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# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 5

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## PARISH COUNCIL DELIBERATIONS

### Road Traffic Signs

Following complaints by local residents, and an inspection with the County Council's Divisional Engineer, the Parish Council has agreed to recommend a reduction in the number of road traffic signs in Clapham village. The following signs and their associated poles would be affected:

#### Church Avenue (south end):

"School" sign and pole opposite Gildersbank to be removed entirely. "Playground" sign and pole opposite Gildersbank to be moved to new position (see below). "Unsuitable for coaches except for access" signs to remain in present position, but on taller pole. Pole also to display resited "playground" sign (see above). Reason: School and playground signs both convey same message to drivers i.e. watch for children on the road.

#### Church Avenue (west end):

"School" sign and pole near church to be removed entirely. "Playground" sign and pole near church to be moved to new position closer to parapet of Church Bridge. Reason: as above; and playground sign partly obscured by trees on present site.

#### Eggshell Lane (east end):

"Road narrows" & "Unsuitable for lorries and coaches" signs (and pole) to be removed entirely. Reason: If large vehicle has got this far, it has no option but to proceed. Sign makes no difference.

#### Eggshell Lane (west end):

Missing "Road narrows" sign to be replaced. Existing "Unsuitable for coaches and lorries"

sign to be renewed.

#### Riverside (south end):

"No entry" sign to be renewed in slightly smaller size in present position by Barn Cottage. "No reversing into street" sign (and pole), which the County Council cannot replace, to be removed entirely.

#### Station Road:

"Give way" sign at Bridge Cottage to be renewed. New pole. Redundant pole on bridge opposite Bridge Cottage to be removed entirely.

#### Various locations:

All small repeater 30mph discs/poles to be removed entirely; some poles may be retained for dog waste bins. Missing blue/white directional arrow at A65 junction with Station Road to be replaced.

*Please contact Paul Pearce (tel: 51071) if you have any constructive comments on the above.*

The Parish Council supported a request for an enforceable **speed limit in Newby village**, preferably 20mph but otherwise 30mph.

The Parish Council will ask the district council to provide two **dogwaste bins in Newby**, to be placed on traffic sign poles at either end of the village.

**The notice board at Keasden**, which has blown down, is to be restored.

The Parish Council has asked for a higher priority to be given to **winter gritting** on Keasden Road and the Newby to Newby Cote Road.



A drainage scheme to prevent **flooding of the road onto Newby moor** (opposite the Little Chef) should be completed in the summer. The County Council is being pressed to rectify **damage done to drains and culverts** during construction of the new water pipeline.

Concern was expressed at the **untidy state of the footpath leading from Riverside to the Village Hall**. Weeds are growing unchecked, and litter (usually discarded cigarette packets) is becoming a nuisance near the Village Hall. Children's toys and bicycles left lying about at the Riverside end may be a safety hazard at night, as well as being unsightly on this well-used path. The Parish Council is asking all residents, especially householders with properties close to the footpath, to cooperate in keeping this area tidy.

The Parish Council is continuing to press Railtrack to provide a **waiting shelter at Clapham Station** on the Lancaster platform, as part of the work now in progress at the station. **Bus-stop signs and timetable case** will be installed shortly at the Old Post Office and on the Cave Rescue building in Clapham.

The Parish Council does not object to the **diversion of a public footpath at Turnerford Farm**, along a route agreed at a meeting with the landowners. This diversion would not extinguish any public rights of access to an ancient track (known as the Rake) along the original footpath route, should any such rights come to light in the future. The Parish Council is not aware that any such public rights exist.

**The damaged road sign** (signposting Clapham at the A65/Clapham Old Road east junction) is to be replaced. So too is the missing **blue "traders" sign** originally displayed near the A65/Clapham Old Road west junction.

