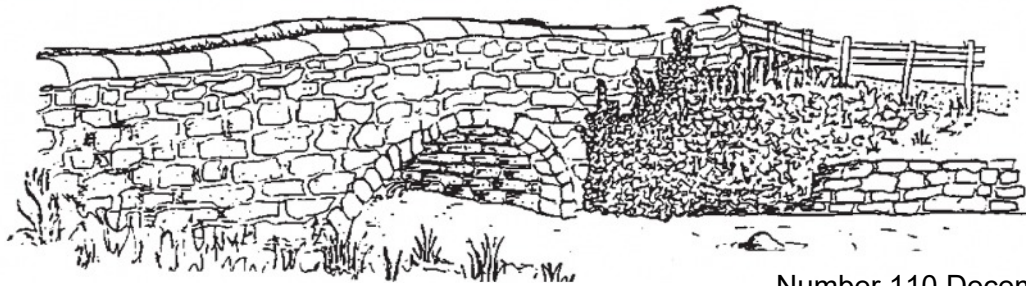


# Clapham and District Newsletter



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## CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

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## Church News

*A minister's thoughts...*

One of the best words of advice I received when I was starting out in rural ministry 27 years ago was being told to remember that a tangerine is not a small orange! The point was that rural churches may bear many similar characteristics of a larger church, but they are in fact very different. It can be disheartening if we start comparing being part of a rural church with our impressions of larger 'town' churches. Size doesn't matter... larger doesn't mean better or more successful.

Small congregations might not be able to sing the 'Hallelujah chorus' to the accompanying swell of a great organ and they might not be able to have their own exclusive church minister and paid administrative support, but they have their own different qualities which are to be celebrated.

Rural churches are first and foremost communities of faith seeking to live out Christ's command to love and serve. It is often the case that village congregations are far better placed to know and understand their communities than their urban counterparts. There is always a greater sense of welcome and belonging in a smaller church than in a larger one. Even the tiniest of gatherings represents Christ's love in the community through being faithful to their calling. Accepting a rural church identity with all these strengths gives encouragement and hope whereas trying to emulate a larger church will bring frustration and disappointment.

At Christmas our small congregations grow to include many from the wider community for our Carol Services and Nativity events. All are welcome! We remember that the Christian story of a loving God began in a small agricultural community with its shepherds and stable. As the Christmas season becomes a mega-sized explosion of commercialism and indulgence I invite you to reflect upon this story which reminds us that the small and seemingly insignificant is often in fact the most important and valuable. It is the same story of love, peace and grace which is held and embodied in both town and village churches whether the congregation be four or four hundred.

*Rev'd Stephen Normanton*  
*Settle Methodist Circuit Superintendent*

## Diary Dates

### DECEMBER

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup>** 10am to 12 noon Clapham School Christmas Fair

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am-1pm - Lime Mortar Workshop, Clapham Village hall - [www.storiesinstone.org.uk](http://www.storiesinstone.org.uk)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>** 10.30am to 12 noon Keasden Church Christmas Coffee Morning

**Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>** 7.30pm 'It's a wonderful life' film, Clapham Village Hall

### JANUARY

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup>** 10am - Settle Photographic Group visit to Clapham Village ([www.settlephotos.org](http://www.settlephotos.org))

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>** Burns Night Ceilidh & Supper, Clapham Village Hall

## Church Services

### St James' Church, Clapham

#### December

3<sup>rd</sup> December - 11am Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> December - 7pm Lessons & Carols

17<sup>th</sup> December - 11am Holy Communion

24<sup>th</sup> December - 5pm Crib Service (followed by Communion, if desired)

