

# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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## Clapham Development Association Open Meeting

8th July, 2004

As many of you will have heard we had an open meeting to discuss the recent Clapham festival of Magic, Myths & Legends. There were twenty eight people present plus the organisers and representatives from the association. The general consensus of the meeting was that the festival had been a resounding social success albeit with a few frustrations from some of the villagers. But it was the first time such an event had been organised and as with most things, lessons have to be learned. A vote of thanks was made to all those that helped make the festival such a success.

When asked for a show of hands as to 'whether we would want another one' there were approx 50% in favour. I responded that we would need a lot more volunteers on the day to make it work; we did rely heavily on National Park volunteers. We were able to announce that over £11,000. had been raised by our efforts and that this money has been earmarked for the benefit of the village. It was explained that all the groups that took an active part in the festival would be eligible to make claims in writing to the Hon. Secretary Sue Jarman or to me as Chairman. It was stressed that requests must be for future 'specific' projects for the benefit of the village or group; we have already received some applications. Questionnaires had also been distributed throughout the village but so far the return response had been poor we have only had about 25 returned.

After the initial introductions and information, the meeting split into smaller discussion groups led by

the steering group members. The meeting finished with a short explanation from Mr Don Vine, from the Yorkshire Wildlife trust as to the progress of the, 'Conservation Project at Fall View on Riverside', the funding has been approved and some even received to commence work on this project to open up this area and replant with native species. Work should start shortly in providing steps and a pathway, along with a viewing area for disabled people. We have received many favourable comments on this project from residents and visitors to the village.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks from the Chairman.

As you will no doubt appreciate an event such as this involved a tremendous amount of work to all those concerned but it did raise a lot of money, so as the saying goes if you want another 'the ball is in your court', we cannot undertake another venture such as this without your help!

With that in mind we are holding the Annual General Meeting of the Development Association on Tuesday, 17th August in the Village Hall. To join the association and speak and vote at the meeting there is a nominal £10 fee per family unit to cover administration costs. All residents and people who work in the village and parish are eligible to join; we would be delighted to see you. We will be holding elections for the posts of Chairman, Treasurer and Secretary, we would appreciate nominations from any paid up members.

*David Kingsley*

## BROADBAND COMES TO CLAPHAM!

Good news for those who have disputes over who is on line and who want to use the telephone, the Clapham exchange is due to be enabled for broadband on 13th October, 2004!

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[www.CLAPHAM.wewantbroadband.co.uk](http://www.CLAPHAM.wewantbroadband.co.uk) you should have received an e mail telling you this.



## CLAPHAM STREET MARKET

The Rev. Ian Greenhalgh opened his first and Clapham's 26th annual Street Market on Saturday and there was brisk trading on Church Avenue. The event has raised over £4,500 for St. James Church and the total is expected to rise. The church itself ran about a dozen of the stalls including books, jams, plants, linens and refreshments.

Other charities represented on the day included Keasden Church who raised £214, Clapham School PTA £147, Clapham Playgroup £120, St. Boniface, Bentham £700, Bethel Chapel raised £181 for the Yorkshire Air Ambulance, Newby Methodist £250 and Clapham Newsletter Group raised £284.

Among other organisations represented were Cancer Research, The Cats Protection League, Clapham Cave

Rescue, The Peter Trust, Settle W.I. and Clapham Art Group. During the day Jukalo a street performer, entertained the crowd as did Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band. Bandicoot and Co. gave two performances of *The Cake*, a puppet show for children, in the church.

During the afternoon there was a duck race down the beck organised by the Village Hall Committee and it raised £466 for the Hall funds. This was followed by the judging of Dame Alice Kettyl's Cat fancy dress competition which was won by Hannah Dawson.

Duck Race results: 1st prize £50 Joanna Littlewood; 2nd prize £25 Michelle Fielding, 3rd prize £10 J. Kingsley; £5 winners C.M. Thwaite, T. Sedgwick and Jack Syms.



