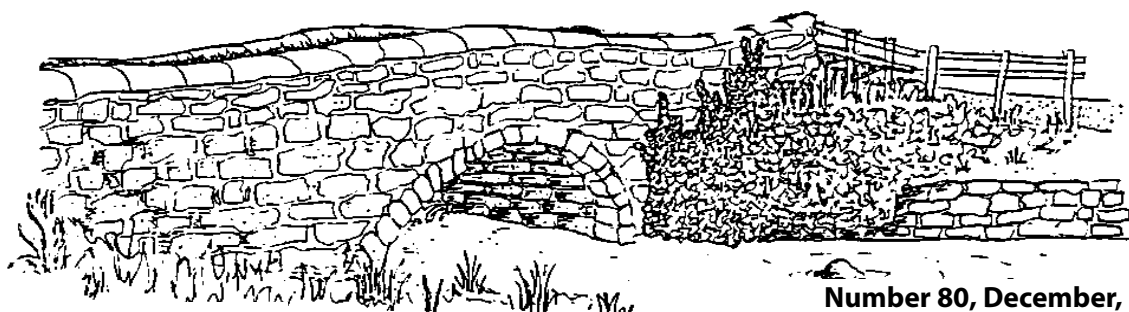


# CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 80, December, 2012

## Parish Council News

The Parish Council met at Clapham Village Hall on 23rd October and 27th November.

The Parish Council is delighted to welcome Clapham resident Gillian Muir as the new Parish Clerk. She will take up her appointment in December and there will be a phased handover which will be completed by the end of March 2013. Contact details for Gillian will be published on the notice boards in December but all correspondence should continue to be addressed to Nicola Saward until the end of 2012.

The planning applications sent to the Parish Council for consultation over the past two months, and notice of decisions where appropriate, were: consent for the removal of a ridge height restriction on properties to be built at the old Mercedes Garage site; consent for the construction of a new section of track at Clapham Woods Hall; consent for the conversion of an outhouse to domestic accommodation at Giffords; refusal of listed building application for solar panels at Dubsyke; consent given at appeal for a domestic extension to Fell Garth; and an application for an agricultural worker's dwelling at High Moss House.

The Parish Council's response to the planning consultations is detailed in the Minutes of the relevant meetings.

NY Highways have advised the Parish Council that the warning signage at the bend by Wenning Hipping is adequate in their opinion and they will not be taking any further action. We will continue to press for increased signage. Network Rail have advised that placing height warning signs on railway bridges is the responsibility of NY Highways and a request has been made for appropriate signs on both sides at Wenning Bank Bridge.

United Utilities have substantially completed their works at the pumping station at Clapham Station but the private connection work is now delayed until January 2013 as a formal application for a temporary road closure is required to comply with Health and Safety requirements before the work can take place. Ground restoration works and any reseeded required to grassed areas will take place in the spring. UU have agreed to fund the fingerpost sign and an order for this has been placed with David Clements, the Settle blacksmith.

Site clearance work at the old Mercedes Garage site continues, now well beyond the timescales agreed between Craven and the site owners, but it does continue. The Parish Council continues to monitor the situation with increasing frustration.

The Clerk has attended a number of meetings in connection with Superfast broadband in North Yorkshire. At the end of November, 2012 there is no indication as to whether an enhanced broadband service will be available to all areas in the civil parish but it is anticipated that announcements will be made by Superfast North Yorkshire in early 2013.

As yet there is no resolution to the flooding on Station Road near Clapham Station and outside the Flying Horseshoes Cottages.

Funding has been acquired for the relocation of the Millennium Stone and it is anticipated that this work, including all necessary repairs to the Stone, will take place early in 2013. The Millennium Stone will be positioned in the centre of the YDNPA car park in a more upright position which will help protect it from further erosion and damage and also make it easier to view.

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on 18th December at 7.30pm in the Village Hall.

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*The Vicar writes . . .*

Turkeys, gammon, sprouts, Christmas puds, 900 Christmas cakes and 21,000 mince pies are sent to Afghanistan to cheer our service personnel. Last year of course the Christmas 'Number One' record by the Military Wives cheered not only the soldiers but the whole nation. How important it was that the Military Wives found their voice.