25<sup>th</sup> December - No service

31<sup>st</sup> December - 10.30am United service at Austwick

#### January

Every Sunday - Holy Communion at 11am

### St Matthew's Church, Keasden

#### December

3<sup>rd</sup> December - 11am Holy Communion

10<sup>th</sup> December - 7pm Lessons & Carols at Clapham

17<sup>th</sup> December - 6.45pm Lessons & Carols

24<sup>th</sup> December - No service

25<sup>th</sup> December - 11am Holy Communion

31<sup>st</sup> December - 10.30am United service at Austwick

#### January

7<sup>th</sup> January - 11am Holy Communion

14<sup>th</sup> January - 2pm Holy Communion

21<sup>st</sup> January - No service

28<sup>th</sup> January - 2pm Evensong

### Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

#### Sundays:

Sunday School 10.15am, Services 11.00am & 6.30pm

#### Weekdays:

Bible Study Tuesday at 7.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday Senior Citizens at 2pm, 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday Fellowship at 2pm, 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday Coffee Evening at 7.30pm

#### Children's activities:

Mums & Tots Friday 9.30-11am

Fortnightly on Fridays

Kmotion (primary school aged children) at 6.00pm

Encounter (10 years and up) at 7.30pm

Christmas Celebration 16<sup>th</sup> December - 7.30pm with the Stobarts

Christmas Eve: Family Service - 11am, Carol Service - 6.30pm

Christmas Day: Family Service - 10.30am

### Methodist Chapel, Newby

Service - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in month - 2pm, all other Sundays - 11am

Christmas Eve: "Coffee & Carols" - 7pm



### Carol singing in December

Keasden - 6pm Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>

Clapham - 11.30am Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>

Newby - 6.30pm Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>

### For Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

During the period of Anglican Interregnum (time without a Vicar), please contact:

#### Clapham

Church Warden Liz Mason - 015242 51319

Church Warden Colin Brindle - 015242 51426

PCC Secretary Sue Mann - 015242 51792

#### Keasden

Church Warden Graham Taylor - 015242 51636

PCC Secretary Angela Peach - 015242 51108



## Violet “Daisy” Mason



Violet Mason was born on 14<sup>th</sup> March 1929 at Newby Cote - her parents were Robert and Mary Lund - but virtually from birth she was always known as Daisy, something which caused not a few problems and confusion all her life.

Daisy had an older sister, Kathleen, and a young brother, Tommy. Daisy went to Newby Primary School where she discovered a love for knitting

which she maintained throughout her life. Also at school, each of the pupils was assigned a pen-friend from a school in Leeds. Daisy's pen-pal was Evelyn and they became lifelong friends, meeting up over the years on many occasions.

From Newby, Daisy went on to Ingleton Secondary Modern School but, like so many of her generation, she left at 14 and took up a post caring for two children from a local family. Next, she got a job in Clapham Village shop, where she worked for Ronnie Dodgson, cycling into work and back home each day. She continued there when the shop was taken over by Norman Graveson for whom she occasionally drove his big blue van for deliveries to local families. So Daisy was well ahead of Asda, Tesco, Sainsburys and the like with home shopping deliveries!

The family then moved into Clapham and lived at Beck Cottage. Sadly, when Daisy was 20, her mother died aged just 49. Daisy met local boy George and they got married in St James' Church in November 1951. Their first home was at Church View but they later moved to Mill Cottage where Daisy did B&B as well as selling tickets for the Nature Trail. Her daughter Kathleen was born in 1953 and the family moved to Rose Cottage in 1959. Daisy always loved cats but in the late 60's they got a dog, a spaniel, from Jim the local gamekeeper. The dog was called Daisy which, of course, provided both laughter and even further confusion.

Daisy was an active member of Clapham WI and was also a founder member of Age UK Clapham. She was also a verger and cleaner at church for the then vicar, Peter Winstone. Finally, she got her perfect job - as dinner lady at Clapham School. She loved to work with all the children.

In 1975, Kathleen got married to Martin in St James' and Daisy 'was over the moon' when grandson Russell was born in 1981. He was the first boy in the family for 50 years. Martin spent much happy time with his grandparents and eventually developed a love for golf, whereupon grandma Daisy turned into a first class caddie. When Daisy retired she and her friend Wyn both learnt to swim, thanks to Age UK North Craven.

Daisy and George began to enjoy sequence dancing: attending classes and going to dance weekends and, in recent years, enjoyed seeing great-niece Erin dancing too. In 1992, son-in-law Martin died suddenly at the age of just 40. It was a great shock for everyone in the family but Daisy in particular took a long time to get over it. George and Daisy went back to dancing again and only gave it up when George's health began to deteriorate. However, in 2001 they had a lovely day to celebrate their golden wedding. Daisy and Kathleen always remained close to each other - so much so that Daisy even went to Wembley with Kathleen and Russell to watch their beloved Wigan Warriors win the Challenge Cup final.