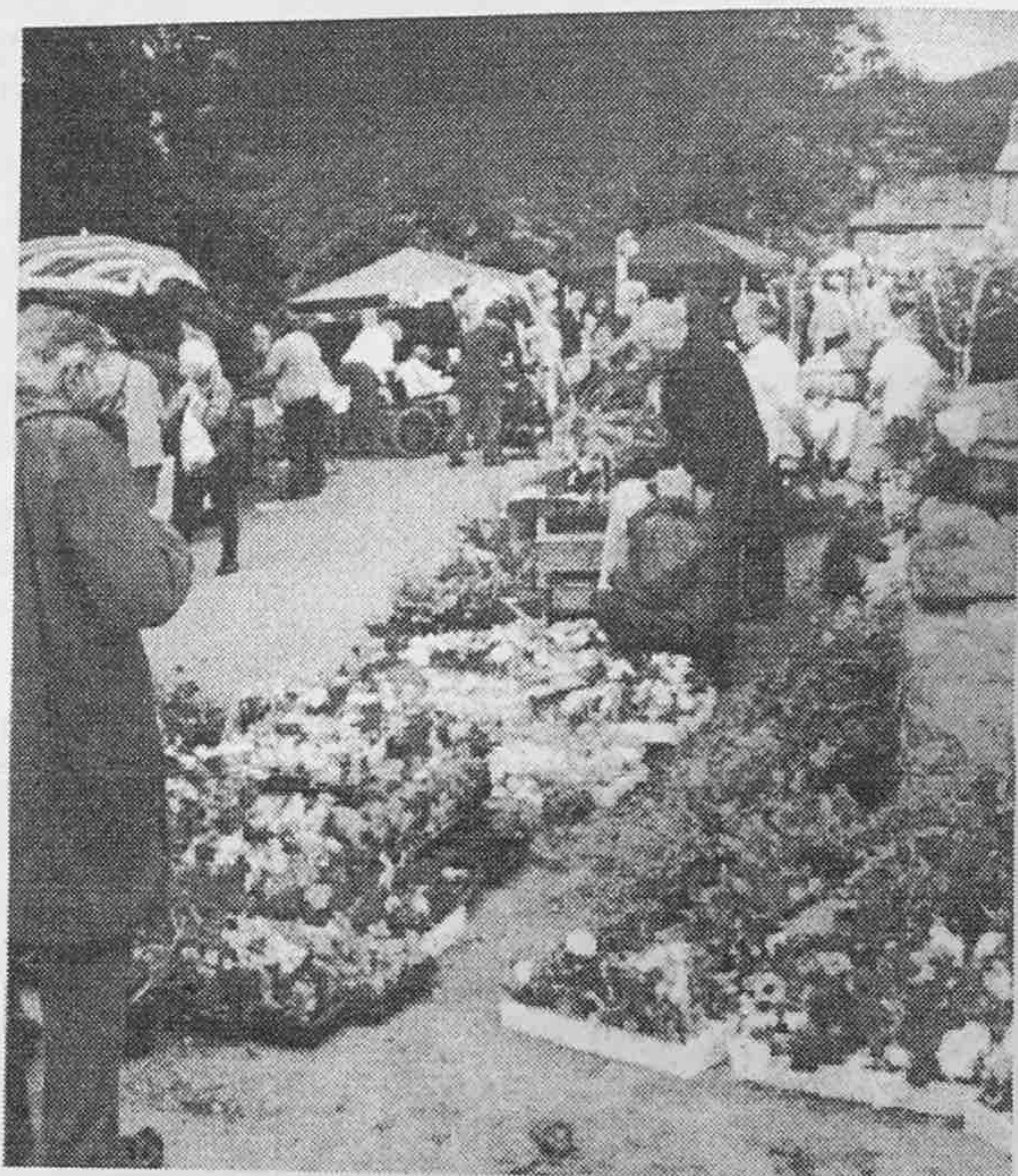
*The Bookstall doing a roaring trade*



*The School PTA with their bargains*



*Giggleswick and Settle Brass Band entertain*



*The Plants, Eggs and Tomato stall*