**Flooding of the A65 underpass** at Station Road has been referred to the Highways Agency.

### **MILLENNIUM PROJECTS**

**Millennium Stone:** The design for the stone panel has now been approved, subject to some minor changes suggested by visitors to the public exhibition in the Village Hall on 6 May. A specification is needed for the plinth on which the stone will be mounted, and this must be prepared before the Parish Council can give its authority for the project to proceed. The **Millennium project to photograph members of each household** in the parish outside their individual homes has been abandoned, following rejection of a bid for funding the project. The Parish Council will not be applying to the **Outdoor Basketball Initiative** for a free pole-mounted basketball goal (said to be worth about £1,000). The scheme would require the community to provide a flat hard surface at least 9 metres square. There are probably too few potential users locally to justify the fundraising effort involved in building this; and shared use of the tennis court is likely to damage the surface and markings.

Jean Davey of Newby was coopted to fill the **Parish Council vacancy** created by the death of Maurice Brown in January.

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### **Grants for £500 to £5000 are currently available for local groups from the Millennium Festival Awards For All**

The Millennium Festival Awards For All is a branch of the lottery which awards small grants. They still have lots of money to give away to local groups but applications need to be in by the end of June if possible. Activities which are eligible for funding include sports, and arts or community projects, and the application form is relatively simple as far as these things go. The grants can fund non-profit-making groups for things that either celebrate the Millennium (but not with parties or fireworks!) allow more people to participate in your activities or bring people together.

Examples are: millennium celebrations; events or performances; training courses; publicity materials; fees; research costs; pilot projects; equipment; start up costs; volunteer expenses; costs for voluntary and casual workers; conference and seminar costs; special repairs; travel and outings (but not foreign trips); materials; other items to help you run your group and provide services.

The grants need to be spent by 1 January, so if you have something that you would like to do, but for which you lack the funding, phone **0845 600 20 40** for an application form and further details. Sue *Manson*



## Events Past and To Come

### CLAPHAM PARK ASSOCIATION NEWS

We held a Disco at the Village Hall on May 5th and raised £140. Thanks to Anne and Kelly for help, to David Wildman our resident (free!) DJ, Committee members and all who attended. The application to the Charity Commission is in. The Council is still being urged to re-seed and roll to firm the ground at the end of the park where the new drain was placed.

The Easter Egg Quiz was won by Rose Whittaker's niece Sarah Whittaker. Second were Sarah Wildman and Lucy Kay.

New Committee members needed, or help at Discos greatly appreciated.

Next Discos on 30th June and 22nd September.

**Two ladies are coming to teach Rock & Roll, Jive and Line Dancing for an hour - all welcome.**

Kids, if you are as well behaved as last time we will try and have regular Discos. Tell your friends! Thanks.

*June*

### CLAPHAM AGE CONCERN

Coffee morning monthly on the first Wednesday in the month, 10am to 12 noon.

Members can have lunch at Brook House Café on that day for a reasonable price. Transport is available from the organiser.

A trip by minibus is arranged once a month on the Thursday of the week following the meeting.

Speakers at the meetings this summer are:  
May - Mr K. Rothwell from The Woodland Trust

June - Mr P. Marshall, with slides from a walk along the area of the Settle-Carlisle line

July - Mrs J. Davey: a summer flower arrangement, and a watercolour demonstration

September - Mrs S. Mann will talk to the group

*Organiser: Jean Davey, tel: 51321*

### STREET MARKET 22ND JULY

Stalls are available to any group working for a charity. Please contact Jean Claughton, tel: 51491.

Monday 5th June: There will be a meeting at 7.30pm at Clareson, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham, for everyone concerned, to discuss all aspects of the street market. If you could give an hour or two to help with the general arrangements, especially setting up or clearing away, you would be very much appreciated. Please tell Liz Mason, tel: 51319.

### CHURCH NEWS

The Big Walk: As part of the Millennium celebrations, a cross is to be carried from the cathedral in Bradford into every church in the diocese. It will leave Bradford on 4th June and reach Clapham church, via High Bentham, on Friday evening 23rd June. The next morning, at 9.30am, it will be on its way to Keasden, and then to Eldroth and Austwick, to be carried out of the parish to Horton in the late afternoon. Everyone is invited to join any part of the walk. The cross is expected back at the cathedral on 15th July.