George died in 2010. They had spent over 59 years together and Daisy never really recovered from his loss. Soon after, she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis and osteoporosis which had a terrible effect on her overall health and she was often in severe pain. In July - after a fall and a short spell in hospital due to the early stages of dementia - it was decided that she was not well enough to return home and she spent the final weeks of her life in Ingleborough Nursing Home. Despite the excellent care and attention, she never really settled there through anxiety and confusion, missing her home comforts and her hot water bottle.

Daisy died on 11<sup>th</sup> October aged 88. Like so many of her generation, she never had a passport and was content with her life here in Clapham. Like most, she had the usual ups and downs but on the whole she lived a long, happy and contented life. She was so proud of Kathleen and I know Kathleen was a strong support to her mum over the years. Russell was the light of her life and she was so proud of her nieces and great-nieces - in fact she was Godmother to Clare and Maureen. She was a totally local girl, born and bred, and was part of this village and community. She is now out of pain and at peace.

*Ian Greenhalgh*

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## Children in Need - Coffee Morning



On Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> October my sister Erin Sinclair and I, Aimee, held a coffee morning in Clapham Village Hall for Children in Need.

The turnout was amazing and we had lots of donations including raffle prizes, cakes, jams, chutneys and books. This was our 7<sup>th</sup> year of doing it and we really appreciate everyone's help and generosity.

We raised £523.18. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

*Aimee Sinclair*

## Shop locally this Christmas

Most of us enjoy the great convenience and range available when shopping online, but please can we encourage you to support the local economy by buying at least one or two of your Christmas presents locally? Here are some suggestions of what you can find in just Clapham alone:

- **Clapham Village Store**  
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- **Glencroft Countrywear**  
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- **Beckside Yarns & Needlecraft**  
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- **Teatime Vintage**  
a wonderful emporium of vintage goods from across the ages including homeware, fashion and accessories

Some of these shops will post things out for you or may be able to do you a gift voucher if you ask.

Or why not treat someone to a visit to:

- **Bridge Cottage B&B**
- **Brook House Guest House & Restaurant**
- **Croft Café**
- **Reading Room Café Bar & Bunk Barn**
- **The New Inn**
- **Crooklands B&B**

Or take the youngsters on a trip to see Santa at Ingleborough Cave - every weekend from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December - see back cover for more details.

*Sue Manson*

## Visited the Clapham website?



3,053 People have visited the site since it was re-launched in July, from as far away as North America, China, New Zealand and South Korea.

With a regularly updated calendar, it's a great way to get your event publicised. There's also:

- A history of Clapham written by Ken Pearce, that's been viewed over 550 times
- Every single newsletter since 1999
- Links to local businesses - with people clicking over 350 times on the links
- Tourist information for visitors
- Parish Council updates

*Edward Sexton*



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## Parish Council News

**The Council met on 24<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.** There were two members of the public in attendance who raised issues over the removal of a tree, the removal of stone from a retaining wall and provision of a bus shelter in Clapham. Also present was Sarah Wiltshire, the local Green Party representative who addressed the Council to introduce herself and to offer her assistance.

A representative from North Yorkshire Police gave a report setting out details of recent incidents in the locality. These included a lorry leaving the road on the A65 between Clapham and Austwick, a dog worrying sheep, a farmer falling from his quad bike near to Trow Ghyll and an injured walker near to Ingleborough Cave. It was acknowledged that Cave Rescue had provided invaluable assistance in the latter two incidents.

The Council noted that since the last meeting various matters had been reported to North Yorkshire County Council Highways Department, namely, blocked culverts on Keasden Road, potholing on Lawsings Brow together with flooding from the railway at the same location (reported to Network Rail), a landslip on Reeby's Lane, under-cutting on Old Road, Clapham and blocked drains on Station Road, Clapham.