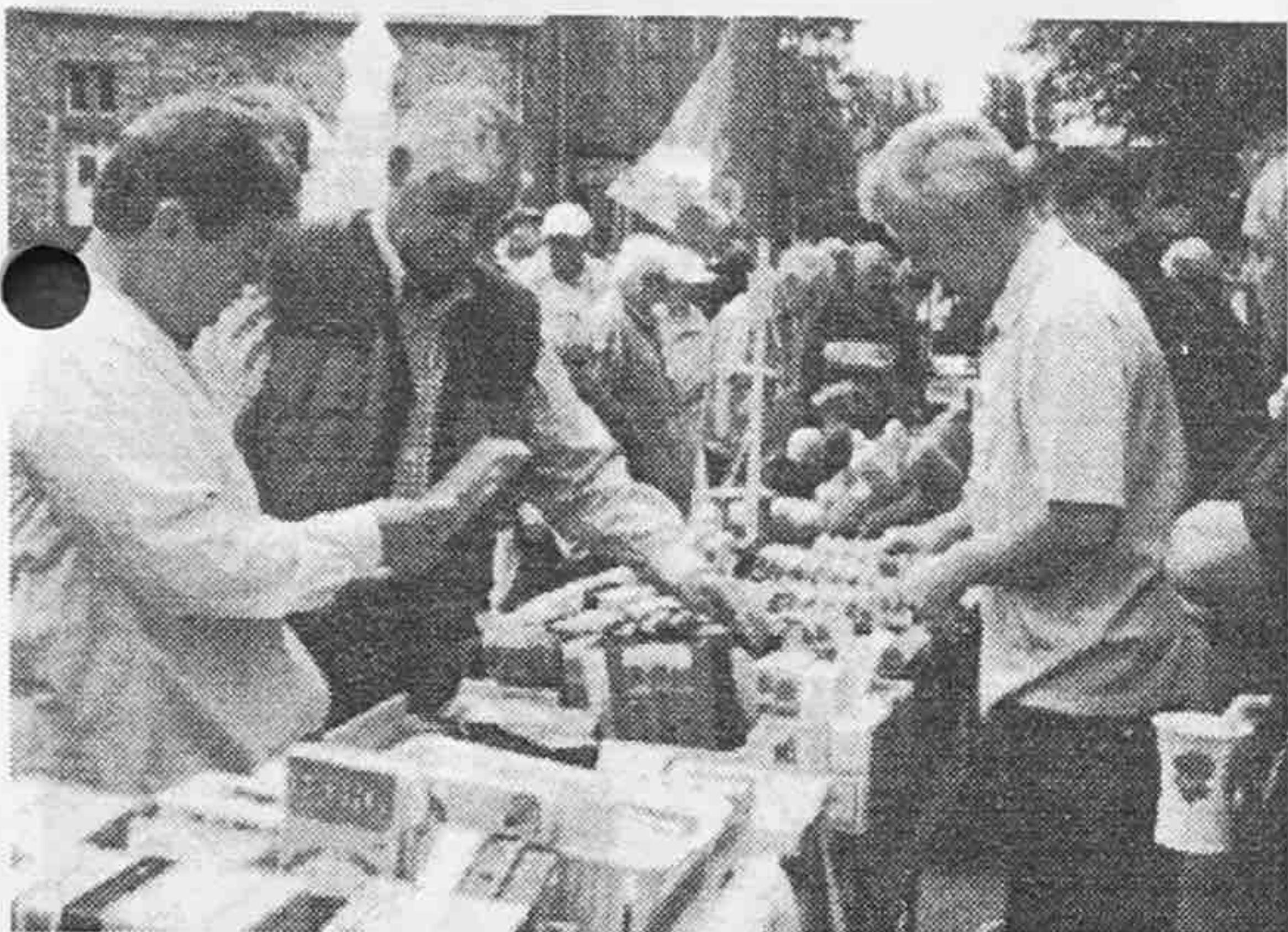


*The Tombola stall*





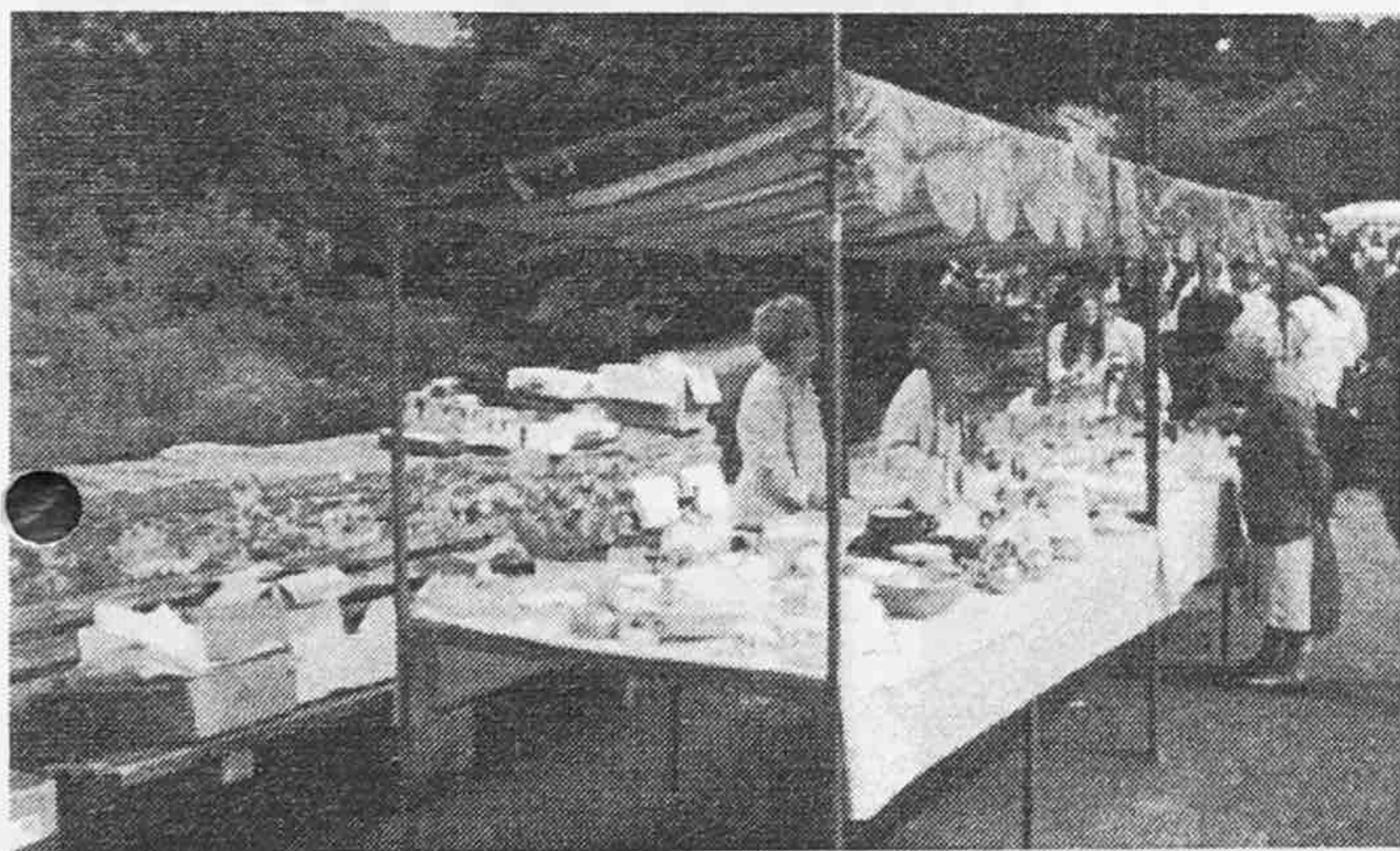
*Jukalo kept the children enthralled with a lively performance*



