen's Golden Jubilee.

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It was decided not to proceed with a proposal to purchase a defibrillator or other life-saving equipment for use in the parish. The possible

benefits were thought to be outweighed by problems of rapid access to it in an emergency; the risk of people delaying calls for an ambulance; the inability to guarantee immediate availability of trained staff when required; the scattered nature of the local community; and the generally-good ambulance response times locally. The same difficulties of public access apply to the life-saving equipment already held in the village by the Cave Rescue Organisation.

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It was decided not to proceed with a proposal to employ someone locally to carry out general maintenance tasks in the parish. As the Parish Council neither owns nor controls any land, it was unlikely that such a person could be employed productively; and sharing with another parish was likely to be problematical. The Parish Council did not wish to take over from the County Council responsibility for minor works on or by the highways that once would have been jobs for a lengthsman. Instead, it was agreed to investigate the possibility of establishing a fund on which the Parish Council could draw as and when appropriate tasks were identified. The work could then be passed on to a local contractor, who would probably have access to any specialised equipment needed for the job. This approach would have the advantage of supporting local businesses without the cost of taking on an employee who may not always be fully employed.

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It was agreed to donate £50 for the Queen's Golden Jubilee celebrations, and £25 to the Yorkshire Dales Green Lanes Alliance.

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Work has started on cutting back vegetation on the Newby to Cold Cotes path. The surface of the lane is said to be 'in a terrible state', and estimates for scraping off the mud and laying hardcore are being obtained. Remedial work is also being carried out on Laithbutts Lane. New hardcore has already been laid over 150 metres of the path at the Newby end, with more to be done later this month.

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The National Park will be asked to consider improving the stiles on the Clapham to Austwick field-path. The objective is to make this popular low-level route more accessible to older or less agile people. A similar request will be made to the Joint Footpaths Committee regarding the path from Tenter Hill, Newby towards the A65.

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The following planning approvals had been granted since the last meeting:

Rear conservatory at Brook-side, Station Road, Clapham.

Felling/reduction of mature trees at Flying Horseshoes Hotel, Clapham.

Renewal of consent for 11 holiday chalets, former railway goods yard, Clapham Station.

The following planning applications are still pending:

Rear extension to form conservatory, Meadow View, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

Extension to provide replacement garage/workshop plus living area, Halsteads Barn, Mewith.

Conversion of barns/outbuildings to 2 dwellings, workspace plus garage, The Heigh, Mewith.

Erection of two agricultural buildings (silage store and lean-to), Home Farm, Clapham.

CLAPHAM TOPICS:

It was suggested that a low enclosing wall (about one metre high at the back) should be built along three sides of the concrete base on which the Millennium Stone and its plinth rest, leaving the fourth side open for public access. The proposed wall would follow the slope of the plinth on two of the three sides and would be built in the style of a dry stone wall, but with the stones cemented in place for safety reasons. Local stone would be used. Sketches will be prepared for discussion and for consultation with the local community. Estimates of cost will be obtained before taking any decision to go ahead.

A new public notice board for Clapham will

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be erected shortly, provided that the owner of the preferred site will give consent. The existing glass-fronted board at the shop will be retained for Parish Council and public service notices only.

The dog warden will be asked to continue her efforts to identify and take action against people who continue to allow their dogs to foul the ginnel between the Village Hall and Riverside. She claims that there are now fewer problems of dog fouling near the school.

It was agreed that road-gritting salt needed within the villages should be kept in bins. It will take time to arrange funding for these, so it is unlikely that either salt or bins will be delivered before next winter.

The wrecked 'traders' sign in the field below Laithbutts on the A65 has now been replaced.

NEWBY TOPICS:

A site meeting is to be arranged with NYCC highway engineers, to look again at what needs to be done to stop so much water draining down the road between Newby Cote and Newby.

A 30 mph speed limit in Newby became effective on March 4. The signs have yet to be erected.

The cost of repairing the unmade roads on Newby village green with limestone will be in the region of £1,500. The Parish Council will try to broker some kind of cost-sharing scheme for the work, provided that enough Newby residents want the project to go ahead and are willing to contribute towards its cost.