Updates were received in connection with the vacant position of Parish Caretaker, the Hyperfast Broadband project and the issue of Neighbourhood Planning. A meeting in furtherance of the latter was to be held on 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2017.

Among the financial matters considered at the meeting was a draft budget for the forthcoming year.

**The Parish Council met on 28th November, 2017.** One member of the public was in attendance who pointed out that, although some tyres were removed from the lay-by on Old Road after a previous fly-tipping incident, more have been revealed as foliage has died back. The clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council to seek their removal.

The Council had a report from a representative of North Yorkshire Police. Incidents dealt with in the preceding month included a neighbour dispute, a report of poor driving on the A65, lost property and a road traffic collision on the B6480.

It was noted that two estate agents' boards have been removed from the grass verge on the A65 as requested by the Council and that a letter has been sent to Craven District Council asking for reinstatement of the sign warning against fly-tipping at the lay-by on Old Road.

The clerk was instructed to write to Craven District Council to ask for the removal of leaves from the pavement on Station Road. The Council also directed that correspondence be sent regarding the feasibility of an extra bus stop on the Southbound route through Clapham at the end of Cross Haw Lane.

The council noted that a response had been received on behalf of the Ingleborough Estate regarding the issue of tree-safety. This had been sent after an incident in which a large section of a tree on the edge of the play-park had fallen. The Estate is pro-actively ensuring that the trees for which it is responsible are safe.

The position of Parish Caretaker remains unfilled and progress on making an appointment was reported. The Council also received progress reports on the Hyperfast Broadband project and the issue of Neighbourhood Planning.

A Parish Councillor had attended a meeting of the National Park Management Plan Forum on 23rd November 2017 and material from that meeting was made available. The Council's budget and precept for the forthcoming year were agreed.

The following planning matters were considered.

### **a. Applications:**

(i) 2017/18576/TPO - Fell 1 No. Oak T29 and various works to other trees - Flying Horse Shoe Caravan Site, Crook Beck Bridge To Wenning Bank Bridge, Clapham, Lancaster, LA2 8ES. The Council opposed the felling of the tree seeing no adequate reason why it should be done.

(ii) 2017/18589/HH - Proposed alterations to existing single storey garage - Grey Scars, Church Lane, Newby, Lancaster, LA2 8HR. The Council supported this application.

(iii) 2017/18592/CPE - Application for a Certificate of Lawful development for the existing use of a property as a residential dwelling (use Class C3) Location: The View, Burnhead Farm, Mewith, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7AR. The Council opposed this proposal.

### **b. Decisions:**

The following decisions were received:

(i) 2017/18171/FUL - Conversion of traditional barn to dwelling with ancillary office and new garage building - Fountain House Farm, The Green, Clapham. (Amendment also submitted). Application granted subject to conditions.

(ii) 2017/18398/LBC - Revised proposals for a new sunroom/conservatory extension (previously approved application 18/2016/17527) - Crooklands, Old Road (West), Ingleton, Carnforth, LA2 8HY. Application granted subject to conditions.

### **c. Other planning issues and correspondence**

The following was noted:

(i) National Park Authority to carry out works to trees in Clapham Car Park: Crown raise and crown reduction of one sycamore and one rowan and replacement of a section of hedge.

The following planning matters were considered.

### **a. Applications:**

(i) 2017/18650/HH: Proposal for a single storey extension to provide sunroom: Giffords, Wenning Bank to Reeby's Lane, Clapham. It was noted that this application was supported in principle, although comment had been made in relation to proposed roofing materials.

(ii) 2017/18688/VAR: Application to vary condition No 10 of original planning consent reference 18/2013/13681 to allow retention of the farmhouse. Application to remove Condition 10: Woodgill Farm, Keasden Road, Clapham. The Council opposed this application.

(iii) C/18/11X: Application for full planning permission for erection of lean-to extension to existing industrial unit and installation of flue pipe: Unit 5, Dales View, Clapham. This application was supported.

### **b. Decisions:**

The following decision was received:

(i) 2017/18576/TPO: Fell 1 No. Oak T29 and various works to other trees - Flying Horse Shoe Caravan Site, Clapham. Decision/Date 24th November 2017 - application granted.