*The Newsletter Group raising funds*



*The sun shines on the Bacon Butty ladies*



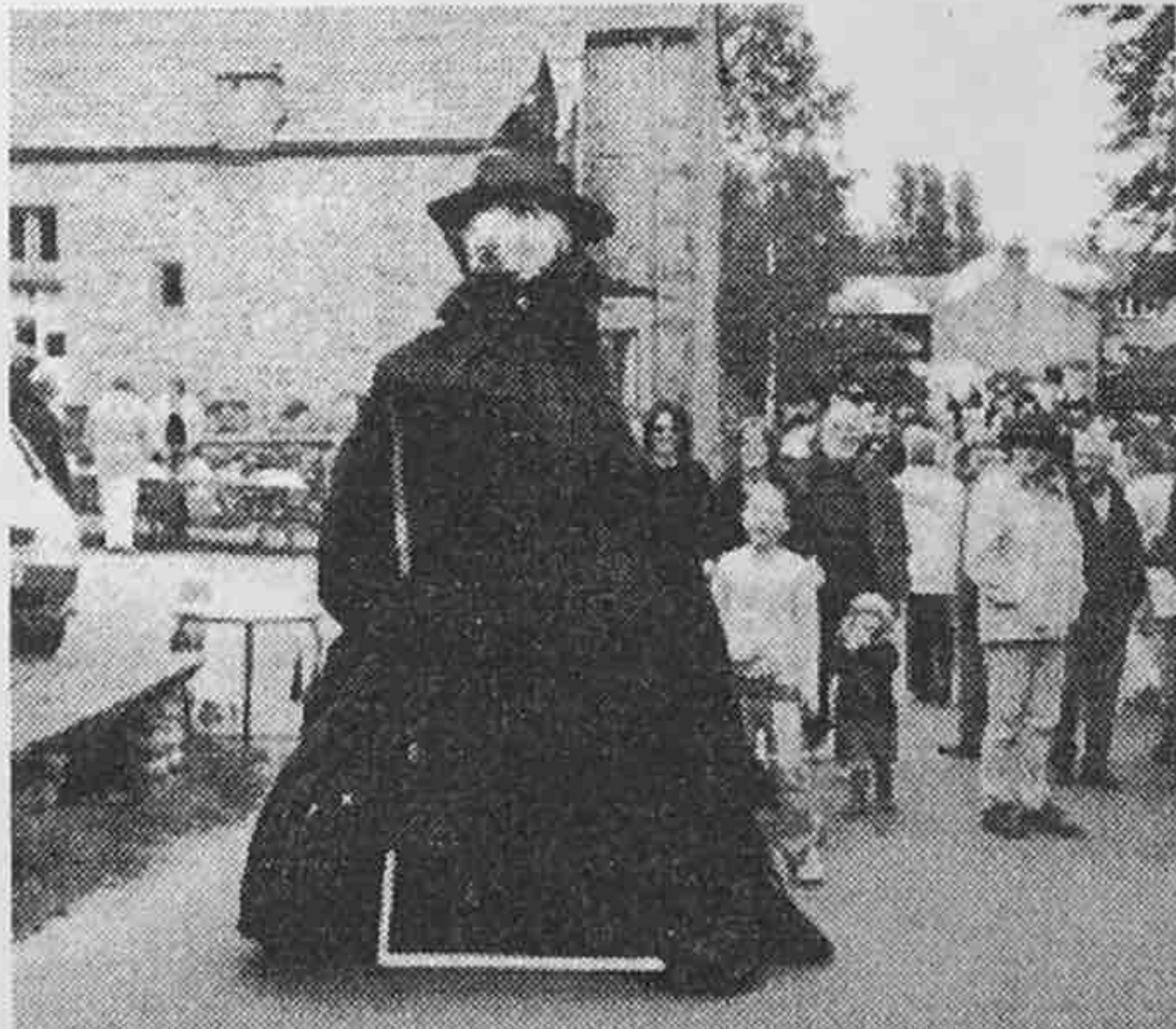
*Posh Pots on offer*



*Bric-a-brac ladies take a break*



*The MS tombola stall*



*Children following the witch to church*

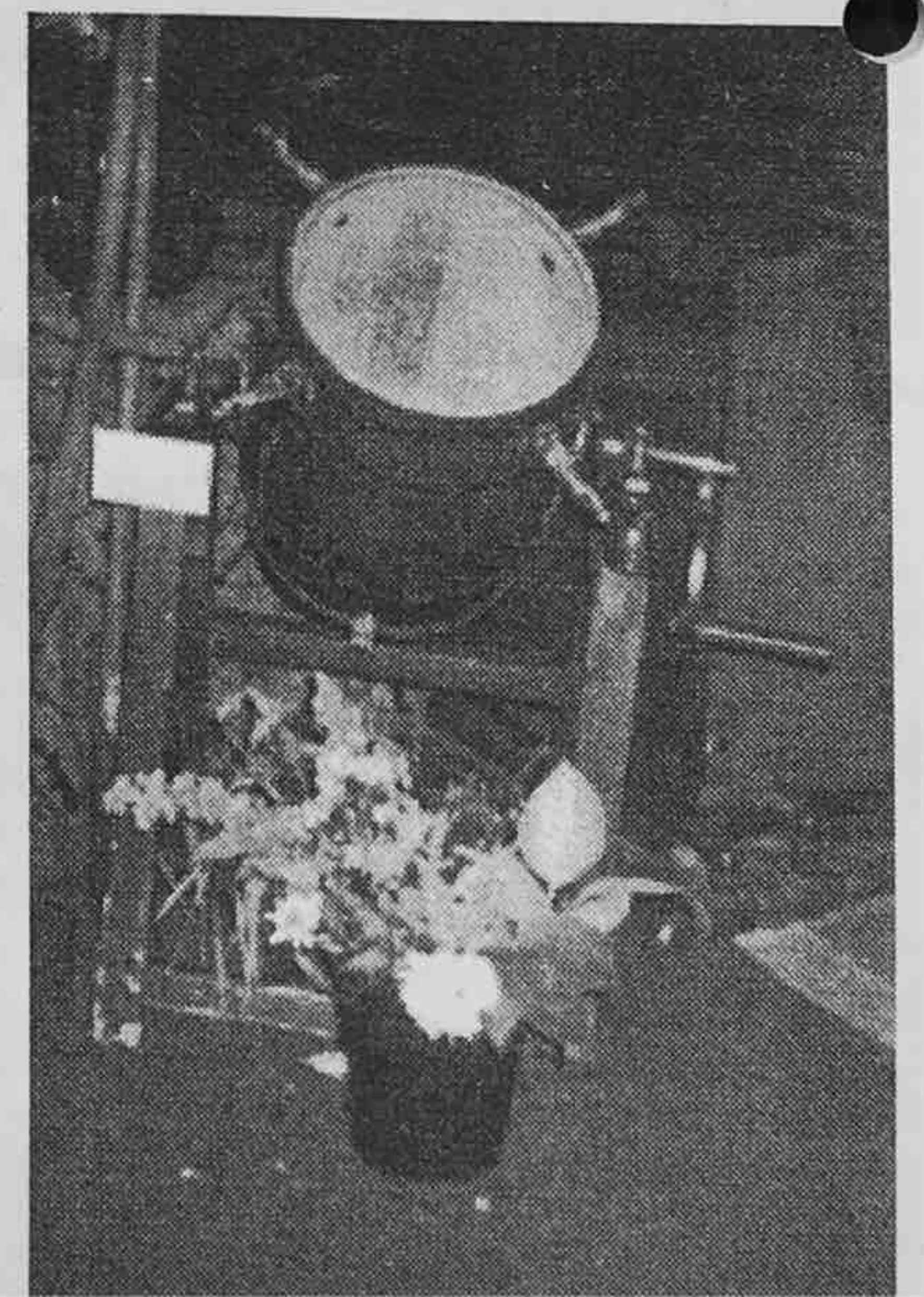


*William and Thomas about to bash the tiger's teeth*





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## *From the Vicarage . . . .*

### **WAITING ROOMS**

Dear friends,

According to recent research we spend a tenth of our life in queues, traffic jams or waiting rooms. Whether it is: stranded in an airport lounge on a hot summer's day, huddled round a radiator on the platform of a railway station on a cold winter's morning, or sat in a hospital reception; sandbagged round with magazines past their sell by date; wondering if you really should have bothered since you are sure the problem has now cleared up . . . but some things just don't wait! In our super-fast world the waiting room is still with us. Did it ever occur to you that the Christian faith started at Pentecost in a waiting room?

According to Luke, the first Christians were 'waiting for the Holy Spirit' in that upper room in Jerusalem. This was perhaps, the most frustrating, agonising wait of their lives. We've never been very good at waiting, at anytime, any of us.

The story of Mary and Martha tells of the two sisters of Lazarus and their different approaches to an imminent visit from Jesus. Martha spent the whole time fretting and fussing about what was to be done for the VIP, whilst Mary on the other-hand, simply sat, waited and listened for Jesus' arrival. In our own lives there are many times when we have to work hard, and life becomes a hive of activity with days of pressure and worries (great and small) about this and that. However, despite all this chaos it is worth remembering that as Christians we are called first and foremost to wait on God. To wait and wait until he gives himself to us, not in snatched moments but resting in him at all times.

I hope that you use the summer holidays as an opportunity to rest and relax with God, away from the chaos and business of life.

Your friend and vicar,

*Ian Greenhalgh*

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### **CHURCH NEWS**

**Street Market** Although the weather remained dry, it was a cool and breezy day making a roaring trade for bacon butties and hot drinks. The P.C.C. are grateful to the many people who worked really hard and cheerfully to make the day so successful and enjoyable, especially those who helped to set up and clear away afterwards. The total returns are £4,565 but this figure is set to rise a little more.