The Military Wives choir certainly achieved something very special. Their specially commissioned piece 'Wherever you are' became the most ordered track in Amazon's history and in its first week sold 556,000 copies. A beautiful and most moving God-inspired song, which related to the wives' stories and experiences from their partners six-month tours of Afghanistan.

Christmas in a real sense is about a family, a family living in a dangerous world, a world where they needed to flee to safety. Today, family life is under threat as never before. At Christmas many of us share in great celebrations with our extended families, but as Christians we should remember all military families and other families we know who are going through difficult times. They truly need our prayers, our love and our support.

May we all know the Prince of Peace, and reflect that peace in our homes and in our community.

God bless you all.

Your friend and Vicar  
Ian

### December Services

#### Sunday, 9th

7.00 pm Carols and Lessons Clapham

#### Sunday, 16th

11.00 am Christingle at Clapham

#### Sunday, 23rd

11.00 am Holy Communion at Clapham

6.45 pm Carols and lessons at Keasden

#### Christmas Eve

5.00 pm Crib Service at Clapham

#### Christmas Day

10.00 am Holy Communion at Keasden

11.00 am Family Communion at Clapham

#### Sunday, 30th

10.30 am United Service at Clapham

### Carol Singing from 6.30 pm

Tuesday, 18th December – Newby

Wednesday, 19th December – Clapham

Thursday, 20th December – Keasden

### Special Notice

## Wycliffe Hall Mission

**9th to 17th March, 2013**

We are very fortunate to have six ordinands, a wife and a member of staff joining our parishes for nine days. All ordinands have to spend a period of their training visiting Parishes and, in our case, learning about Rural Ministry. The students will be sharing in worship, visiting the schools, meeting folk at coffee mornings and afternoon teas, and also sharing in some social events, and hopefully, supper parties. We need seven hosts to provide B&B and occasional evening meals, venues for supper parties and those able to offer a meal for two students. Please let the Vicar know if you can help in any way.

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## Police and Crime Commissioner

Elections for the newly created post of local Police and Crime Commissioner took place on 15 November this year. The elections were poorly supported overall. Nevertheless Mrs. Julia Mulligan was elected to be the Commissioner for North Yorkshire and the City of York. She is now Clapham's Commissioner.

Mrs. Mulligan's website states that her first priority is to crack down on anti-social behaviour, her second is to reduce cross-border crime (i.e. people coming in across the county boundaries to commit crimes in North Yorkshire) and her third is to address community policing by a programme of community consultations and the creation of parish constables with powers of arrest. Her press release tells us that she also intends to "develop a Victims' Charter". She plans "to give both local people and victims of crime a stronger voice in local policing". Her policy towards Neighbourhood Watch remains to be seen. Anyone wishing to become involved in the development of the Victims' Charter should use the Commissioner's website ([www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](http://www.northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk)). Another related site is [www.policicecrimecommissioner.co.uk/content/julia-mulligan](http://www.policicecrimecommissioner.co.uk/content/julia-mulligan). Mrs. Mulligan can be contacted by e.mail at [pcc@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk](mailto:pcc@northyorkshire-pcc.gov.uk), by telephone at her office on 01765 641839 or 01609 772060 or by post at OPCC, PO Box 106, Ripon, North Yorks., HG4 5WA.

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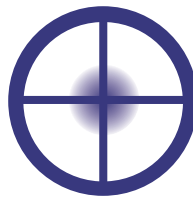
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Mr Bloom and the Veggies of the BBC's CBeebies programme (Mr. Bloom's Nursery) joined a group of Clapham schoolchildren for a special Harvest Festival episode. They made two visits to Clapham during the year. The first was in May, where Mr Bloom met up with a group of Tiddlers and set about planting a variety of seeds in their school garden. They then returned in September with the Veggies, to see how they'd got on growing. The results were top notch. In September it was time to gather in all the food and what better way to celebrate than with

a good old traditional Harvest Festival at Clapham Church – complete with delivering boxes of foody-goods around the village, a church service and an outdoor party that featured a brass band and a cake stall. The children discovered how their village was once home to a Victorian plant hunter who brought back plants to England from his travels afar – plants that can be seen to this day. The children also learned how the Harvest Festival is a celebration of how the crops we often take for granted grow bit by bit and day by day.