### **c. Other planning issues and correspondence:**

(i) TREES IN CLAPHAM CONSERVATION AREA and TREE PRESERVATION ORDER NO 3 (CLAPHAM) 1995. The Council noted various works to trees which are to be carried out in due course.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Nigel Harrison can be contacted by email: njhar1957@gmail.com





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## Nature Notes

### Hawfinch – *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*



Hawfinches are the largest finches which can be seen in the UK. They have a top heavy look because of their thick necks, which hold powerful muscles, and a large beak. When these are used together they are capable of cracking open tough cherry stones. They have an orange brown head, black bib, brown upper parts, pinkish under parts and black and white wings.

The hawfinches that breed in the UK (there are not many) are sedentary but the hawfinches that breed in Northern Europe and Southern Scandinavia are migratory. This autumn there has been a very large influx of hawfinches into the UK because there's been a total failure of their food crop. They have even made it to North America (by crossing the Bering straits) which is very unusual. Here in Yorkshire flocks of up to about fifty birds have been roaming around the county and here at Clapham the first was seen at Ingleborough Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> October, then two were seen at

the hall on 1<sup>st</sup> November and on 8<sup>th</sup> November a flock of ten were seen flying over the nature trail. The flock of ten could still be around the nature trail as migratory hawfinches tend to feed on yew berries and there are plenty of yew trees in that area.

A pair of barn owls has taken up residency at the tree opposite Crina Bottom cemetery. This is the first time a pair of barn owls has been in that tree for about two years since the last pair left. One evening, four barn owls were seen on that same tree together.

On 26<sup>th</sup> October all six British thrushes were seen at Ingleborough hall; they were blackbird, mistle thrush, song thrush, ring ouzel, fieldfare and redwing.

One chiffchaff is still present at Ingleborough Hall at the time of writing.

The last swallow of the year was seen over Clapham on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

One male and one female stonechat have been seen regularly along Crook Beck near Nutta Farm.

The first redwings of the autumn were a flock of twenty five at Ingleborough Hall on 8<sup>th</sup> October and the first returning flock of fieldfares were seen over Ingleborough Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> October.

A painted lady butterfly was seen at Ingleborough Hall on 19<sup>th</sup> October; peacock, small tortoiseshell and red admiral butterflies were still being seen in flight at the hall up to 3<sup>rd</sup> November, but since then it has got colder and there have been no further sightings of any butterflies.

*Tim Hutchinson  
Smithy Cottage*

*(A cormorant has been seen several times over the Wenning near the station this autumn, most recently just as we went to press, Ed Andy).*

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## Playpark update

In mid-October a large bough dramatically fell off one of the chestnut trees in the playpark (hours before strong winds hit the area). Church Avenue was blocked but Ingleborough Estate very quickly got on with making the area safe and, after advice, decided to take down the tree and another one nearby. Both were old and impressive trees and, although it's a shame they're gone, the upside is that that end of the playpark now seems much lighter and open, whereas before it was shaded and damp. And of course the area has been made safe for residents and visitors.

As well as taking the trees down, the Estate also reinstated sections of drystone wall and fencing that the bough had damaged. We'd like to thank the Estate for their decisive and speedy action.

We'll now look into replanting the area with a few small trees or shrubs that support pollinators and birds.

*Don Gamble  
Clapham Park Association  
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## News from the Farm

Be assured... be very assured...

In order to sell milk, we must be Farm Assured: this involves a visit every twelve to fifteen months from our dairy company. We get about two weeks' notice of this visit (unlike the Dairy Hygiene Inspectorate who visits unannounced) and a very busy and nervous two weeks it is, a bit like a waiting for root canal work without the prospect of anaesthetic.

The visit itself takes almost a day and it is a sign of modern agriculture that only a small part of the day involves looking at the cows, their housing and milking facilities. Most of the time is spent round our kitchen table going through farm records, everything from cattle passports and movement documents to chemical data sheets and herd health plans, along with a manure management plan. The list seems endless. Of course, we also get through a number of brews and ginger biscuits.