### BETHEL CHAPEL NEWS

The next coffee evening for ladies will be on Thursday 25th May at 7.30pm. The speaker is Mrs. Mary Dobson from Nidderdale. Senior Citizens are welcome on Thursday 1st June at 2.30pm. As well as the midweek activities for children, there is a Sunday School at 10am each week. On Saturday 10th June at 7.30pm, and Sunday 11th at 11am and 6.30pm, we shall be holding Anniversary services in which the children and young people will take part. The theme this year is "Creation". The speaker will be Billy Kennedy, who has wide experience in working with children.



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## CLAPHAM SCHOOL EVENTS

All are welcome to attend the following:

28th June, 3.30-7.00pm	Clapham School will have a display at the Science Fair, Settle High School
5th July	Sports afternoon at the School, weather permitting
19th July	Leavers' service in the Parish Church

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## MESSAGE FROM NORTH YORKSHIRE POLICE, INGLETON

May I take this opportunity to introduce myself as your local officer: my name is Laurence Martin. I am responsible for any local issues that you may feel need my attention.

As always, the police need the support from you, the community, that I and my colleagues serve. This support may take various forms, so I urge you to note and report anything that you feel is out of the ordinary or that may be of use to the police, no matter how trivial. Should

you wish to give information anonymously you may, but we and the courts are limited in what actions can be taken when information is passed on to us in this manner. With your support, more of the crime committed could be solved.

At present, North Yorkshire Police are seeking more people to take part in Neighbourhood Watch schemes, and Farm Watch. Should you be interested, or need more information on any police matter, please speak with me or telephone Ingleton station on 015241 41217.  
*Ingleton Police, Back Gate, Ingleton*

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## RUNNING IN THE LONDON MARATHON

The past few months have been taken up with training for my marathon debut. After having averaged 55 miles for the past few weeks, it was nice when, with only two weeks before the race, I could start to ease down on my mileage, only running three sessions in the week leading up to the race.

Saturday 15 April: I arrived in London. It was a cold, wet day. The day was spent travelling on the underground to the Docklands area, as race numbers had to be collected in person from the London Arena. We were given computerised chips for our shoes, to enable an accurate finishing time. These would be activated by the starting gun (not ideal for the runners starting further back). Lastly, we were given a kit bag which we had to use for our clothes, together with a number matching our race number. I ate plenty of pasta, stodgy cakes and bananas throughout the day, all very nice! Finally, after having sorted my running gear, I settled down for an early night.

Sunday 16 April: The day started with an early morning call at 5.45am. Breakfast was cereal, toast and jam, then it was off on the train again to get to my start at Greenwich. There were three start lines, mine being the mass start from Greenwich Park. I was advised to rub myself liberally with Vaseline on the parts of my body liable to rub! Having parted with my kit bag on the truck (would I ever find it at the finish?) I made my way to the starting pen.

After the starting gun went off it took 2 minutes for me to reach the starting line (this was better than I had thought as it took some 15 or more) as there were so many competitors (30,000 plus in total). I chatted to lots of strangers along the way, everyone was friendly and supportive. The crowds were amazing and helped me along with all their cheering. Bands played, bells rang, children lined the pavements holding out their hands for the runners to touch, and I passed Frank Bruno at 10 miles! Drinks



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were available at every mile and there were 110 portable loos en route! By the time I reached Tower Bridge, 12 miles, I could feel my calf muscles start to tighten which was worrying. I carried on and by 18 miles they were quite sore. I reached the 20 mile mark in 3 hours: I was not going to give up now. I finally reached the finish in 3 hours, 47 mins. I had hoped to finish inside 4 hours but could not really believe that I had done it. I felt elated but could hardly walk after crossing the finish.

Everyone received their medals, then each was given a space blanket, a goody bag full of chocolate bars, fruit, crisps and a pack of sandwiches. Then it was off to find my bag on the trucks. It was so organised, I just showed my number and within seconds the bag was

handed to me. I even found my friend easily at the meeting area. I was very impressed.