**Sunday, 8th August 11 am.** Churches in both parishes are joining for Holy Communion in the garden at Ingleborough Hall, if wet in the church. It will be a service for all the family. Everyone is welcome and after lunch there will be games for the children. Please bring a picnic – hot and cold drinks will be provided.

**August 25th–27th** Childrens' Holiday Club 1pm–4pm in the Ingleborough Hall garden. Children of all ages welcome. Children under four to be accompanied by a parent please. Further information from Ian and Melanie Greenhalgh 51313.

This year Harvest Festival is on 3rd October at 11 am. It will be a family service. Details nearer the time will be announced in school and on the notice board.

**Sunday, 29th August** Being a 5th Sunday, the United Service will be at Keasden. Please note the change of time 11 am *not* 2 pm.

**Parceval Hall** 16th September. Please let the vicar know TODAY if you wish to be there for a Quiet Day, and to enjoy the extensive and beautiful gardens. The cost which includes coffee on arrival, lunch and tea at 4 pm is £18. Transport leaving at 9 am can be arranged.

**Keasden** Domino Drive and Harvest Social Evening Friday, 17th September at 7.30 pm in Eldroth Parish Hall. Please pay at the door. Adults £2.50, Children £1.50.

Unclaimed Street Market prizes nos. 4075, 4184, 3526, 3508, 4280, 3368, 3184, phone Owen Walton 51685.

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6. **Dreaming of the east** – constructing the Orient in the north-west.
7. **Neam Toms and urinal slabs** – slate and slate quarrying in the north-west.
8. **Ice-getting on the country house estate** – ice houses and the international ice trade in the Lune valley area.
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## Clapham Women's Institute

Clapham Women's Institute meets on the second Wednesday of each month at 7.30pm in the Village Hall. The group includes members from Eldroth, Newby, Newby Cote and Cold Cotes. New members, visitors and friends are always welcome. For more information telephone Moira Ings (51316).

### Programme:

**August 11th:** *A circular walk at Stainforth.*

Meet at Stainforth Car Park at 6pm. The walk will be followed by a meal at the Craven Heifer in Stainforth, 8.00 for 8.30pm.

**September 8th:** *Society for the Preservation of Ancient Buildings – a talk with slides.*

Speaker: Mr. James Innerdale

**October 13th:** AGM and Auction.

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## OUTLINE PLANNING APPROVAL GRANTED

Outline planning approval has been given to build homes and small industrial units on the former site of Gorner's Mercedes Benz dealership in Clapham.

The application had been deferred from the June meeting because planning committee members wished to see further information regarding the marketing of the property for industrial use.

Committee members heard that the property had been marketed for more than 12 months and that there was an identified need for modern purpose-built workshops in the area.

Specifics about the number of homes and industrial units to be built on the site will come back to Craven District Council's planning committee for approval.



Great excitement in Newby as an air ambulance landed on the village green to whisk villager Jeff Green off to Lancaster Infirmary. He was at first thought to have acute appendicitis, but it was in fact kidney stones causing the pain. He is now home and fully recovered.



## BETHEL NEWS

Thank you to everyone who supported our stall at the Street Market. £180 was raised for Yorkshire Air Ambulance. A sponsored walk has also been arranged by some of our members who hope to walk the Dales Way, approx. 82 miles. This will be from 16th-21st August. All money raised will also go to Air Ambulance. If anyone would like to give a donation please contact Sue (41765) or Rose (51286).

We would like to invite you to our Harvest Weekend:

Friday, 24th September: Harvest Supper, 7.30 pm.

Saturday, 25th September: 7.30 pm.

Sunday, 26th September: 11.00 am and 6.30 pm.

All meetings will be taken by Mr Billy Kennedy of Carlisle, Scotland, a former footballer with Linfield and Northern Ireland.

Services as usual. Youth Club, Clapham tots and ladies' meetings start September.

## GoCars Are Go!

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Bentham Community Transport has just taken delivery of three cars; 2 Vauxhall Merivas (small people carriers) and 1 Vauxhall Zafira (with 7 passenger seats). You may have seen one of them at Clapham Street Market or Ingleton Gala.

If you are interested in how the car club works, give Rob Eastwood our Development Officer a ring on 07971 166376, phone Bentham Community Transport on 62753 or have a look at our website [www.gocars.org.uk](http://www.gocars.org.uk).

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## Mad or what . . . ?

I Know that people have often suspected that I might be slightly mad, but I now seem to have confirmed all their suspicions. In late August or early September I will be undertaking a parachute jump to raise funds for the work of Age Concern in Yorkshire including for Age Concern North Craven.

The jump will be from 10,000 feet and will consist of free-falling to 5,000 feet before opening the parachute. As I have never jumped before I will be harnessed to an instructor, so will be jumping in tandem (not *totally* mad you see).

If you feel you would like to sponsor me and support the excellent work of Age Concern please give me a ring on 015242 51792.

Sue Mann

## Clapham is my Village

I love clapham  
except when it's wet  
and I'd like to tell you  
of the birds that I've met.

brown ones, black ones, white ones  
and green  
you wouldn't believe  
the birds that I've seen.

They dip in the river  
they nest in our tree  
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## WHIST DRIVES

Whist drives will be held in Clapham village hall on

August 6th (semi-partner), 13th and 27th

September 3rd (rainbow whist), and 10th.

September 24th will be in Clapham school.

October 1st – back in the village hall.

Proceeds are for charity and all commence at 7.30p.m. Admission is £1 (including refreshments) The charity fund donated £100 to the Air Ambulance and £100 to Clapham Cave Rescue.

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## Siberian sensation

It was very pleasing to see Maria Sharapova win at Wimbledon. At seventeen years of age she could have been a Chernobyl victim, but she was fortunate, her parents moved to Siberia and missed the nuclear fallout.

As well as Maria, the children who come to Clapham are also outstanding but they do not make the headlines. Most of them live with the threat of an end to cancer remission for themselves or a loved one. This is why groups come to Clapham every year to enjoy good, clean fresh air and plenty of good food. The children will be visiting us on Tuesday, 10th August, if anyone has any cakes or fruit they would like to donate for their lunch or supper it would be very welcome. Please bring to 2 Clapdale Way on Monday, 9th August.

