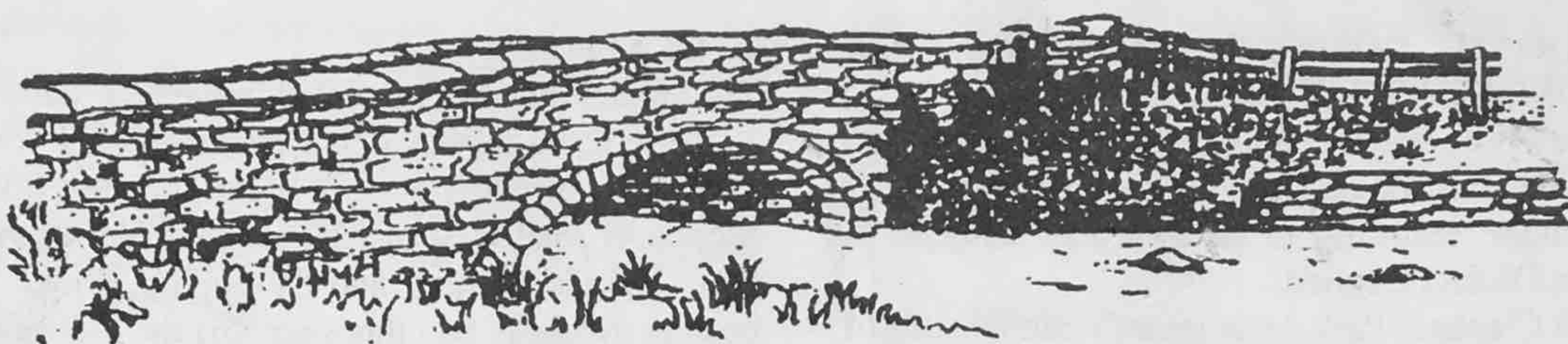


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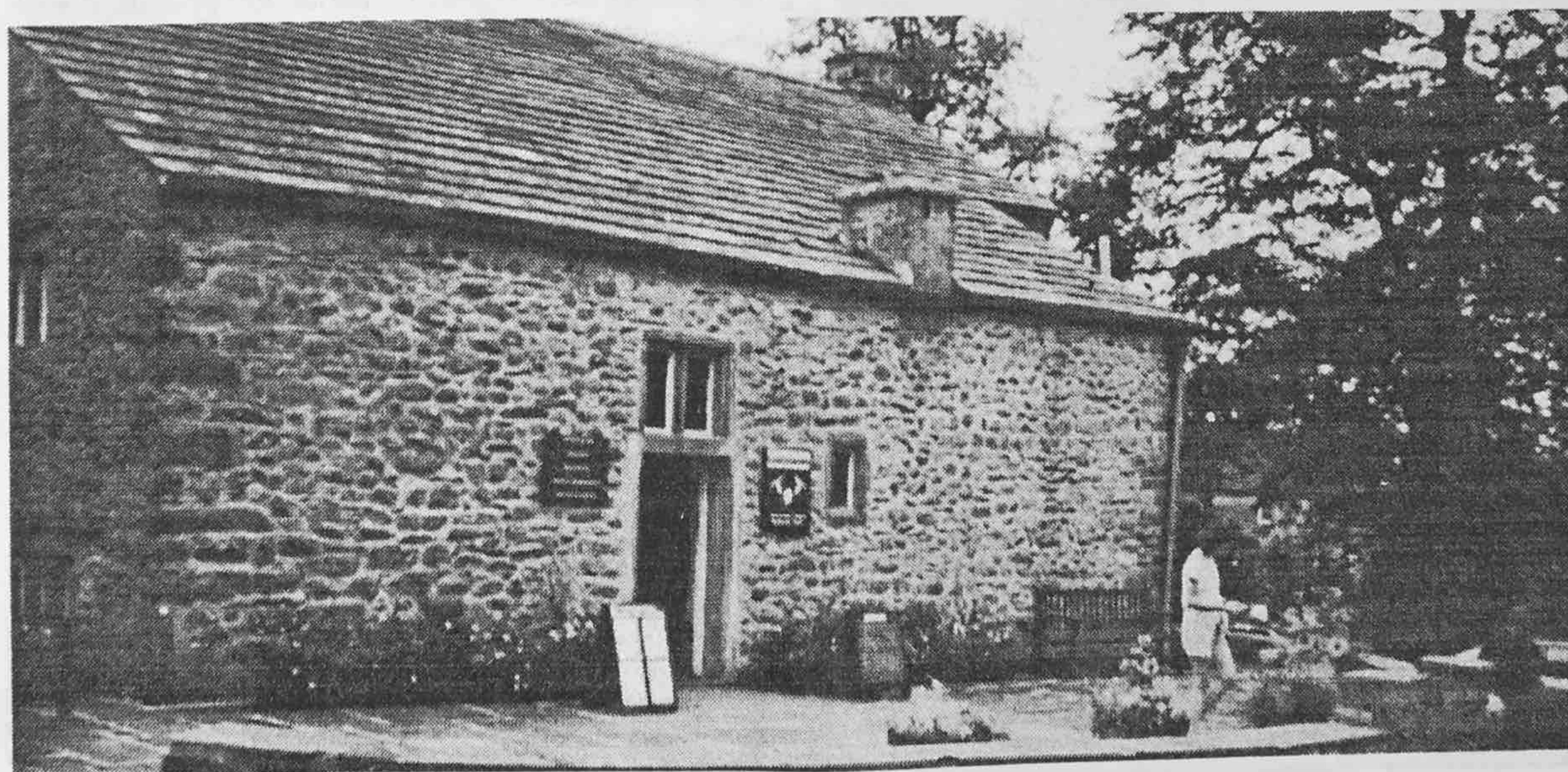
CLOSURE OF THE NATIONAL PARK CENTRE