Luckily, all was in order and we continue to meet the Red Tractor Farm Assured standards. It is well known in farming circles that if you plan to sell a newly calved cow at auction then it is acceptable to forget to take the cow but under no circumstances must you forget the barrowload of paper work that has to accompany her.

Christmas is almost upon us again, unless you are into advertising in which case I believe it began about mid-September. In our house it begins in mid-December when I begin to contemplate a bit of Christmas shopping, I then like to build the tension to Christmas Eve afternoon before washing my wellies under the outside tap and venturing, with other farmers, to our local agricultural suppliers to see what is available.

Animal feed suppliers frighten the pants off farmers and start talking about bank holidays and long weekends when the mills shut down and feed won't be made. I explain

to the cows that some people have a few days off over the festive season and because of that we need to plan ahead and stockpile supplies and could they please fill in the necessary menu?

Luckily at this time of year these feed suppliers come bearing gifts, often in the form of chocolate which always goes down well, it's a sure way of keeping a customer happy. Of course, it does work both ways and we try to be generous in our turn, the milk tanker driver fares particularly well, partly because we want him to make that little bit of extra effort getting to Bleak Bank on a snowy morning.

The radio in the milking parlour is often tuned to Radio 2 and in the week before Christmas our cows can be serenaded by myself singing along to all the carols and traditional Christmas

music - which I am sure has a positive impact on animal welfare and milk production.

Christmas morning itself is often a bit fraught on our farm as we try to condense the routine work to a few hours in order to have a longer dinner time. No lying in for twenty minutes on the day itself or the cows are bawling over doors wondering if there is a problem. Usually on Christmas morning the scraping out tractor won't start or a leaky water pipe won't stop.

After washing up, or at least filling the dishwasher, and then nodding off after having eaten too much, the cows begin to call. Anyone who has ever milked cows recognises that one eye is always on the clock. I start to get twitchy about half past three and it is quite refreshing to spend a few hours outside feeding animals whilst wearing new socks - safe in the knowledge that brand new slippers are warming by the yuletide log...

Happy Christmas everyone.

*John Dawson*



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## Changes afoot at the Shop ...



*Helen, Sue and Maggie with the YDMT award*

The thing about change is that sometimes you plan for it and embrace it and, at other times, it just forces itself upon you. Well, that has felt like life at the shop recently. You may have noticed the delivery of a new chiller (as someone has observed 'like in an up-market Co-op'). That was one of those forced changes when the original chiller's compressor gave up the ghost.

We are hopeful that other planned changes we have made will mean that this chiller will not have to work as hard; we have put film on the windows to cut out the heat from the sun and, of course, the new canopy is particularly useful at keeping the shop cooler.

We also have other changes planned for 2018 which are the result of our amazing award from the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust as part of their 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. Clapham Village Store received a Gold Award for Rural Enterprise and Employment which was an honour in itself. However, it came with a grant of £8,000 which left us all quite stunned. To have such a bonus at this stage in the shop's development has been a great boost and, as a result, you will see changes in the shop in the coming months including work behind the counter and in the back room. Watch those spaces.....

Overall, 2017 has been a successful year for the shop. This is undoubtedly because of the amazing work done by our staff and volunteers as well as the support we receive from our customers, shareholders and landlord, the Ingleborough Estate. We also need to thank those whose financial support has enabled us to do some of those jobs which could not have happened at this stage without them – the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust and the Kirkby Foundation.

We look forward seeing you in 2018.

*Sue Mann*

## Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

This year marks the 20th anniversary of YDMT. To celebrate, the Trust has given 20 awards to recognise the important contribution of groups, organisations and individuals whose work helps to sustain and celebrate the Dales. In total £91,000 has been awarded to help the winners continue their outstanding contribution to the Dales and its surroundings. For full details of all 20 winners – including some familiar local faces – visit [www.ydmt.org/20years](http://www.ydmt.org/20years)

YDMT recently reached another milestone, having committed £1 million through the Yorkshire Dales LEADER programme to help bring economic benefits to the local area. Funding has supported 30 projects including the new luxury 'glamping' pods at Boustagill Farm near Rathmell, development of the new Courtyard Dairy centre and investment in mobile sheep handling systems.