Many thanks Janet Raine

## Any News?

If anyone has any news that they would like to appear in the Craven Herald, Lancaster Guardian or The Westmorland Gazette please contact Rory Daniels of Gildersbank. He is taking over from his sister Rachel who has been doing the job for the last two years. And don't forget to inform the Clapham Newsletter as well if it is of local interest!

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## Summer Sign Saga

The Summer months bring a 'harvest' of village events. Signs by the roadside indicate the date and where the fair or street market will take place. The latest improvement has been to have small notices by the roadside and Clapham has followed suit.

Notices were prepared and placed into position 14 days before the Street Market. On the next day all the signs had been removed and after an exhaustive search they were located in a depot at Crooklands. It was said that to put signs by the roadside was breaking the law. However, a representative of the Street Market counted 12 similarly-sized signs on the A65 between Clapham and Ingleton.

A compromise is to place these signs on top of the walls (with the farmers' permission) - they are not as visible to occupants of cars but may save the organisers time and distress.



Picture shows the remnant of the notice advertising the Street Market, purposely placed on a fence to avoid putting on the edge of the by-pass.

This is not the work of a child but a grown up with less than a child's mentality!

## Newsletter stall

Many thanks to everyone who donated DVDs, Videos, CDs, Cassettes and Records. This enabled the Newsletter to raise over £280 (not £581 as printed in the newspaper) at the Street Market which will be put towards printing costs. Well done everyone!



## EXAM SUCCESSES

This summer we have managed to 'track down' several successful students and follow their plans for the next stage of their careers:

**Joanne Clark** has gained a 2-1 from Edinburgh College of Art which makes her a B.Arch,Hons. She is working at Mason Gillibrand in Caton this summer. In September she will return to E.C.A. for her diploma year.

**Rachel Daniels** has been accepted at Manchester Metropolitan University to study a course in Fine Arts and Printing with an emphasis on printing.

**Matthew Hart** is about to embark on a 3 year degree course in Applied Arts including architectural glass, jewellery, metal work and ceramics. His goal is a BA Architecture.

**Jessica Roberts** is studying music – voice in particular – at Newcastle University. She has completed her first year and has had a number of engagements already.

## THANKS

On behalf of the Vicar, Wardens and Parochial Church Council of Saint James' Church, I am writing to thank you very much for all the help and support given to the Street Market this year.

I think you will agree that, despite the weather, it was a very successful day and the funds raised – presently in excess of £4,500 – are a tremendous boost to the Church's funds this year. We could not do this without all the help we get from so many people in the village.

We will be holding a meeting to discuss the event and review how it went in due course, so if you have any thoughts which you'd like to pass on could you please pass them on to Jean Cloughton or myself.

Thank you once again for all the help and support you give to the Church.

With best wishes,

*Sue Mann, PCC Secretary*

## BAHA

I had brain tumour removed in 1997 which resulted in complete hearing loss in my left ear. I didn't hear anything happening on my left side; it was like the whole of that side of the world did not exist!

In 2002 I heard about a BAHA (Bone Anchored Hearing Aid) and after much research I discovered a specialist in Barrow-in-Furness who would perform the operation.

A BAHA is a bone anchored sound processor, which allows you to hear via direct bone conduction. Direct bone conduction means that sound is transmitted directly through the skull bone via a titanium implanted screw to the working cochlea in the 'good' ear. I went to Furness Hospital in Barrow in November and had a titanium screw implanted in the bone behind my non-hearing ear. I also had an abutment connected

to the implant through the skin. In early March, after 4 months, the fixture had securely bonded with the bone (Osseo integration) and the sound processor, which is about 2cm by 3cm, was fitted.

My hearing was immediately better and one of the most exciting things that I experienced was the amount of clarity in sound that I heard.

It is an incredible piece of equipment, which results in the sensation of hearing from the left side. All the sounds are heard by my right ear and so the direction from where these sounds are coming from can be baffling but I am told that my brain will come to terms with this and will soon adapt.

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*Jean Mallaband*

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## WILDLIFE IN CLAPHAM

### MAY

Redshank, Lapwing, Mallard and Coot have all successfully bred on the flooded field at Meldingscale farm. On the 22nd, one Poplar Hawkmoth was seen at Ingleborough hall; and the first juvenile Stonechat was seen at Hardacre Moss; and a Garden warbler was seen at Meldingscale farm.

On the 23rd, two greylag geese were seen flying down the Wenning valley over Meldingscale farm and a Red kite flew in a south westerly direction over Austwick Common towards Stocks Reservoir. Later on, that day one was reported flying over Pine lake near Carnforth, I think that it was the same bird I had seen over Austwick Common. One Cuckoo was seen and heard calling at Trow Gill by Chester on the 25th. One Chiffchaff was heard calling at Ingleborough hall on the 26th and 28th. One Cuckoo was heard calling near Clapham on the 29th. A flock of 27 Lapwings were seen at Hardacre Moss on the 29th. These birds will be failed breeders that are on their way back to the coast. One Small copper Butterfly was found in David and Barbara Yate's garden on the 31st.

### JUNE

A pair of Spotted flycatchers are at Ingleborough hall. One Cuckoo was heard calling over Hardacre Moss and Green Close on the 1st. The pair of Nuthatches that nested in a nest box at Ingleborough Hall fledged at least one young. It has been seen on several occasions being fed by it's parents. One Emperor dragonfly was seen at the pond at High Hazel hall farm on the 6th. The Emperor dragonflies mainly breed in southern England, but they are moving slowly northwards. One juvenile Dipper was seen with an adult on Clapham beck opposite Marton House on the 7th. A Hummingbird moth was seen at Jasmine Cottage. One Painted lady Butterfly was seen at Ingleborough hall on the 8th. A Kestrel's nest site, with four young, was found near Meldingscale Farm. The first Large skipper butterfly of the year was seen at Meldingscale Farm on the 16th. The juvenile House Martins at Smithy cottage left the nest on the 25th. One Common Blue Butterfly was seen at Ingleborough Hall on the 22nd. It is only the second Common blue I have seen in the Clapham area. Four pairs of Stonechats have bred successfully around Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor. Five Small pearl