**I have raised approximately £850 for the Charity DEBRA and would like to thank everyone who has supported me. Thanks to Robert, my husband, for taking me on those long weekend runs; I may not have been too appreciative at the time! Thanks also to Matthew and Ruth for believing in me. A special thankyou to Miss Balmford who has kept all my aches and pains at bay, and a final mention to Ben, my dog, who has been my training companion.**

*Kath Whitfield*

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## BIRDS IN CLAPHAM

The busiest time of the year bird-wise, with our summer migrants pouring back into the Parish, others just passing through, a few winter visitors hanging on, and everything generally getting on with what it gets on with in spring. Every day lately has brought something new to see: March 17th Wheatear arrived at Norber and Redshank at Crook Beck. The warblers were beginning sing - Blackcap at Ingleborough Hall on 22nd, Willow Warbler at Arbutus House April 1st and Chiff-Chaff at the Hall on 11th. Snipe were "drumming" over Hardacre on 2nd. The first Swallows were flying around Clapham on 15th along with Sand Martin over Crina Bottom Farm, followed by two House Martin at the Station on 19th, and three in the village on 23rd. There was a small "fall" of migrants on the 26th with the first Cuckoo calling at Keasden, Whitethroat at Melding Scale Farm, Lesser Whitethroat at Newby Moss, and Willow Warblers seeming to be in every bush by that evening. By the 28th, Sedge Warbler and Whinchat had arrived back at Newby Moss, and Crina Bottom Plantation held calling Garden Warbler and Redstart. Three days later there were at least five Redstart in the area and a Wood Warbler was singing on the Nature Trail. These specialist birds use the beech above the lake, as they want open ground to nest on, underneath tall trees

from which to broadcast their echoing song, which sounds like a coin spinning on a metal plate (well, with a little imagination!).

May 1st: The Swifts are back - the world is still working! Amazing to think that since we saw them last August they have not touched the ground once, but have been continually flying. A late wintering Fieldfare was still in Trow Gill on 4th, but even late-summer arrival Spotted Flycatcher was here next day at Café Anne. On 12th five Cuckoo were *seen* in the triangle between Newby Moss, Hardacre Moss and Crina Bottom, and what it's all about - the first two Lapwing chicks at Melding Scale Farm. The most interesting "passers-by" have been a Pied Flycatcher by Clapham Beck and two Dotterel on Little Ingleborough, following the high tops northwards. Short-eared Owl, Merlin, Buzzard, Green Woodpecker and Kingfisher have all been recorded lately, and June wanted to be mentioned for her sighting of a Goosander!

Glorious May weather has seen Grass Snakes basking by the roadsides, a good "crop" of Cockchafer (May Beetles), and butterflies, including Orange Tip, fluttering around their foodplants, the timely Cuckoo Flower.

*Records from Tim Hutchinson, Smithy Cottage.*



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## AN UNUSUAL BIRTHDAY PRESENT

For my birthday before Christmas, my daughter gave me two vouchers for half-day courses in falconry at the Yorkshire Dales Falconry Centre at Giggleswick, and I used them in late March. On the first morning I duly presented myself, and was welcomed by a nice young lady called Jill and given a cup of coffee, followed by an introduction to all the birds, from a small barn owl to an Andean condor, the largest flying bird in the world. I was shown how to carry a bird and we took Barney, a barn owl, for a walk along the lane, where we encountered a tanker, various cars and vans, and an irate dog, fortunately tied up. Then we took Barney up to the lecture room and flew him there, after which I watched the training of a young eagle, and handled a few more birds to get the feel of the different weights. The next day I took my "film crew" with me, in the form of Wyn Coultherd armed

with a camcorder, and she made a video for me as a memento. I went for a walk round the pens with Gismo, a tawny owl, and then repeated the previous day's walk, this time with Hannah, a young harrier hawk. Then I was allowed to hold a buzzard, my favourite bird of prey. I couldn't fly him because it was very windy and he is rather unpredictable. By this time, a coachload of teenagers had arrived, and we joined them for a demonstration, flying larger eagles and a Falkland Island caracara - quite a comic character. I finished with some fieldwork with a Mexican striped hawk owl called Pepe.

It was a wonderful present and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I recommend it to anyone interested in birds of prey. If anybody wants to see the video, drop in to South View, Newby, some time. It lasts about half an hour.