Under the auspices of the Parish Council you can still sign copies of the petition in several places – the Village Shop, Arbutus House, the New Inn and in Newby. Several hundred people have already signed and the petitions will be available for signing until the end of August. So if you have not signed yet, and wish to do so, you should hurry!

Meanwhile the news from the National Park Authority is that they propose to close the Centre at the end of October and are considering ways of providing alternative services by working in partnership with other organisations. One of these may be a computerised public access system located in Clapham, where, as well as information about the National Park, there would be information about accommodation availability, bus timetables, and local events and attractions.

Should the Centre close there is also the issue of the Billiards Room. What will become of this important village amenity?

C. M. Bell



MEETING OF CLAPHAM CUM NEWBY PARISH COUNCIL 2 JULY 2002

1. PARISH COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR COMMUNITY PROJECTS:

The newly-formed Clapham Rounders Team had been given advice on applying for grant aid to buy equipment, resulting in an award of £200 from Craven District Council.

The Clapham Park Association's committee had been put in touch with Craven District Council for help in finding funds for fencing and new equipment for the children's playground. The Parish Council had also introduced the committee to the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, which is helping them to resolve a number of procedural problems.

The Parish Council has written in support of the proposed computer suite for Clapham school.

The Ingleborough Estate is preparing a specification and costing for conservation work on the beck-side walls and railings, between Church Bridge and the waterfall; and for preserving an old cattle trough in Eggshell Lane. Craven District Council will then look into the funding possibilities and the Parish Council will consider sponsoring the work as a community conservation project.

After expressing initial interest, the District Council has decided that it cannot at present contribute to a grant-aided 'parish-works fund'. The fund would have been used to pay for 'odd jobs' to be carried out around the parish on behalf of the local community, using local labour on an as-required basis. The Parish Council would have controlled the fund, which would have been held by Craven District Council. The scheme would have eliminated any need for the Parish Council to take on the administrative burden of becoming the employer of a so-called 'lengthsman', for whom it may not have been possible to find enough regular work. An attempt will be made to re-work the proposal into a more acceptable form.

2. CLAPHAM:

The annual influx of so-called 'travellers' continued to cause some nuisance and inconvenience locally. The worst-affected area is invariably the disused section of road west of Clapham village. Problems there include (i) litter and fly-tipping, which have been particularly bad this year; (ii) the intimidation of local people by badly-controlled dogs, loosely-tethered horses, and by the attitude of some of their owners; and (iii) damage to nearby verges, fences and walls. It was suggested that local farmers could help matters in future by locking the access gate to the disused road. Doing so should not cause them too much inconvenience at a time of year when the fields there are usually down to grass for hay or silage. The dog warden may also be able to help with troublesome dogs. It was agreed that, later in the year, the Parish Council should consider ways of mitigating these difficulties in future, recognising that they are almost certainly caused by just a small but troublesome minority.

