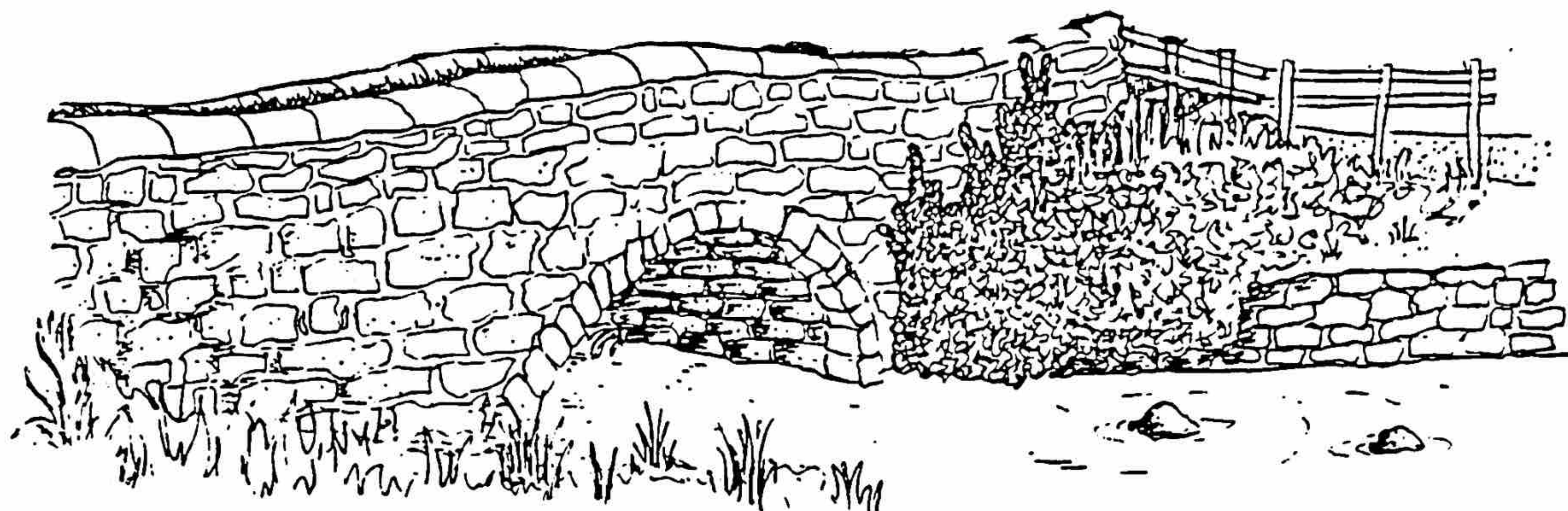


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



FOLKLORE OR FACT?

Stories of Clapham and its characters were told at a public meeting to give stonemason Fiona Bowley a starting point in designing the village's Millennium Stone. Funded by Lottery and European grants the carving will be 2m square and sited on the plinth at the entrance to the tunnels in Clapham. Working initially with local children to produce a Millennium Map, Fiona hopes to run workshops for adults to produce a wall hanging from which she will draw her final inspiration. Tales were told of Reginald Farrer shooting seeds into the hillside from his gun; memories of Miss Hazard and her enormous flock of ducks; the wartime accident which saw a wagon shed its load of canned food into the beck producing a plentiful supply of rations for the villagers. Anyone interested in helping in however small a way will be very welcome. Also any suggestions as to other stories or characters please!

Sue Marshall

An incomer (of fifteen years standing!) I was interested to hear that there had been a Toll Bar cottage in Egg Shell Lane and that a plinth still remains. Also that Michael Faraday's father was blacksmith here and that the saw mill was at one time a bobbin mill. I was intrigued to hear the 15th century of the Witch of Clapham. Dame Alice Ketyll used her powers only to benefit her foster son John de Clapham and the people of Clapham, so when a punishment was imposed on her it was only to cover the Church with lead! She told of a mine of lead and silver on Ingleborough from where the lead was duly obtained. Another local character was Silly Sally who lived at Newby Cote and took a daily walk to bathe in Clapham Waterfall. Fiona is a talented artist in both stone and wood and with her enthusiasm Clapham should have a Millennium Stone it can be proud of.