There now seems to be a reasonable chance of getting at least one dog-waste bin in Newby, close to the Little Chef restaurant.

KEASDEN TOPICS:

During February, Parish Council representatives and NYCC's Divisional (Highways) Engineer met on site with Yorkshire Water's project team, and the contractors responsible for the new water pipeline at Keasden. The route was walked, restitution works were inspected, and defects were identified. NYCC and Yorkshire Water's contractors are to meet on site again shortly to draw up a plan of action to put things right. NYCC also hope to clean out the roadside ditches below the cross-roads.

NYCC has now provided additional salt heaps on the Keasden road.

Paul Pearce (Clerk)

THE QUEEN'S JUBILEE

With the forthcoming Golden Jubilee, some may well look back to her Coronation in June 1953 and the Silver Jubilee celebrations in 1977.

At the time of the Coronation there were only two or three television sets in Clapham and I was lucky to be invited to watch one of them at Alec and Hannah Murray's house in Gildersbank. We crowded round what I think would be about a 10-inch screen, watching the event – in black and white of course then. We had to wait until it was shown in a cinema to see it in colour.

In the village there was a 'best decorated house and garden' competition, and ours came third. We had been collecting union flags – we called them union jacks then – from the waxed wrappers on sliced bread. Wrappers and sliced bread were then a fairly recent innovation, and on the whole austerity was still the order of the day. Each wrapper produced two flags about 8 x 5 inches, and these we fastened to string to make bunting. Other decorations were made with coloured crepe paper and we bought three small flags to fasten on the front gate. There was a party in the Village Hall and probably a dance, but I can't remember that because by the evening a sore throat I had in the morning rapidly became tonsillitis and I was confined to bed. On the last school day before the holiday the West Riding County Council had presented each child with a commemorative beaker.

At the Silver Jubilee, celebrations started in the afternoon with sports and a garden party on Ingleborough Hall lawn. At teatime small plates, each with sandwiches, scone and cake were served along with cups of tea, to over three hundred people. After tea each child was presented with a Silver Jubilee beaker which had been made at Hornsea Pottery at Lancaster. A cricket match was held on the lawn, followed by games for the children. A meat and potato pie supper was served in the hall dining room and then dancing took place in the Village Hall. The day ended with a torchlight procession round the village, and a bonfire to finish burning all the torches.

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LOCAL ELECTIONS

Local elections are due to take place on Thursday, 2nd May. We are no longer to have a separate Clapham and Austwick representative on Craven District Council, but are to become part of Ingleton Ward. Everyone eligible is encouraged to use his or her vote.

CLAPHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

Clapham Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall.

- April 10th** Last Minute Desserts
Speaker: Mrs A Farnell
- May 8th** The Work of a Forensic Psychologist
within the Prison Service
Speaker: Miss C. Mason, BSc., MSc.
- June 12th** A Visit to Growing with Grace,
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BIRDS IN CLAPHAM

Early Spring, and summer tourists are coming back while our winter guests have not yet all dragged themselves away. Redwing seemed to have gone early with a couple by the Flying Horseshoe on February 9th, but Fieldfares seemed reluctant with a flock of 50 still in Trow Gill on March 23rd. More remarkable was one in full song on Newby Moor on February 11th (the first time Tim had heard it in this country). They have very occasionally bred in Britain. There were Snow Bunting at Norber on January 27th (heard but not seen!) and 'several' on Ingleborough on February 1st.

Spring around here is heralded by the waders moving back on to the high ground. To list some: 5 Lapwings by Crook Beck on February 3rd became 'large flocks' by the end of the month and were in pairs on breeding fields by mid March; Curlew several singles spotted February 9th, 63 over Crina Bottom on March 10th; 2 Redshank at Meldingscale on March 10th and 7 a week later; an Oystercatcher seen by Roy Mundy at Crook Beck on February 13th; 2 Golden Plover seen above Ing Close cottage by Keasden Road on February 17th, and 3 seen by Jess Hart on Little Ingleborough on March 13th.