The National Park has identified the grassed area between Clapdale Way and Jacques Barn/Jacques Farm yard as being an important local open space; but it is being misused as a place to park vehicles. Many of the wooden pegs originally put in to prevent this happening have been removed, and it was suggested that they should be restored more securely. The cost of doing this work, and ways of funding it, will be investigated. Meanwhile, if any local people are parking there, perhaps they could refrain from doing so.

A petition protesting against the proposed closure of the National Park's Information Centre in Clapham has already been signed by about 300 people. It will be presented at the end of August, with a letter asking the National Park Authority to re-consider its decision to close the centre.



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If the Information Centre is closed down, the radar key for the disabled toilet will either be held at 'a new Information Point in a local business', or else the toilet will be left unlocked.

In reply to an enquiry, the National Park Authority says that its policy of free parking for coaches in the Clapham car park 'will continue to be promoted on the interpretation boards and in publications, including the Coach Driver's Leaflet and Yorkshire Dales Holiday Guide.'

The second-hand waiting shelter intended for Clapham railway station has been condemned unexpectedly by Arriva Trains and cannot be used. A site meeting with Railtrack is to be held shortly to decide what to do in the light of this setback. Construction of the base will probably go ahead anyway, so that it is ready for use once a shelter is available. Meanwhile, the Parish Council is already trying to organise an alternative scheme for the provision of the shelter.

For safety reasons, Railtrack insists that passengers must never walk across the tracks to reach an opposite platform, even if they cannot easily manage to cross via the footbridge.

Signs pointing the way to the railway station have now been put up in Clapham village; and the out-of-date railway timetable there has at last been replaced.

NYCC Highways will be asked to improve the standard of grass cutting on the verges of Cross Haw Lane, Clapham. They have already been asked to maintain the verges on both sides of this road in future. Next season, the contractors who cut the grass in Clapham church-yard will be asked to avoid cutting the daffodils whilst their leaves are still green.

NYCC Highways have agreed to carry out essential repairs to road-side walls in Station Road. They will also monitor the condition of the road edge for signs that it may be slipping away towards the beck.

Unstable memorials in Clapham churchyard have now been made safe.

The new public notice board in Clapham is now in use.

The clerk is to walk the route of the Clapham to Austwick field-path with the National Park ranger. They will consider what needs to be done to make the path more accessible to less agile people, whilst taking into account the needs of farmers with fields on the route.

3. KEASDEN:

Having completed the new water pipeline, Yorkshire Water's contractors have now carried out highway repair work on the Keasden road.

4. NEWBY:

It has not yet been possible to reach agreement with the landowner for hand poles to be provided on a stile on the footpath from Tenter Hill, Newby to the A65.

English Nature hopes to resolve the grazing issues on Newby Moor SSSI as a high priority project in the current financial year. They will be contacting those involved in grazing on the moor so that an assessment of environmental impacts can be made. They will then try to negotiate a management agreement.

5. PLANNING:

Planning approvals granted since the last meeting:

- extension to provide replacement garage/workshop plus living area, Halsteads Barn, Mewith.
 - single storey extension at Turnerford, Keasden.
- Planning applications received before the last meeting but still pending:
- erection of agricultural building to store silage, Home Farm, Clapham.
 - erection of lean-to agricultural building, Home Farm, Clapham.
 - change of use, former farm buildings to dwelling/business use, Brockabank Barn, Keasden.

Planning applications received since the last meeting (all still pending):

- listed building consent for internal alterations, Clapdale House, Clapham.
- retention of pre-fabricated classroom at Clapham School.
- demolition of garage/store & erection of new double garage at Clapham Woods, Keasden.

6. NEXT MEETINGS:

The next two meetings will be held at 7.30pm in the Village Hall, on September 3 and on November 12.