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## Children in Need COFFEE MORNING

Whilst on half-term holiday with their grandparents, (Liz and Eric Mason), Aimee and Erin Sinclair aged eight and six invited some friends and neighbours round to a coffee morning to raise funds for children in need.

This is becoming an annual event following the success of the one they held last year. They baked biscuits for the refreshments and cakes for the cake stall and would like to thank others who baked for this stall and who contributed to the raffle.

Thanks to the generosity of those who attended and those who donated, £200.40 was raised for the cause. Aimee and Erin would like to say a big THANK YOU.

## Bentham Pet Rescue

Thank you to all of you who kindly donated tombola/ raffle prizes for our fundraising events. Special thanks also to Sandra at Beckside yarns for acting as our collection point.

We are holding a Christmas fair at Townhead Court in Settle on Saturday, 8th December from 10.00 am to 2.00 pm. There will be a cake stall, crafts and cards, books and jewellery, a tombola and bumper hamper raffle.

Festive refreshments will be served all day, so please come and join us and get into the Christmas spirit.

## Used low energy light bulbs (CFLs)

Some time ago Clapham Waste Reduction Group took delivery of a so-called 'MiniHub' provided by an organisation called CoBRA who in conjunction with Recolight promote the recycling of used CFL light bulbs. Inside the MiniHub is a slide down which the used CFL's glide into a strong plastic bag. Once the bag is full it is removed and taken to one of 4 local collection centres.

Virtually every part of a used low energy light bulb is recyclable. Rare earth metals, which are used in the manufacture of bulbs, are in short supply and therefore of value. China has now banned their export which only serves to increase supply difficulties. Specialist firms crush the used CFLs and filter out the mercury and earth phosphors. One such firm boasts it can recycle 100% of a low energy light bulb.

Unfortunately we have not been able to find

a suitable central, interior location in the village for the 'MiniHub', accessible for everyone on a daily basis. Until one is found the 'MiniHub' is at Long Barn, Cross Haw Lane Clapham. Telephone Jill on 015242 51030 if you wish to dispose of a used low energy light bulb.

Low energy light bulbs must not be disposed of in our general household (green) waste bins. The only light bulbs to be disposed of in this way are the old, incandescent light bulbs.

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John & Ann  
Beckfield House

Ruth, Simon, Zara & Ben  
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Ron & Denise  
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Andrew and Louise of Langcliffe are pleased to announce the arrival of Isabelle Grace on Friday, 5th October at Airedale General Hospital. Andrew is the son of John and Lorraine Wildman of Station Road.

## Used Household Batteries

Following the example of the Primary School children and staff who drop their used batteries into a special container at school, we can all now deposit 'dead' household batteries into a tub located (at the moment) at the Post Office window inside Clapham Village Store. Thank you, Terry, for your enthusiastic co-operation. The tub is emptied periodically and the batteries are taken to a larger collection point.

Thousands of discarded batteries end up in landfill where they break down and leak harmful chemicals into the ground. Recycling helps to recover valuable metals, reducing the need to mine new materials, cutting CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and saving resources. Dangerous and non-dangerous materials are separated and certain components reprocessed. Currently, about 55% of the gross weight of a battery is recyclable.

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We are very proud to have received three awards recently. Pioneer Projects was awarded the Craven Community Champions Arts & Culture award. We also won two awards at the recent North West Wellbeing Event. The awards were for work funded by National Lottery through the Big Lottery Fund. Firstly for the 'Most Significant Beneficiary Story' and also to Clare Hucknall for 'Most Passionate Person', for her work as Project Manager for Mental Health and Wellbeing.

We would also like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. It's been a very busy year and our thanks go to all who have visited, joined in, helped and supported us – we hope you have enjoyed it as much as we have. See you in the New Year and new faces always welcome.

Christmas and New Year Closure – We will be closed from Friday, 21st December and we will re-open on Monday, 7th January for all our regular groups and activities.

Missing key found at the Looking Well Studios in November.

Try something new for 2013! Blow away the January blues!