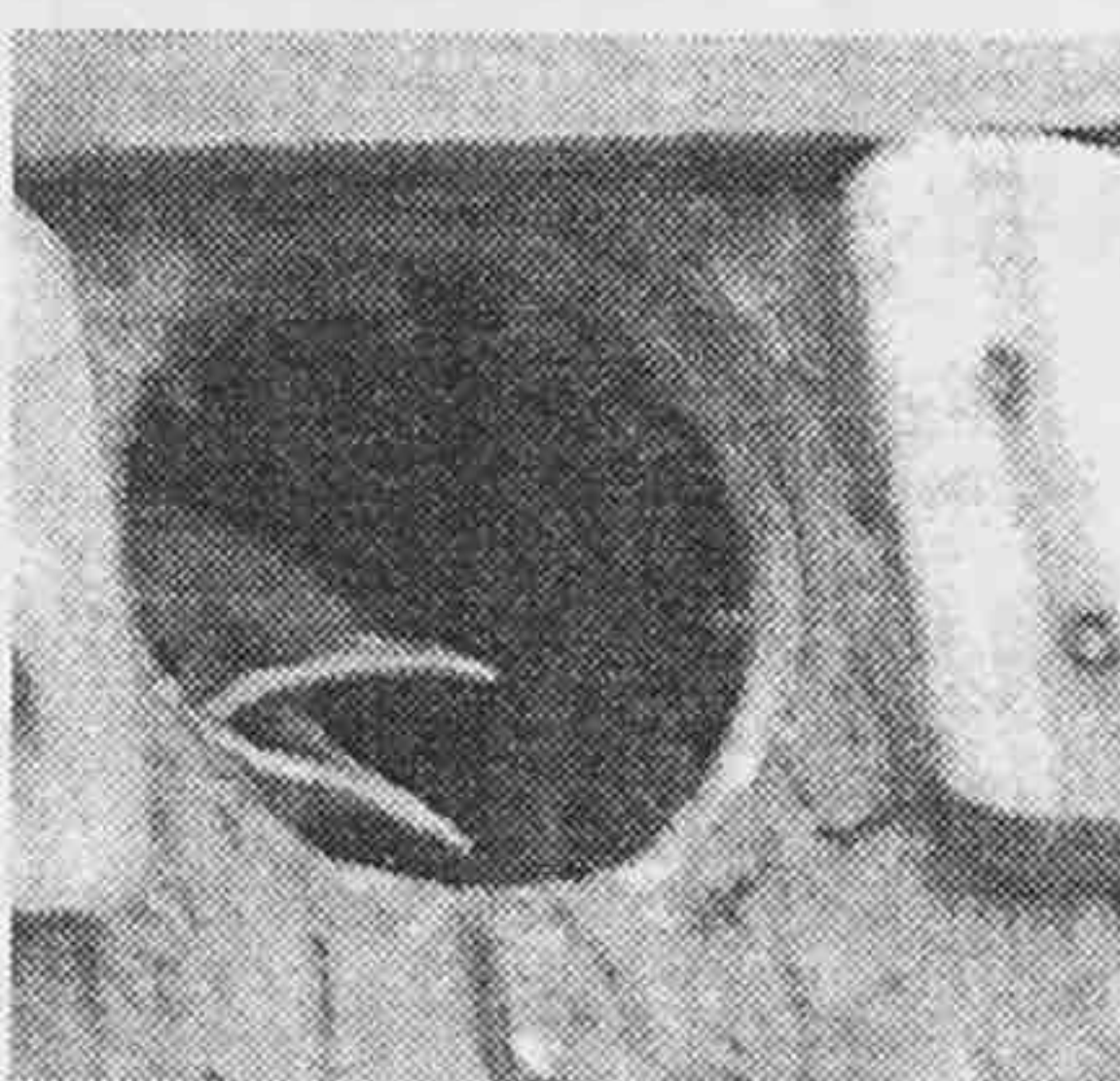
bordered fritillaries were seen at Hardacre Moss on the 25th. One pair of Grey Wagtails have bred successfully near Bridge Cottage. One Chiffchaff was heard calling at Ingleborough hall on the 29th.

### JULY

The Chiffchaff that was heard calling at Ingleborough hall on the 29th June was also heard through the early part of July. One Garden Warbler was heard singing by Clapham beck on the 1st. One Hobby was seen flying over Ingleborough Hall on the 1st. This is the third year in succession that a Hobby has been seen in the local area. Breeding Hobbies are slowly moving northwards through the U.K. One Peregrine was seen flying over Ingleborough Hall on the 5th and 6th. A flock of twenty one Sand Martins were seen near the Flying Horseshoe on the 5th.

