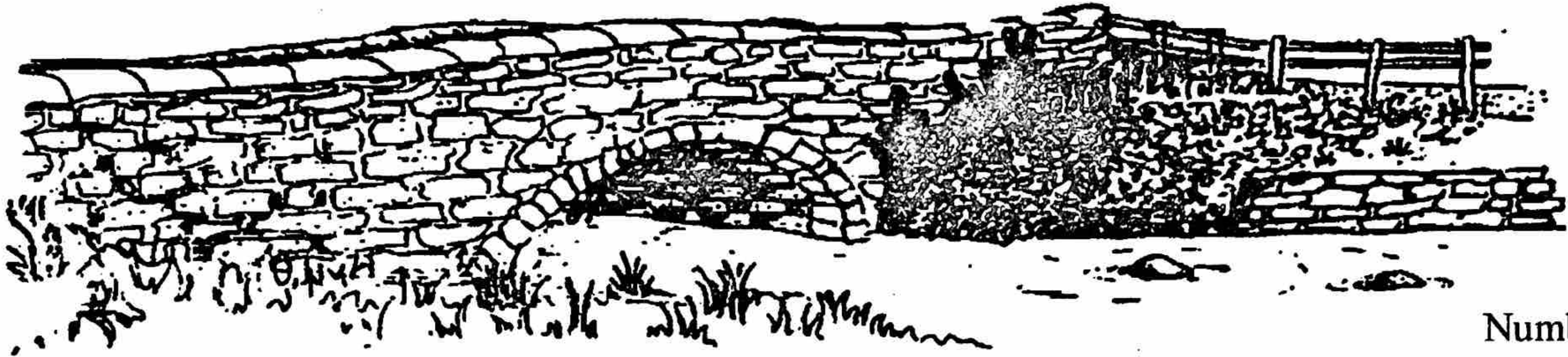


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# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 6

## CLAPHAM STREET MARKET 2000

The bunting fluttered against a blue sky, the sun was warm, the band played, and never was ice-cream more popular. The street market had a good day. For the busy stall-holders it was a rewarding event, giving support to a variety of caring organisations, including most of the local churches. For these the tremendous total of £3419.92 was raised. For visitors, some newcomers, and all those who, over the years, have become friendly and familiar faces, it was another "good day out", and many a carrier-bag was borne home gleefully with an unexpected "find". Charles II, who granted Clapham its Market Charter in the 17th century, would have been truly amazed (especially if he'd seen the Quiz!).

### NEWBY VILLAGE DAY

Newby celebrated its Sports and Village Day on July 15th - another triumph for organisers Frances Buckley and Jean Davey. A tradition that died out in the early Eighties, the Sports Day was revived by Jean and Frances three years ago, because there are now so many children in Newby. The children competed in flat, egg-and-spoon, and three-legged races, and the marathon (around the perimeter of Newby Green).

However, the most hotly-contested event this year was the Adults' Race, in which the village ladies had to pile on articles of clothing between start and finish. Jean Wilson was the winner. A barbecue followed in the evening, and those who withstood the midges had an excellent time. Frances and Jean intend all Newby children to receive a commemorative photograph of the day.

### CHERNOBYL CHILDREN VISIT PARISH

Once again, a group of teenagers from Belarus will visit Clapham, on August 15th. The youngsters, who are staying with hosts in the Bolton Abbey area, will walk around the Ingleton waterfalls, play tennis, visit Ingleborough Hall, and have lunch. If anyone is a Russian speaker and can help, please get in touch. We are also asking for donations of small souvenirs. Tennis will be played in the afternoon on the Clapham courts, and help from local teenagers would be welcome.

*J.Raine, tel: 51608*

### INGLEBOROUGH HALL COFFEE MORNING & CAKE STALL

This will be held on Saturday 12 August, from 10.00 am, with the opportunity for visitors to look round this impressive building. Admission £1. Your contributions to the cake stall would be much appreciated. Proceeds will go towards financing the Christmas Lunch for the over 65s in the Clapham area, traditionally financed by the now disbanded Children's Party Committee.

### "DALESFOLK" SLIDESHOW

Newby's Millennium Moments continue on 25 August, in the Chapel at 7.30 pm, when Mr W.R.Mitchell presents "Dalesfolk", a slide show looking back at some of the characters he has met, both during his time as editor of *The Dalesman*, and more recently. At the end of the evening, an aerial photograph of Newby, taken in 1984, will be auctioned, with the proceeds going to MacMillan Cancer Care. This promises to be an interesting and enjoyable evening - please come and join us.

*John Dawson, tel: 42035*

### CLAPHAM DANCE CLUB

On Thursday 18 May, we celebrated 20 years dancing. We have been fortunate to have had Tommy and Maureen Lund to teach us. So, to show our appreciation, we presented Mr and Mrs T. Lund with a clock, engraved from Clapham Dance Club.



## PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 JULY

**Guest speaker:** Steve Hastie (Ribblesdale Area Ranger) explained how the Yorkshire Dales National Park proposes to turn its Management Plan into specific, detailed and deliverable projects with agreed priorities. These will be compiled as "Area Actions," one of which will be piloted in the Clapham, Austwick, Ingleton and Horton areas within the National Park. This "Three Peaks" area was chosen because the four parishes are reasonably contiguous, share some infrastructure and are thought to have broadly similar concerns. Production of the Area Action Plans will involve a series of consultations with "Partner Agencies" which have responsibilities within the area, and which may take the lead on some projects; with special interest groups, and with local people, via a "Community Participation Day" at Ingleton Community Centre on 14 September. The aim is to find out what issues are most important to local communities and to formulate suitable projects to address their needs.

**Neighbourhood Watch:** A new local co-ordinator is required. Anyone interested contact the Parish Council's clerk (015242) 51071. A **20mph speed limit in Newby village** had been requested, and will be assessed by the County Council in due course. **Bus-stop signs** and timetable cases have now been installed in Clapham Village. New timetables are awaited. A sign for the shelter at Newby will be installed shortly. A proposal has been made to install two more **dog-waste bins** in Clapham village, one in Station Road, near the A65 junction; and the other near the Sawmill at the north end of the village. A proposal to install two similar bins in Newby village is facing some local opposition. A list of **road traffic signs** for removal, re-siting or renewal had been sent to the County Council. (The work is now done). It may be possible to use the redundant pole opposite Bridge Cottage for a pedestrian sign pointing the way to Clapham Station. The County Council and the **water pipeline** contractors recently inspected all road crossings to identify any damage done during construction works, and to decide what remedial work is needed. This should include repair of the blocked culvert on the Newby to Newby Cote road. Work should start soon to improve drainage on the **minor road on Newby Moor**, opposite the Little Chef. No **waiting shelter** was provided at **Clapham Station** as part of the recent works. It was agreed to write to Railtrack again, asking instead for an awning for the footbridge where it descends to the Lancaster-bound platform. English Nature are now involved in discussions

about mowing and slurry spreading on **Newby Moor**. The outcome of these discussions is awaited. **Millennium Stone:** The sculptor should now be in a position to purchase stone and begin carving. Sawn and shaped stone for the plinth will now be ordered from a local firm. The Parish Council is consulting local traders about restoring the **damaged blue advertising sign**, now lying in a field beside the A65 west of Clapham. The **Keasden public notice board** has now been replaced.

**Parish Council appointments:** Teddy Dawson: Chairman of the Parish Council, and its representative on Yorkshire Local Councils Association and Board of Governors, Clapham School; Eileen Plumridge, Vice-Chairman of the Parish Council and United Charities and Aid in Sickness Funds; John Richards, Joint Footpaths Committee; Sheila Robinson, Village Hall Committee; Paul Pearce, Craven District Transport Forum; Tommy Lund, Clapham Park Association in place of the late Maurice Brown.

**Planning approvals** granted include: conversion of barn opposite Sunnybank Cottages, Clapham, to form two dwellings; erection of housed feed area for stock at Home Farm; demolition of the old telephone exchange and erection of one dwelling Cross Haw Lane; retention of a wooden seating platform at New Inn (retrospective).

**Planning applications:** Conversion of former Dalesman buildings - the Parish Council has lodged strong objections to this proposal; Extension of time for the submission of reserved matters regarding the erection of a mews annexe to the Flying Horseshoe Hotel - the Parish Council has no objection to the time extension. The next Parish Council meeting will consider whether any action is needed to manage the increasing number of "travellers" stopping over in the area each year. Weeds and shrubs are affecting use of the **path along the A65** from Newby to Clapham. Fly-tipped rubble where the path joins the disused section of the Old Road is also obstructing access to the path (rubble now cleared to one side). **Overhanging branches** are obstructing the footpath to Clapham Station, and also the footpath to Austwick where it passes behind the car park in Clapham (Station Road path now cleared of obstruction). The **electricity pole** outside the Village Hall is in a poor condition and may need to be replaced.

**Report by North Yorkshire Police:** There had been very little recorded crime in the Clapham area recently. The influx of "travellers" had involved some obstruction of the highways, but little (if any) reported crime. More visible policing of the A65 was having a good effect in



reducing the number of serious accidents. There had been a good response to the "Country Watch" scheme, which involves local volunteers looking out for and reporting suspicious vehicles to the police; but more volunteers are needed. Ingleton Police are holding back their appeal for Parish Council sponsorship for the purchase of a radar traffic speed gun; they are awaiting calibrated speedos before taking this proposal further.

**NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:**  
Tuesday 5 September 7.30pm Village Hall.  
*Paul Pearce*

### WHIST DRIVES

There will be whist drives in Clapham Village Hall on August 4, 11 (rainbow whist), & 18; September 1, 8 (semi partner whist), 15 & 29, starting 7.30 pm. Admission £1 in aid of charity.