**Creative Café** Wednesday 11:15 – 12:30 during Café IN hours (11:00 – 1:30) with local artist Eleanor Bennett. An opportunity to experiment & learn different crafts each week – jewellery making, willow weaving, batiq & lots more.

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*Julie Vass*

## Quiz Night

Clapham Primary School PTA are holding a Quiz Night in the Village Hall on Friday, 25th January. Tickets will be available after Christmas. Please contact Sarah on 51304

## John Peter retires

Dr. Farrer's son John Peter has retired from his practice in Vancouver, and the local newspaper has sent us the following:

Today was a bittersweet event for many in the town of Sechelt who gathered in Dr. John Farrer's office reception room. We were happy to congratulate our esteemed Dr. Farrer on his well earned retirement and we are very sad to see him leave. There were tears shed by long time patients who have been so capably cared for by Dr. Farrer during the last forty years.

Although we knew there was little chance of finding another doctor that fit so comfortably into our community we were still shocked to realize that no replacement has yet been found.

Dr. Farrer and his partner Jane McOuat, who retired this year from teaching at Pender Harbour High School, will both be missed professionally and socially on the Sunshine Coast. At this time they both are in need of a rest.

I was fortunate to make a day visit to your beautiful Clapham a few years ago on the recommendation of Dr. Farrer. After walking the nature trail, touring the cave and visiting the church I came to understand the important relationship of the Farrer family to the village and its surrounds. I realized then that although you may be attached to him as "young John Peter" we in Sechelt feel he is "our Dr. Farrer". We hope that you will return him soon or at the very least agree to share him with us.

*Sheila Page, Coast Reporter*



*International personality, Matilda, wishing Dr. Farrer a happy retirement.*

## Commercial Recycling

For a long time Craven District Council have promised they would provide recycling facilities for local businesses. The situation until now was that establishments, such as the Reading Room Cafe in Clapham, were prohibited from recycling any of the waste materials they produced! All had to be deposited into a 'general waste' bin and then taken to the landfill site. Furthermore any recyclable materials such as cardboard, glass, tins etc. were not allowed to be taken away from the premises by the staff to a recycling facility. Craven District Council have now provided a recycling bin to any business that opted in to the scheme. The scheme was not obligatory and as yet we do not have the figures for businesses that decided not to participate. The new bins provided by the council are for the recycling of glass, tin and plastic. No facility has been provided for the separate collection of cardboard and paper.

Clapham Waste Reduction Group would like to see all businesses in the Craven area being compelled to recycle their waste materials. We would also like a facility to be provided to those already participating in the scheme for cardboard and waste paper collection.

*Clapham Waste Reduction Group  
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## Thank you

John and Diane Elphinstone at Crooklands B&B would like to say a big 'thank you' to everyone who has helped, offered help, sent cards or just enquired after John's accident on 15th October. It shows what a wonderfully caring community Clapham and the surrounding area is.

John is hobbling around on crutches and is hoping that, by early December, he will have the full use of one leg! The other may take some time yet.

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## Village people . . .

This is the first time in the Village People series that I have written about someone who has died but I sought David's permission to do it because Lesley was a very good friend and such a lovely person that I wanted to pay tribute to her. The fact that he has received more than two hundred cards and letters since her death demonstrates clearly that so many other people thought highly of her as well.

She was born in 1954 in Ecclesfield, near Sheffield and when she first arrived she had such an oriental appearance that the nurses looked forward to visiting time to see the handsome Japanese or Chinese father. They were surprised to see that her father, John was as much 100% Yorkshire as her mum, Sylvia. Her only sister, Sharon was born four years later and she recalls an incident which happened when Lesley was eight years old. One night when all the family were in bed there was the most terrifying thunderstorm overhead. There was a loud crashing noise so Lesley pushed Sharon under the bed and grabbed pillows to offer further comfort and protection.

The chimney stack had been struck by lightning and fallen through the roof when the two sisters presented themselves in their parents' bedroom a few minutes later covered in soot and plaster they looked like the kind of urchins who were sent up chimneys by ruthless Victorian sweeps. Perhaps this was the first indication of the calmness, quick thinking and decision making which characterised her years as a headteacher.