Sylvia Haxell

*May I through your newsletter express my sincere thanks to all my customers and friends who have supported and stood by me over the past 20 years. I will miss you. My thanks also go to my companions of the "Clapham Downhill Walking Club" – together we have trodden many miles in "God's Own Country". I feel privileged, proud, but somewhat humbled by the experience. It was during our various and often dubious routes that I discovered that our Anglo-Saxon tongue is still alive and kicking, as requests were uttered for "Baccy stops" or "Does any***** know where the **** we're going?!" Thank you my friends, memories of laughter will always be with me.*

Over the past 20 years I took my position of Sub-Postmaster very seriously and have always endeavoured to give my best for the "Village". I have fought many battles to keep Post Office facilities for you all. Look after it – it's important; you don't realise what you have until it is lost. In a way it is the end of an era, and for myself it is the end of a chapter of my life being amongst you. Some of you may not remember the gentleman in question, but there will be a few who do – Dick Fawcett "Rabbity Dick". I got to know him well in his years at Green Close. Some time ago he wrote a book entitled Pennine Poacher, at the end of which there is a little verse which seems to sum up changing times since my arrival here all those years ago: "The children are scattered/The old folks now gone/Why stand I here like a ghost in the meadow?/It's time I was passing/It's time I passed on" Thank you my friends, you will always be in my heart. Dave Walker

PARISH COUNCIL NEWS

Parking Concern was expressed over the suggestion of the introduction of waiting restrictions/yellow lines in Clapham due to fears they could not be policed and there was no way to differentiate between resident and visitor parking. Removing parked cars from the road could encourage speeding in Clapham making the village more dangerous for children. The Council agreed to wait for the National Park to pass on it's comments on ways of encouraging visitors to use the car park.

Basketball/Tennis Wall Dr Farrer had no objections to plans to build this and a bid is to be made for lottery funding.

Motorbikes Thwaite Lane Concern was expressed at underage youths using motorbikes on Thwaite Lane. The police are to investigate.

The clerk reported that YDNPA could not place "No Motorbike" signs at the entrance to the tunnels, as requested following fears an accident could occur between motorbikes and pedestrians.

This is because Thwaite Lane is a Bridleway with RT (Ratione Tenurae) road status – ie it is a public road maintained not by the Highway Authority but by adjacent landowners.

Many groups believe RT status to be evidence of vehicular rights, which YDNPA says may be the case. If a sign was placed at Thwaite Lane it may be considered prejudicial to any higher rights which might subsequently be found to exist. If the Parish Council placed a sign at Thwaite Lane it could well lead to an official claim for higher rights being made by off-road groups, and if successful the bridleway could be changed to a BOAT (Bridleway Open to All Traffic)

National Park Committee members Wilf Fenten and Tim Rathmell are both interested in taking up the issue of access on green lanes/rights of way and the clerk is to pass on our concerns.

Planning Surgery YDNPA will be running this every Tues 11am to 1pm to discuss planning matters in the

Information Centre at Clapham. Please ring 51419 to confirm

Roadside verge cutting Clerk to request this on A65 and at Newby

Police report that the last two months had very low crime but still had three burglaries, a car break-in, cash machine in car park broken into. He urged residents to be vigilant and inform police of any suspicious persons or vehicles.

A litter bin is finally on it's way for Newby. Watch this space! *Sue Marshall*

Apologies for not crediting last issue's front page article about the Village Appraisal to the Parish Council. Eds.

CLAPHAM VILLAGE STORE & POST OFFICE

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The shop is open 7am/7pm seven days a week.

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Sat 9am/12.30pm

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CLAPHAM WEDNESDAY CLUB

Age Concern 10- 12 First Wednesday of the month. While the Village Hall is closed this will be held at Croft House Newby. December 1st Coffee Morning.

READING ROOM SNOOKER CLUB

The AGM was held on Mon 1st Nov.

Subs. were held at their present level and are now due: Adults £7, Juniors £5, Juniors first year £4. For membership see Maurice Brown, Ivy Cottage.

The snooker team won the second division last year and are playing in the first division this. They are not having quite the same success due to a lower handicap and more competitive players; recently lost 1-4 to Long Preston B.

Maurice Brown

CLAPHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL

Cross-country: 14 teams competed in the local cluster race – Clapham's two teams came 3rd and 4th. All pupils entered the Post Office letter writing competition. 310,000 entries were received and Katie Perfect was one of only 4 000 who received a Certificate of Merit. Pupils will be presenting a **Christmas Entertainment** on the afternoon and evening of Thu 9th Dec and everyone is welcome to come along – please contact the school if you would like tickets. The school will also be holding a **Carol Service** at 2pm on Fri 17th Dec and everyone is welcome to attend.

LIBRARY SERVICE

The travelling library comes to the village every three weeks. It stands by the bridge on Wednesdays at 11.30am and will be there on November 10th and each three weeks onwards.

COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Due to the success of our playgroup we now have lots of children which is wonderful. To make sure all the children get the best out of playgroup we are running a morning for everyone (babies, toddlers, playgroup children) and another morning just for those aged over 2 years 8 months. We hope that all the children will benefit as Hilary, our playgroup leader, will be able to work more easily with the older children when they are all together without too many distractions. When all the children are together the parents plan to try and take the younger children aside (if possible!) and organise an activity for them.

At present all babies and toddlers are more than welcome on a Tuesday to join in with plenty of fun, games, stories, while Thursday is the day set aside for children aged 2yrs 8mths and over. Please come along to Ingleborough Hall from 9.30am until 11.30am and find out all about learning through play.