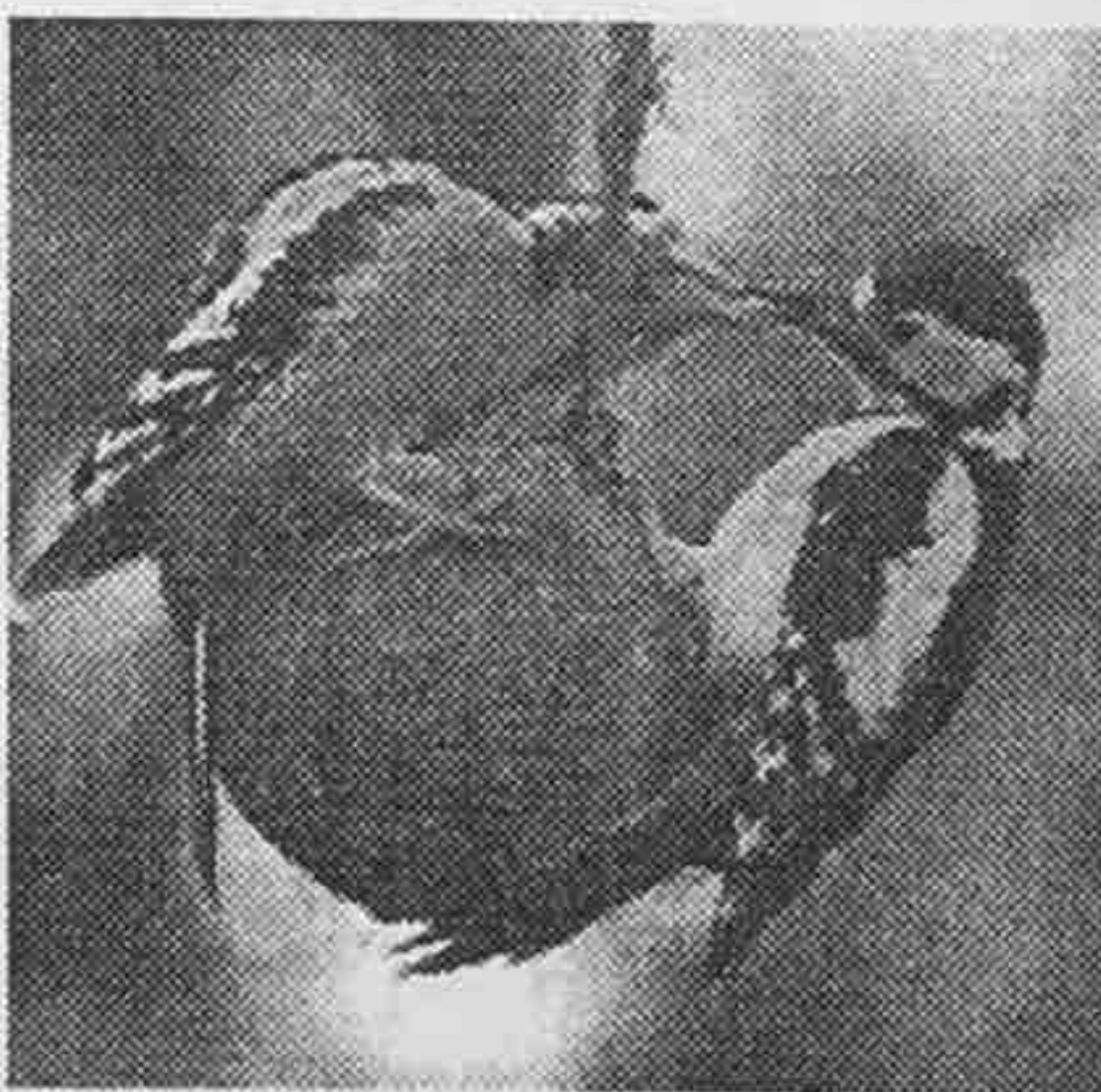
One adult breeding plumaged Mediterranean Gull was seen feeding in a field next to Green Close farm with about 150 Black headed gulls on the 9th. The Mediterranean gull is about the same size as a Black headed gull, but it has a full jet black head, not a half dark coffee brown head which black headed gulls have. The bill and legs are bright red and the other feature of the Mediterranean gull is it has pure white wings with no black markings on the tips at all. In the last thirty years sightings and breeding pairs of Mediterranean gulls have increased in the British isles. One pair bred at Leighton moss about six years ago and one pair bred at Stocks reservoir last year. Six juvenile Stonechats were seen

on Hardacre Moss and Newby Moor on the 9th. The adult Mediterranean Gull was seen again with a large flock of Black Headed Gulls in fields behind Nutta farm on the 11th. (The warden at RSPB Leighton moss told me on the 17th that the pair of Mediterranean gulls bred successfully again this year at Stocks reservoir.) One Small Elephant Hawkmoth was seen feeding on the Red Valerian outside Smithy cottage on the 12th. The Emperor dragonfly was seen again at High Hazel Hall farm on the 18th. The first Small Skipper Butterflies of the year were seen at Crook Beck and Meldingscale Farm on the 18th. Two adult and one juvenile Buzzards were seen near Nutta farm on the 18th



#### FEED ME!

Above a wren at Jasmine cottage and below woodpeckers at Park View Cottage.



*Records supplied by Tim of Smithy Cottage*





**The Ribblesdale Area Moving Picture Show**  
are showing

**Bruce Almighty<sup>(12)</sup>**

starring Jim Carrey, Morgan Freeman, Jennifer Aniston  
Carrey stars as Bruce Nolan, a television reporter in Buffalo, New York, who lives a normal life with his sweet girlfriend Grace. But Bruce isn't satisfied, and after a particularly bad day where everything goes wrong, he blames God. God responds and challenges Bruce to see if he can fill his shoes, resulting in one hysterical, yet disastrous decision after another.

At Clapham Village Hall on Thursday, 12th August  
and Ingleborough Community Centre on Friday,  
13th August, both commencing at 7.30 pm

**Admission £3.50**

## THANKS

Very many thanks to all those who baked for the market Cake Stall and the Refreshments in the School. Takings were up on last year. Perhaps the final sums will be printed elsewhere in this newsletter. Many thanks, also, to all those who supported us by giving time and energy to pricing, setting up, serving the public, washing up, clearing up and generally running around.

*Liz Mason & Ann Stewart*

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## END OF TERM

Clapham Primary School had a very busy last week of term. On Tuesday, family and friends enjoyed a musical evening. All the juniors (who were dressed in Victorian costume to tie in with their latest project) played musical instruments. The leavers' service took place at St James' Church, on Wednesday afternoon. The six children who move on this year are: Sam Allsopp, Becky Bernie, Isobel Marshall, Anne-Marie Townley, Bethan Harrison and Chloe Smethurst, were each presented with a bible from the Clapham United Charities Education Fund. The presentation was made by Daniel Nichols, a student teacher from St. Martin's, Ambleside, who has been at the school on a five-week placement. On Thursday the whole school took part in Health and Citizenship Day, which included keep fit, road safety and stranger-danger. Carol Wood, the school nurse, was a guest for the day. In the evening there was a barbecue and leavers' dance. The week ended with the now traditional annual picnic and walk up the Reginald Farrer Nature Trail, accompanied this year by vicar Ian Greenhalgh. Staff and teachers said goodbye to part-time teacher Mrs Quigley, who was presented with a garden centre voucher and flowers. John Anderton will join the staff in September, also part-time. He has already taught in school on a supply basis.

## Parish Council

Following his resignation as clerk to Clapham cum Newby Parish Council, a letter has been sent to Paul Pearce expressing appreciation of the very efficient and conscientious way he has carried out the duties of parish clerk. Alison Fawcett has been appointed to succeed him.

## Playgroup is growing

On top of our usual playgroup sessions, we aim to provide quality nursery provision for 10 pre-school children 3 times a week from September. Two of these sessions will run in the school grounds providing an excellent introduction to the building where the children will later attend school. We are hoping to employ an Assistant Playleader to join our team of staff and volunteers. Please contact Jo Williams (51186) if you are interested in the post or with any other enquiries about the playgroup.

This Free Newsletter aims to keep everyone in Clapham, Keasden and Newby in touch with what is happening in our community. It does, however, cost a not insignificant amount to produce, and advertising is a very necessary aid to the finances.

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