Lesley attended the local primary school but failed the 11 +, a fact that she never sought to hide.

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# Lesley Crutchley

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Her later successful career illustrates clearly how unwise it is to label children and separate them at such a young age because she could so easily have left school at sixteen, as was suggested, and failed to fulfil her potential. She attended Barnsley Technical College at 16 where she studied A levels before enrolling at Bingley College on a teacher training course, specialising in P.E. The outdoor pursuits which formed part of her studies involved regular visits to the Dales and led to her love affair with this area. Her first teaching job was in Wilsden, Bradford but she left there to take a Diploma in Education course at Leeds University.

She returned to teaching as deputy head at an infants' school in Silsden and during her time there she had two dramatic encounters. She brought a group of children to Ingleborough Hall and took them out one snowy day for a poly bagging session down Ned's field. She led by example and

achieved such velocity that her first encounter was with a fence at the bottom resulting in a cracked rib. The second encounter came immediately afterwards when a certain moustachioed member of staff offered first aid and sympathy. The first aid led to friendship and the friendship led to her marriage to David and her move to Gildersbank twenty six years ago.

A year or two later she became headteacher of Austwick Primary School where she showed her remarkable abilities and great dedication. Ofsted inspectors are notoriously difficult to please but on three separate occasions Lesley and her school were judged to be outstanding. Twice she was invited to garden parties at Buckingham Palace in recognition of her achievements. When she was out of school Lesley knew how to enjoy life. She had a very happy marriage to David and they were always having holidays, visiting friends and family or inviting people to their house. When you ate at Gildersbank it was always a treat because Lesley was not only a superb cook with a real interest in food but she had great taste when it came to such matters as the way the table was laid or which flowers went in which vase. She had a lively sense of humour and an infectious

giggle so the conversation was just as enjoyable as the food. She also found time for gardening, walking, skiing and sewing and was for some years the chairperson of our Clapham Newsletter.

She deserved a long and happy retirement but she was denied it because she had no sooner left her post than she was diagnosed with cancer. She faced this last challenge with determination and bravery and it was typical of her that she should plan every detail of her own funeral, including not only the hymns and readings in church but the food that was to be served afterwards and the fresh flowers on the tables. Not surprisingly, the church was full and many tears were shed. If Lesley had still been with us she would have been the first to give a warm comforting hug to all those who were upset. The words 'sadly missed' which appear on many bereavement cards have never been more appropriate.

*Stuart Marshall*

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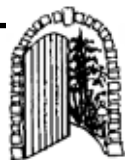
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## Walter Hughes RIP

Jean Mallaband of The Mill, Millhouse, Hesket Newmarket, would like to thank everyone, most sincerely, for the cards of condolence and messages of comfort she has received on the sudden death of Walter Hughes. He collapsed whilst out walking in Deepdale, Patterdale, and died in the Air Ambulance on his way to James Cook Hospital, Middlesbrough on Saturday, 27th October.

Sincere thanks to the Revd. Ian Greenhalgh for a memorable service, Mrs Liz Mason, organist, Mr Colin Brindle, Churchwarden, the Bell Ringers, Mr and Mrs David Kingsley for playing the CDs, the Undertakers who dealt with a difficult situation with great sympathy and care, and all the villagers and people from further afield who came to bid their final farewell to Walter at the funeral on Tuesday, 13th November.

Thank you everyone.

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## Growing with Grace News

Growing with Grace hope that readers may be interested in our events and workshops that have been arranged for 2012-2013.

### EVENTS

**Volunteer Days 2013** – Every 1st Saturday and 3rd Thursday of each month between 10.00 and 15.00

**Gardeners Tea 2013** – March 23rd, April 27th, May 25th, June 15th, July 20th, August 24th, September 14th and October 19th.