Don't Forget! **Playgroup Christmas Party Dec 16th** open to all children!

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PASTURES NEW!

A number of young people in our district have recently gone on to Higher Education. Off to the capital are David Dawson studying medicine at St Bartholomew's and Edward Crutchley on the Foundation Course in Art at Central St Martins College. Joanne Clark chose Edinburgh's Heriot-Watt University to study architecture. Those who have seen dramatic productions at the High School in recent years will not be surprised to learn that Kate Buckley is thoroughly enjoying her drama course in Preston. Manchester is the destination of two young women; Emma Hird gained a place on the very competitive physiotherapy degree course, while Anna Yates is following a business course at Metropolitan University. Stephanie Robinson studies for a degree in accounting and financial analysis at the University of Newcastle, while Gary Robinson has chosen Harper Adams University College in Shropshire for a BSc in Agriculture. International Politics and the Third World at Aberystwyth is the choice of Gerald Mort. Esther Coates is studying Sports Studies and English at St Martin's, Lancaster. We wish all these young people well and look forward to hearing about their adventures when they return to greener pastures at Christmas. *Susan Simpson*

CHURCH NEWS

Millennium Mugs To celebrate the Millennium each child resident in the Parish or attending Clapham School or Playgroup will receive a china mug from Clapham Parish Church. Donations have been received from the Parish Council and other individuals. Harriet Hart's design was chosen and we congratulate her on her achievement – thank you to all who participated.. The mugs will be distributed at the Christingle Service at St James' Church on Sun Dec 19th 11am. If you are not able to come they can be picked up at the village store after the 19th Mugs can also be bought at the shop or from E Mason for £4.00 If you require extra ones at the Christingle service please order in advance from *E Mason 51324*

The Churches Together Millennium celebrations made a good start with a successful week of events in October. The concert of varied and well known music given by Langcliffe Singers and Settle Orchestra was a happy evening. Access to the Church for wheelchairs is now improved by a new ramp.

Diary

Sun Nov 28th 7.30 Octameron. A skip through the Millennium. Song & Verse.

Fri Dec 10th Christmas Coffee Morning. Beckfield House, Cross Haw Lane

All Christmas Services are for the whole Parish. If you need transport, please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens.

Sun Dec 12th: 3rd Sunday of Advent

9.30 Christingle Austwick 11am Morning Prayer Clapham
2pm Holy Communion Keasden 7pm Carol Service Newby

Sunday Dec 19th: 4th Sunday of Advent

9.30 Holy Communion Austwick 11am Christingle Clapham
Carol Services 2pm, Austwick 6.45 Carol Keasden
7pm Eldroth

Christmas Day

9.30 am Midnight Mass, Clapham
Holy Communion 11am Austwick 11.45 Keasden

Sunday Dec 26th: St Stephen

Holy Communion 9.30 Austwick 11am Clapham

Sunday January 2nd

Holy Communion 9.30 Austwick 11am Clapham
2pm Eldroth 6.45 Evensong Keasden

CLAPHAM PARKS ASSOCIATION

Scrabble evening at Brook House Café

Tues Dec 7th 6pm onwards.

Suitable 9-90 yrs! Adults £3 Child £1.50
Jane

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BETHEL CHAPEL

Young People's After Church

Mr Ray Cousins from Capernwray brought along students from the Bible college to take the October meeting.

Nov 29th Speaker will be Mr Rob Whittaker, Assistant Principal of Capernwray Bible College

Ladies Friendly Hour

Nov 18th 2pm Speaker Mrs Doris Shaw

Nov 25th 7.30pm Coffee Evening with Christmas bookstall
Dec 2nd 2pm Christmas Carols with a visit from Morecambe

Male Voice Choir

Senior Citizens

Nov 4th 2.30pm

Dec 2nd With Ladies Friendly hour

Mums n Tots

Christmas Celebration Fri Dec 10th

Special Christmas Services

Dec 19th 6.30 Carol Service

Dec 25th 10.30 Christmas Day

Dec 26th 6.30 Carol Service

New Years Eve

Social Evening with Jacob's Join Supper followed by
Watchnight Service All are very welcome to these events

4 2 9 Christmas Party January 13th

Further details *Pastor Boadle 51647*

WE KNOW SOME "STUFF"!

The New Inn Quiz Team hope for a third successive Title win in the Settle and District League. Success is put down to the broad (but shallow) knowledge amongst the players – specialist subjects range from Pre-War Sheffield Utd to the Telly Tubbies. Well, Flying Horseshoe - how about a team next year? *David S.*

I wish to thank friends and neighbours for their kindness in so many ways over the past difficult months. Also for the prayers, flowers and cards which have been a great help in my recovery.

Thank you all

Win Graveson

OVER 65'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH

This will be on Wed Dec 8th. If you are over 65, have never been invited to the Ingleborough Hall Christmas Lunch, and would like to be included in our mailing list please ring June Ward on 51265.

Jessica Hart