*Nan Kitcher*

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## WE MEN CAN COOK TOO!

Dear Editor,

I must say I really enjoyed the variety of scrumptious puddings at the pudding party, but are other men all over the village sulking because, in the last edition, their cooking efforts were not mentioned alongside those of the ladies? I wondered if you would like the recipe for my pudding/cake for This Month's Recipe. Strictly speaking, it is called a Valentine's Cake but, waistline permitting, we are prepared to eat it on any occasion.

**Valentine's Cake** 9-inch plate; two 300gm packets of ginger nuts; at least one large 284ml and one small 142ml carton double cream; 1 tablespoon fine caster sugar; 300ml lukewarm strong black coffee; 1 tablespoon Tia Maria (optional) Make the coffee and allow to stand in a small bowl so that it isn't too hot, then add the

Tia Maria. While it is cooling, whip the double cream and caster sugar to a firm spreading consistency.

Take a ginger nut, dip it quickly into the coffee and, using a palette-knife, coat one side with cream. Push another biscuit against it and stand them upright on edge. Continue to sandwich dunked biscuits and cream across the plate until you have a 7-inch row, and then make another row alongside. Coat the two rows all round as thickly as possible with remaining cream, so that no biscuit is visible, and leave 24 hours in the fridge. **Tips:** Don't dunk the biscuits for too long, or they collapse on the way to the plate. Don't try to use all the biscuits. Buy more cream than stated in the recipe - there's never quite enough!! When serving, try cutting on the diagonal for a striped effect.

*Gus Stewart*

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## SUMMER QUICHE by June

Broccoli, Peppers, Onion, Mushrooms, Courgettes. Slice veg. thinly and soften in 2tsp. Olive Oil and a good knob of butter.

2 Large Eggs, Chopped Parsley, ½ pt Milk, Pinch Salt, Black Pepper. Whisk together.

Pastry - 6oz Plain Flour, 4oz Butter, Salt, Water.

2 tomatoes, 1/2 lb grated Cheese

Line flan dish with pastry. Place softened veg. and cheese in case, add milk and eggs, place sliced tomatoes on top. Bake mod. oven until firm - about 40 mins.

I have made this for years, but at Anne's Barbecue recently I made the whole quiche from my Ingleborough Nurseries organic bag. I have one a week delivered. It's quite a thrill to see what you have got - a cross between Ready Steady Cook and a birthday! Very tasty.



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## INGLEBOROUGH HALL

Ingleborough Hall was originally a residence of the Farrer family, owners of the Ingleborough Estate. It is a Grade 2 listed building, and includes an ice-house, an underground tunnel, and 8 acres of woodland and formal gardens. The Hall is now an Outdoor Education Centre, owned by the City of Bradford Metropolitan District Council.

The principal activity of Ingleborough Hall is providing residential outdoor courses for parties of school children. Accommodation includes 104 beds, 3 dining rooms, and many classrooms and study rooms. Most of the children come from Bradford and Leeds, although parties from other areas are welcome. The children range in age from 8 to about 15, most being around 11 or 12. Some of the courses are based on adventure activities, such as caving, rock climbing, mountain walking and gorge scrambling, and these are led by a small team of qualified instructors. Other courses are on curriculum-based activities, including geology, botany, and comparisons of urban and rural communities, and these are generally led by the teachers accompanying the children. Clapham residents have probably seen teams of children crossing the Beck on ropes near Brokken Bridge. This forms part of a problem-solving task day, where a clue has to be retrieved in this way from the opposite bank.

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## RECOLLECTIONS OF PAST TIMES IN THE NEWBY AREA

by E. Dawson

### AT THE "BIG HOUSE"

We used to rent some fields on Thwaite Lane from Ewbanks in the war years 1941/2/3 time. We drove the stock either on our bikes or on horseback. Horseback was the preferred mode of transport, then we could ride both ways, rather than push the bikes up the Tunnels or Cross Haw on the way home. One day we counted the stirks into the field and one was missing; it could have slipped down to the stables or through the servants' tunnel to the Hall. So we called at the stables and there was Edward Harrison, formerly coachman and chauffeur to the Farrer family. "You lads looking for a cow?" "Yes, have

An important aspect of the children's stay at Ingleborough Hall is the residential experience; long after their visit, children remember the fun of living together as a group. The large grounds surrounding the Hall are important for letting off steam - some children from the centres of the cities have never experienced such a large area of open space.