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### CLAPHAM COMMUNITY PLAYGROUP

Clapham Community Playgroup has a new venue, Clapham Village Hall, and a new leader, Jill Elliott, from Long Preston. From September 5th, the Playgroup will be taking place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings between 09.30 and 11.30. Children of over 2 years + 8 months can attend the playgroup session run by Jill in the Main Hall, while parents with younger babies and toddlers are welcome to play in the Supper Room. A big thank-you to everyone who supported and contributed to the Playgroup Stall at the Street Market; it raised £169. Thanks also to the Settle and District Rotary Club, who have funded a new gym mat for the children to use.

### CHURCH NEWS

On July 19th, Clapham School marked the end of another year with a service in church. Bibles were presented to those who were leaving. They are Jessica Rose, Cheryl Perfect, Rory Joe

Daniels, Christopher Taylor, James Wilson, Joshua Chesters and Matthew Sanderson. We wish them well in their new school.

Harvest Festival this year will be on Sunday October 1st at 11.00 am.

### RECYCLING POINT

This is in Clapham car-park, on the far left, behind a screen for glass, tins, and paper

### BETHEL CHAPEL NEWS

During the summer months it's been good to welcome visitors, from far and wide, to our Sunday services. During the first two weeks of August we also look forward to having the campers back with us in Clapham. These young people come from all over the country not only to enjoy friendship and fun but also to study God's word and to apply it to their daily lives. We're also shortly to welcome back Graham and Carol Townley and their boys on their return from Papua New Guinea. Whilst Heather Boadle is also back from Bible College before going on to do her teacher training, others have said goodbye for a while. Joanne Coates has flown out to America to work with youngsters as part of Camp America, and Claire Whitaker is working at Herne Bay Court, in Kent - a Christian holiday centre. Stephen Ellershaw is also looking to the future. He feels God is guiding him to work with young people. Last Sunday morning saw a full church giving thanks to God for a new life, that of Ian Shuttleworth, as his parents, Robert and Sylvia, and his brother Kevin were joined by family and friends at his Dedication Service. The Youth Service in the evening saw Bethel's own young people taking part in the service and William Mashiter led the young people's meeting later that same evening. Folk will always be made welcome to these special times. At the moment most of our weekday activities have ceased for the summer months but if you need a listening ear, a helping hand, or have unanswered questions about Christian things, feel free to contact David Boadle, our minister, on 015242 51674.




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## BIRDS IN CLAPHAM

Mixed weather this spring and early summer but a good breeding season for many birds. By mid May Starling, Greenfinch, Blackbird and Great Tit were out of the nest, joined by Song Thrush on May 27. Dipper bred by Brokken Bridge and in the Show Cave – adults were seen flying into the cave mouth with food in their beaks! Pied and Grey Wagtail bred successfully in the Parish, and a Yellow Wagtail flew over Newby Moss on May 18. The first young Swallows were flying over Crina Bottom Farm on June 3. Young birds now appeared quickly – Curlew at Newby June 10, the first Willow Warbler at Nutta Farm and Redshank at Crina Bottom Farm on the 14th, Wheatear and Redstart on Long Lane 15th, Grey Partridge and Reed Bunting at Hardacre 16th, and Great Spotted Woodpecker at the Hall on the 17th. A family of Blackcap were by Brokken Bridge June 29 and Spotted Flycatcher nests included one on the front of Barn Cottage. At Newby and Hardacre Mosses at least six Sedge Warbler nest sites were identified by seeing birds singing or carrying food. Minor disasters included strong winds in May which took their toll on the Ingleborough Hall Rookery, and the flash flood of the night of June 3rd washed out the Sand Martin breeding along Crook Beck. For many birds the breeding season is soon over – by July 6 a flock of 116 Lapwing had gathered at Crook Beck. Two young Little Owl were sat on fence posts by the path to Austwick on Sunday afternoon 16 July, apparently oblivious to passers-by. More intriguing was possible breeding by Short Eared Owl, which normally only winter here. There were several sightings around Newby and Hardacre Mosses, including one carrying prey towards Tewit Hall on July 11. A definite nesting area was not located despite much watching and one valiant bicycle pursuit by Susan Manson! Unusual birds included a female Marsh Harrier on June 10 flying over Hardacre towards Austwick, pursued by Curlews and Carrion Crows. A good year for Moths, Butterflies and Midges! Highlights include Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillaries, migrant Painted Lady, several Poplar Hawk Moth and a spectacular Hummingbird Hawkmoth seen “over the border” in Ingleton.

*Records by Tim Hutchinson, Smithy Cottage*

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**Please note:** The newsletter group's first **Annual General Meeting** is at 7.30pm Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> in Clapham Village Hall. If you wish to see the newsletter continue please come along – particularly if you would like to help with its production!

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