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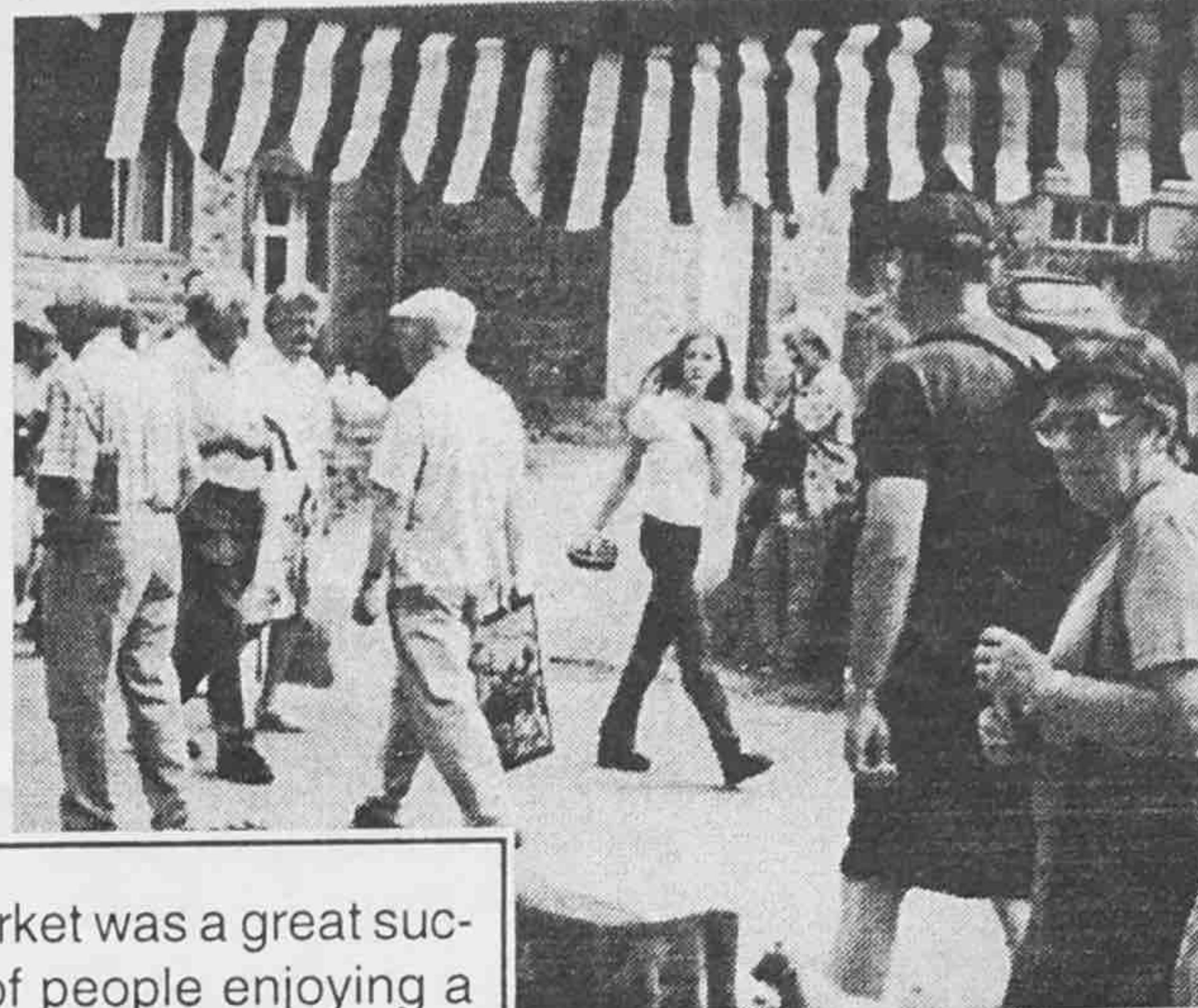
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CLAPHAM STREET MARKET



Clapham Street Market was a great success with crowds of people enjoying a very pleasant day. Up to date the event has raised over £4,000 for the Church and other charities did very well.



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MORECAMBE BAY WALK

Due to heavy rain days before the walk, the starting off point had to be changed from Arnside to Hest Bank at the last minute and a lot of people could not make other arrangements for transport at such short notice. However, the walk was still quite successful raising £2,250 for the Church Repair Fund.

It was a dull but fine day for the crossing which was 3 miles further than from Arnside, the trickiest bit was the crossing of the Kent estury, which was about 2 feet deep with a very strong current



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CHURCH NEWS

There is good news concerning the Repair Fund. We have received gifts from several churches who have had similar problems, some much greater, to our own. All have come with encouragement and heart-warming good wishes.