Ingleborough Hall is also available to music groups and orchestras, and other parties which need residential facilities for rehearsal or study. The staff also run half-day or full-day adventure activities for non-resident groups, and are accredited to run nationally-recognised training and assessment courses for leaders in caving, mountaineering and rock-climbing.

The Hall has a website at [www.ingleboro.co.uk](http://www.ingleboro.co.uk) where more information about the Centre and its courses can be seen. There are also details and route maps for the "Norber Phototrail", a walk done by some of the visiting groups, which goes from Clapham via the Norber Boulders to Austwick, and then across fields back to Clapham. The website has detailed information about some of the features seen on the way, such as the tunnels, Thwaite Lane and Long Lane, the Norber Boulders, lynchets, and the clapper bridges of Austwick.

*Information provided by Tom Redfern, Head of Centre*

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you seen one?" "It's down the drive to the Hall waiting for you", he said. "Have you lads looked round the stables?" "No, we've never been before", we answered. "I'll show you round - that cow's been stood there for three quarters of an hour; it'll wait a bit longer. I come here two or three times a week to sweep up and keep things in order." There was a coach in one of the coach houses; in the stables there would be stalls for six horses, not a cobweb or a speck of dust to be seen. The tack room was full of harness, all cleaned and brasses polished. Upstairs to the ostlers accommodation - you'd think they'd vacated the previous week. The courtyard was paved with square stone sets, not a weed in sight (and now look at it robbed of its roofing slates and stones tantamount to sacrilege I call it). And so we collected our stirk and took it back to the field to its mates.

I used to go to John Thorseby's for a haircut at



6d (six pence old money). On a fine evening I'd walk up the tunnels and to the stables; even then the place was falling into ruin. There was a well-defined path from the Hall alongside the wall by Coultherd's meadow, past a levelled-out place where there is a graveyard for small animals marked with miniature gravestones. Then it meandered up through the woods to cross the lane above the tunnels, through two doors, then through the woods on the far side of the lake, down to a stone arched bridge over the beck that feeds the lake, and joined the present carriage drive to the cave. There is also a carriage drive, now grassed over, from the Hall, over the first tunnel and the dam to join the drive to the cave; this had to be gated off when vandals tipped coping stones into the lake. There is a flight of steps to the boathouse from this drive, and a branch off to the stables. Thwaite Lane wasn't rutted as it is today. The first ruts were caused when the woods were felled and loaded onto tractors, to be loaded onto wood waggons at the crossroads.

The Farrers employed local people for all the construction work and paid them at a time when cottage industries went into decline. There is a date stone above the tunnels which reads 1833. The tunnels would be constructed after the Keighley to Kendal turnpike - now the A65 - was opened, as Thwaite Lane was a continuation of the old road from Ingleton.

"Some Farrer Memorials", the book of selections from papers of Thomas Henry, first Lord Farrer, published in 1923, relates to reminiscences of cousins, aunts and uncles. One cousin remembers boating on the lake when a thunderstorm struck and he made a "mad dash" to shelter in the boathouse. Another remembers his first visit to Ingleborough, where he met Uncle Oliver and other relatives who "did seem to spend a lot of time boating on the lake". "In 1842 I paid my first visit to Ingleborough where your father and cousins made a lively party building a bathing pool in Spring valley on the side stream with their own hands, and were constantly boating on the lake."

The decline of country estates came about in the late 1800s with the imposition of death duties, when eldest sons had to sell land to pay tax on their inheritance. During the First World War many aristocrats and their sons, many who could trace their lineage to the Norman Conquest went to war and never returned, many big houses fell into disrepair, and were bought by councils and converted into schools and office blocks. The Farrer dynasty though much depleted lives on as part of our unique history.

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