**Open Day 2013** – July 20th 2013 10am – 4pm.

### FULL DAY WORKSHOPS

**November** Composting

**December** Healing Gifts and Winter Remedies

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### HALF DAY WORK SHOPS

**November** Workshop Wreaths and Garlands

**March** Organic Pest and Disease Control

**April** Workshop Propagation  
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**May** Salad Crops through the year

**June** Workshop Holistic Approach to Growing  
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*Belinda Roos*

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## Pet Rescue Christmas Fayre

**Saturday, 8th December**  
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at the Anchor Housing, Townhead Court, Settle

## Dilemma of the Bue Bags and Settle Swimming Pool

Following our recent article urging people to take blue bags and their contents to Settle Swimming Pool's waste paper and cardboard collection point an interesting query has been raised.

The questioner suggested it was preferable for Craven District Council (CDC) to have the benefit of revenue received from the contents of our blue bags as this would, in turn, have a beneficial impact on our 'Household Council Tax'.

We asked Craven District Council if any monies raised from the Blue Bags collection was being allocated for 'Household Council Tax'. The reply was "No". Any financial benefit derived from recycling the paper/cardboard put into CDC's blue bags would end up in their general funds.

What shall it be – Settle Swimming Pool or Craven District Council?

*Waste Reduction Group  
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## Thank you

A very big thank you to everyone who supported the recent Coffee Morning at the Village hall raising funds for Derian House Children's Hospice, Chorley. In the space of two hours we managed to raise the wonderful sum of £360.

The Knit & Knatter Group, this year, have raised just over £2,600 and Derian House really appreciate every penny as they have to raise £2.85m per year to continue their good work, they only receive funding for nine weeks of the year. Thank you to all who donated time and money and raffle prizes to help such a worthy cause.

*Rosie*

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## Bring & Buy Sale

Help build a classroom for the first girl's secondary school in a remote region of South Sudan

You are warmly invited to attend a coffee morning and bring and buy sale at the Friends' Meeting House, Settle, on Monday, 17th December between 10.30am and 12 noon. Residents of Ibba are determined to provide education for girls beyond the age of 10. Until now only one woman from this remote area has had the benefit of higher education. Now Friends of Ibba School are helping her to realise an ambition to found a multi-faith girls' school. The land has been cleared and wells sunk to provide water for the school and village and there is a major push to have two classrooms built before the rainy season starts in autumn 2013.

## Bulk Oil Buying Scheme

Glenys would like to thank all who have contributed to her telephone costs for running the Bulk Oil Buying Scheme this year. For any who failed to catch sight of the item in the Clapham Newsletter explaining how contributions could be made please drop your £1.00 through the letterbox at Long Barn, Cross Haw Lane, together with a note of your name, and email address if you have one. Information about paying next year's subscription will appear in the Clapham Newsletter at a later date.

Initially the number of people participating in the Bulk Oil Buying Scheme was small. All costs willingly met by Glenys as her way of making a contribution to the community. At that time the number taking part was around 20–30 households. During the following four years the number of people wanting to join the scheme quickly grew until reaching the current figure of around seventy-five

households. Last year the scheme received a grant from the Biodiesel Project to cover telephone calls. However it was felt that in the future any expenses incurred in running the scheme would happily be met by those participating. It would also mean the future of the 'Bulk Oil Buying Scheme' would be secure. Of course it will also depend on how long Glenys wants to continue in her role as village 'Oil Baroness'.

*Waste Reduction Group  
and Clapham Community Co-Operative*

## Clapham Village Store

We are in danger of losing our shop unless we make more use of it. Terry tells us that if the turnover does not improve, the shop will no longer be viable and will have to close. This would be a disaster for the village. Many of the shop's prices are the same as or lower than local supermarkets. The shop has the advantage of being within walking distance, an important consideration when petrol prices are so high. Life would be much more difficult for people without their own transport if we did not have a general store and post office. Many banks and building societies have a reciprocal arrangement with the post office, which means that the post office can be used as a local bank or building society branch. This is more convenient than travelling to Settle or further afield. Please consider using the shop and the post office more. If we all do so it will help to keep the centre of the village community functioning for the benefit of us all.

*Brenda Pearce*

### Flying Horseshoe Hotel – now the Farrer Lodge

Now that the pub is no longer the local meeting hostelry, you are invited to the Village Hall on Saturday, 2nd February at 7.00 p.m. to reminisce and to exchange your experiences and memories of the pub.