Recently the charities have made grants of £9,000 – £6,000 coming from the Historic Churches Trust. The target is closer and a large loan may not now be needed. The work is due to begin in a few weeks time.

The Morecambe Bay Walk from Arnside was cancelled due to heavy rain making the sands unsafe to cross. Some people were able to walk from Hest Bank but unfortunately the changes came too late for everyone to be notified of the different details, mainly the public transport facilities. It was not possible to rearrange another walk this season but some people have been able to join other walks which now start from Arnside.

To date £2,250 has been raised and we do thank everyone for giving their support.

There will be Tea at Wenning Hipping, the home of Sue Cowgill and Wayne Reddyough and an opportunity to see a yurt on Saturday, 17th August from 2.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m. Tickets £3, are restricted and can be obtained at the Village Store (Tel. 51212).

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

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

Programme

August 21st (change of published date): W.I. Walk *The Skipton Experience*. Meet at 6.30 p.m., Town Hall, Skipton. (Phone 51219 in advance if not already booked)

September 11th: *Teaching English as a Foreign Language*

Speaker: Mr. R. Hargreaves

October 9th: *A Card Making Workshop*

Speaker: Mrs. S. Martin

November 13th: *Ladies of a Certain Age*

December 11th: Annual Meeting

Bring and Buy Auction & Jacobs Join Supper

New members and visitors always welcome.
(Tel: 51219).

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, 7th A Cheese and Wine evening will be given by Owen and Vesta Walton at their home West Avon on Cross Haw Lane at 7.30 p.m. Tickets £5. This is for the Church Repair Fund.

Monday, 9th the P.C.C. meets at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Mason on Cross Haw Lane.

Sunday, 15th Keasden Harvest Festival at 6.45 p.m.

Friday, 20th at 8.00 p.m. You are invited to an Irish Night at Eldroth Parish Hall in aid of Keasden Church. Tickets, £8.50 includes supper and dancing to Thistle. Please phone James Garth 51877.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

October 6th Clapham Harvest Thanksgiving 11.00 a.m.

October 10th A visit to Parceval Hall near Appletreewick 10.00 a.m. – 4.00 p.m. Enjoy a quiet day spent as you choose in the interesting house or beautiful gardens. Coffee, lunch and tea provided. Travel by cars. Cost £14. Places need to be booked with Rev'd John Dalby.

October 14th The start of Churches Together Week – details later.

BELARUS CHILDREN

Tuesday, 13th August

Plans are now well advanced for 13th August when 15 Belorussians come for a day to Clapham. The children will swim in Settle Pool, visit the CRO or the yurt, explore the village and have two meals.

This year one boy (Sasha) will celebrate his 14th birthday in Clapham.

Any donations of cakes for the lunch will be very welcome as the children have very good appetites!

Janet Raine (Tel. 51608)

BETHEL CHAPEL

invite you to join with them each Sunday at:

10.00 a.m. SUNDAY SCHOOL
11.00 a.m. MORNING SERVICE
6.30 p.m. EVENING SERVICE

and on Tuesday at:

7.30 p.m. BIBLE STUDY

Ladies meetings, Mums 'n' Tots and children's clubs restart week beginning 9th September.

WHAT IS A SENIOR CITIZEN?

A Senior Citizen is one who was here before Television, the Pill, Penicillin, Polio shots and Antibiotics. We were here before Frozen Food, Nylon, Radar, Fluorescent Lights, Credit Cards and Ballpoint Pens. For us Time-sharing meant togetherness, a Chip was a piece of wood or potato. Hardware meant hardware and Software wasn't even a word. Girls never wore Trousers, we were before Tights, Drip-dry Clothes, Dishwashers, Tumble-dryers, Freezers and Electric Blankets, before men wore Long Hair or Earrings and women wore Dinner Suits.

We were here before Yoghurt, 40-hour Week and the National Health Service. We got married first and then lived together – how quaint can you get! We were before Frank Sinatra and cup-sizing for bras.

Girls wore Peter Pan Collars and thought Cleavage was something the butchers did. We were here before Batman, DDT and Vitamin Pills, Disposable Nappies, Ozone, Jeeps, Pizzas, Instant Coffee and Decaffeinated Anything, Wimpy, McDonalds and Burger King were unheard of, as were Metrication and Decimalization.