Woodcock have been 'roding' over Long Lane since March 13th. In the same area Wheatear suddenly reappeared on Sunday morning, March 17th – they had definitely not been there the previous afternoon.

A few Raptors: Buzzard seen on February 5th, 17th and 19th over Ingleborough hall; a male Merlin at Crina Bottom on March 18th, Short-eared Owl hunting over Hardacres Moss on March 18th, a Sparrowhawk taking a garden bird at Old Station House seen by Tony Dilger, who also had the 'best' record of a Red Kite flying alongside the road between Nutta Farm and Bentham Road on February 3rd.

*Records supplied by Tim Hutchinson
Smithy Cottage*

VILLAGE HALL EVENTS

Public events that are coming up in the Village Hall, presumably over the next two months. Those booked so far include:

APRIL

- Mon 1st Book sale – morning only.
Sun 14th Book sale – morning and afternoon.
Tues 16th (7.30 p.m. start) Parish Assembly,
guest speaker: David Butterworth,
Chief Executive of the Yorkshire Dales
National Park Authority.
Fri 26th (6.30 p.m. start) Family Barn Dance,
Clapham School PTA.

MAY

- Thurs 2nd Parish Council and District Council
elections – all day
Fri 31st to Sunday 9th June Clapham Art Group
exhibition mornings and afternoons
(preview night, Thursday May 30th)

In addition, there are the regular events:

- Indoor bowls** (Monday afternoons)
Clapham Art Group (Tuesday evenings)
Over 55 Group (first Wednesday of each month,
in the morning)
Clapham Women's Institute (second Wednesday
of each month, in the evening)
Dancing Club (Thursday evenings)
Whist Group (most Friday evenings)
Playgroup (Tuesday and Thursday mornings, in
term time only).

Anyone wanting an introduction to any of these groups can (if they wish) contact me in the first instance. New members are normally welcome at these events.

Paul Pearce (015242) 51071

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IMPORTANT NOTICE

There will be a Parish Council Meeting on Tuesday, 16th April in the Village Hall at 7.30 p.m.

The Chief Executive of the National Parks will be present to talk amongst other things, about the closure of the National Parks Centre at the end of the season.

It is hoped that there will be a large attendance at this meeting.

OBITUARIES

Clapham has recently lost two of its well-known residents

Mr. Geoff Cross

On Friday, 22nd March Geoff died suddenly at his home on The Green, aged 93.

He was the fourth of six children of Gaspard the village postman and Rose 'Granny Cross'. His eldest brother Sydney died in the Great War and Norman was killed in a motor bike accident, eldest sister Winnie and younger brother Bert both died in Clapham, his one surviving sister Lilian lives in Ilkley.

After leaving school he worked on various local farms before working for the railway until he retired. Sixty-five years ago he moved back to the Green where he was born, and remained there until his death.

Throughout his long retirement Geoff remained interested in everything and everybody, bowling became his main leisure activity and he always enjoyed a good natter with both locals and visitors.

Two of his three sons predeceased him leaving Brian at Austwick and many grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Mr. Norman Graveson

Norman was born in 1924 at Warton, near Carnforth. Following education at Lancaster Royal Grammar School he joined the army at 18, and became a captain by the time he was 20. In Normandy, following the D-Day landings he was seriously injured and lost a leg.

He and Win were married in 1946 and following the death of his father he assisted his mother at The Shovel Inn, Warton, and later on he was landlord at two more Inns in the Oldham area.

They moved to Clapham in 1957 and took over the Village Store. By this time he and Win had

two children – Trevor and Christine. Norman loved his time at the shop and he travelled the farms and villages throughout the area. On the leisure side he was a keen sports follower, in particular Rugby League, he was a director of the Barrow club, later becoming part of the BBC broadcasting team assisting the likes of Eddie Waring and Ron French.

Shortly after he retired from the shop he suffered a severe stroke that restricted his speech and mobility. However, Win and Norman continued to make the most of their remaining years together. During the last couple of months Norman's health deteriorated and he was being cared for at the British Limbless Ex Servicemen's Home, he developed heart problems and died on 28th March. Norman is survived by Win, Trevor his son and Christine his daughter and five granddaughters.

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