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## Playground Calendar

I am preparing for 2013, this year in aid of the Clapham Park, as previous ones have been to raise money for the newsletter. Birds in flight have been a theme for some of my photographs this last year and I hope to put a few in the Calendar. Terry at the Clapham Store has agreed to sell them and they will be available early in December. I hope you can help the Park as they continue to provide a most splendid area for the children of the village to use.

The calendars cost £4 and many of the local businesses have sponsored images to help the fundraising. The calendars may also be ordered on line at [claphamolddog@hotmail.com](mailto:claphamolddog@hotmail.com) with your requirements. The individual images are also available as greetings cards at a cost of £1 each (discount for bulk orders) from the same e mail or by phone 015242 51433. Many thanks in anticipation.

*David Crutchley*



The photograph on the front cover was featured in the Guardian newspaper supplement on Saturday, 3rd November as part of a readers competition for a gallery entitled "alight" and the pictures title is "First Contact". The bird was coming in to land and afterwards I realised that it must have just put a toe, if Herons have toes, into the water to slow it down. I was in France at the Brenne Natural Park, south of Paris, looking at and photographing birds, butterflies and flowers. It was very nice to have an image chosen at the first attempt and no doubt my next few entries will bring me back to reality.

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# Wildlife in Clapham

The strong winds at the end of September which battered the east coast of England and Scotland also pushed lots of migrating birds from Europe on to the West Coast. Most of them were common species but there were also some rarities with them. Amongst the migrants were large numbers of Yellow Browed Warblers. On the East Coast the Yellow Browed Warbler (which breeds in the Siberian Taiga of north eastern Russia) is expected every autumn but in land and over on the West Coast it is still a rarity.

As the gales eased the majority of Yellow Browed Warblers carried on migrating south but some moved inland and over to the West Coast. On the 28th September one was found at River Bank Orchard with a flock of Tits, the warbler then flew across the road with the flock to River Bank Cottage where it fed in bushes between the cottage and the railway station. After a few minutes the flock flew around the back of the cottage and that is when I lost it. Around the same date at least half a dozen were found on the West Coast. And another was found with a Tit flock at Ingleborough Hall on the 29th and 30th October. The last time one was seen around the local area was one at Ingleborough Hall on the 28th and 29th Sept 2008.

The last Swallows to be seen around the local area were two flying south over Newby Moor – 12th October. As the Swallows were departing the Redwings and Fieldfares were arriving. The first eight Redwings were seen at Ingleborough Hall on 5th October, the largest flock of Redwings were fifty-four seen on the old railway line near Nutta Farm – 14th October. The first Fieldfares arrived

back to the local area on the 30th October. After the initial arrival of both these species of birds they moved on very quickly due to the lack of hawthorn berries on the bushes, this was the same with the Bramblings. One Brambling was heard calling as it flew over Clapham Station – 27th October and a small flock of Bramblings were seen at Ingleborough Hall – 14th November. These birds also moved on quickly as there have been very few beech masts this autumn. One male Brambling was seen with a flock of Chaffinches at Wenning Hipping on 24th November.

Two flocks of Whooper swans have been seen flying south over the local area, the first was a flock of ten seen flying over Crina Bottom Farm – 20th October and the second was a flock of seven flying south over Ingleborough Hall.

One Little grebe, pictured below, was seen on the lake by Jess Hart and a friend – 19th November.

One juvenile Oystercatcher was seen feeding in fields around Crina Bottom Farm on the 10th and 18th November, this must be a lost bird as it should be spending the winter on the coast with the rest of the Oystercatchers.

Finally look out for Waxwings as it looks like it's going to be a Waxwing winter this year. Thousands have been seen across the country (at the moment there are over eight hundred Waxwings just in the North West). One was seen briefly at Ingleborough Hall – 14th November and ten flew west over Meldingscale Farm from the direction of Austwick – 18th November.

*Tim Hutchinson, Smithy cottage*



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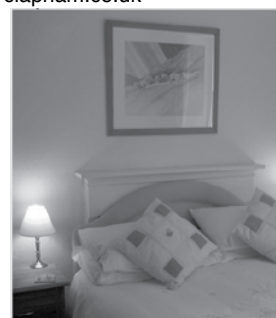
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