We were here before Word Processors, Electronic Music, Disco Dancing – and that's not all bad! In our day Smoking was fashionable, Grass was for mowing, Coke was something you burnt in a stove, and Pot was something you cooked in. A 'Gay' person was the life and soul of the party and nothing more, while AIDS meant beauty lotions or help for people in trouble.

We are today's Senior Citizens, a hardy bunch when you think how Our World has changed and the adjustments we have had to make.

And... the following was seen on the window of a coach carrying pensioners on a day's outing:

RECYCLED YOUTH CLUB

WORKERS EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Classes start again on Tuesday, 1st October when Dr. Hilary Walklett resumes his talks on Victorian life-styles and the changes made at that time. There will be 10 meetings in the Primary School on Tuesdays at 7.00 p.m. New members are welcome. Enquiries please phone 51323)

CLAPHAM WEATHER

A wet June brought 4.77 ins (121mm) of rain with only 10 days without rain. June in other years has been variable.

1995 – 0.78 ins;
1996 – 1.53 ins;
1997 – 3.04 ins;
1998 – 5.14 ins;
1999 – 4.60 ins;
2000 – 2.85 ins;
2001 – 3.34 ins.

For the 12 months to the end of June there was 56 ins (average 48 ins) and heat unit at 1481 was not as high as the 12 months to end of June 1998 (1518 units). Hopefully, we could be at the end of a seven year cycle but what the next one will be can only be hoped for.

BALLOON RACE

The Balloon Race at Clapham Jubilee Sports Day was won by Emma Dawson, her balloon was found just 2 miles south of the River Tyne. Both Emma and the finder received a £10 prize.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank all those who contributed to the picnic tables put into the Childrens Playground to remember my 80th birthday.

John Farrer

NEWS CORRESPONDENT

Please note that we have a new Craven Herald and Westmorland Gazette correspondent – Rachel Daniels of 8 Gildersbank has taken over from Paul Pearce. Rachel is currently a sixth form student at Settle High School. Any items of news for the papers will be very welcome. Telephone 015242 51691.

Linda & John

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BIRDS IN CLAPHAM

A wet May and June! At one point it seemed that one of our late arrivals, the Spotted Flycatcher, was never going to get here in any numbers, but now there are pairs all round Clapham village – Barn Cottage, Bridge Cottage, Rosebank, Gildersbank, 2 in Trow Gill, and one in front of Arbutus House providing great entertainment for David, Jackie and their guests. We seem to do well for these birds – perhaps it is all the midges! Their high pitched, rather weedy, little calls are one of the few birdsongs around during this quietest time of the year. The pair behind Ingleborough Hall did not start nestbuilding until July 17th, and like the House Martin which started to build on the Village Store on July 15th, will still be here well into September.

In contrast by the beginning of July most of the Redshank, Lapwing and Curlew had left for the coast, another breeding season over. Our real birds of summer only arrived in force on May 16th, but are already screaming around the houses in family parties, and then one day in late August the Swifts will suddenly all be gone.

Interesting birds lately include a Hobby over Ingleborough Hall July 19th, only the second record in 8 years. There seem to be a lot of Redpoll around, including 10 on May 15th. There was a Green Sandpiper on the flooded field at Meldingscale Farm July 13th, and slightly outside our Parish a Common Rosefinch (nearest breeding area Finland!) took up residence in Giggleswick.

Noteworthy Moths include a Beautiful Golden Y June 16th and a Lunar Hornet Moth July 4th – we hope to get hold of a proper Mothtrap soon if anyone is interested in seeing the Clapham nightlife! Did you know we have seven species of Bat in the village?

Records supplied by Tim Hutchinson, Smithy Cottage

APOLOGY

We would like to apologise to Mrs. Minnitt for spelling her first name 'Sheena' instead of Shena, in the last issue of the Newsletter.

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wish to thank:

- the Jubilee Committee who donated their surplus funds for the purchasing of equipment for toddlers in the Children's Playground
- to Growing with Grace who have donated a rosebush for the Park and for donating money raised from refreshments at their recent Open Day.
- to Arbutus House for selling Jubilee Mugs and raising over £70.
- to everyone who supported us at the Street Market and raised £260.
- We have recently purchased 3 picnic tables to commemorate Dr. Farrer's 80th birthday.

Robert Wilson

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Articles submitted but not included in the present publication will be put in future newsletters.