The Green Futures Youth Environment Summit at Malham Tarn Field Centre was another highlight, bringing together local young people for an environmental weekend. The young people themselves ran activities including building insect hotels and hedgehog houses, footpath improvements, a fungi ID walk, making eco-friendly deodorant and a Q&A session with MP Julian Smith. It was part of Our Bright Future, a £33 million programme funded through the Big Lottery Fund.

You can find out more about YDMT's range of projects and the many ways you can get involved and support this work on the charity's new and improved website: [www.ydmt.org](http://www.ydmt.org)

Coming up is a series of subsidised courses about living with and caring for old buildings. It is part of Stories in Stone and mainly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund. Details are available online at [www.storiesinstone.org.uk](http://www.storiesinstone.org.uk) - a new website dedicated to this varied programme of activities based around the Ingleborough area.

With Christmas fast approaching, you can bring a bit of the Dales to your friends and family with YDMT's festive cards and gifts. Every purchase supports important projects here in the Yorkshire Dales.

You can also call YDMT on 015242 51002, or visit the office which is open 9am-5pm Mon-Fri.

*Sarah Pettifer*



*Making a hedgehog shelter*



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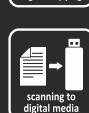


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## Is Indiana Jones a woman? - The Confessions of a Quiz Master

Once, at a quiz evening, I said 'she' when referring to Indiana Jones and I had no idea why everyone was laughing. I was vain enough to assume that people were amused by my devastating wit until somebody told me that 'she', is in fact, a 'he'. I could not believe it. Who on earth thinks that Indiana sounds like a man's name? Are there men out there called Pollyanna? Or Isabella? This little incident illustrates the difficulty of operating in unknown territory when thinking up questions. I have to confess that I know nothing about huge areas of popular culture because I don't watch any soaps, have never seen a Bond film, the X Factor or BGT and the last pop tune I heard was Dancing Queen by Abba. Consequently I have to rely on newspapers or books or Google when I ask about topics of which I am totally ignorant and that can lead to some amusing and controversial moments. Barbara reads through the draft version to tell me if it is too hard or too easy but unfortunately in the subjects where I am hopeless she is equally clueless.

It is very easy to set a quiz. I could teach a cat how to do it in half an hour, provided that it could read, because all it would need to do is read a page or two of an encyclopaedia and ask for the names of Greek gods, the moons of Saturn, the chemical formula for potassium sulphate etc etc. The job would soon be over and done. The result would be a catastrophe not a quiz because the attendance at the next quiz would be no more than three. I have been setting quizzes for various charities for more than thirty years since I made my debut at The Flying Horse Shoe and the style I have developed is based partly on what people seem to enjoy and partly on avoiding what I did not enjoy when I was a contestant at other quizzes. Years ago I went to quizzes where each round was on a particular subject so when the topic was, for example, films or pop music I might as well have been listening to the questions in Arabic. I recall one particular evening when our team, consisting of blokes similar to me, was in the lead going into the final round. The quizmaster then played twenty brief extracts from pop songs and awarded one mark for the name of the song and one for the performer. Our score was precisely 0/40 and if it had gone on until Christmas our score would still have been zero because when he gave the answers I had never heard of the performers. On another occasion there was a straightforward round of 26 questions. You had to give the name for all 26 letters of the emergency alphabet as used by the police (A for Alpha, R for Romeo etc). On the next table there was a police sergeant! For him it was as testing as asking him to recite his three times table.

I think that every round should cover a range of topics and should contain questions of varying difficulty so that there is something for everyone. If a team scores no more than 35% I have failed and I know that I would be unlikely to see those faces again. Humour is an essential ingredient because people have not given up their evening to re-sit their O levels. I set one picture round each time because this is popular with some folks but it is a nightmare to me and often leads to laughter or disaster. I spot photos in the

paper, cut them out and store them in a designated quiz box. Sometimes I think I know who it is but have half forgotten and sometimes the caption tells me that Leonardo di Caprio was accompanied by Wayne Sprocket and George Gussett at the Oscars. I know that one of them is famous but I then have to play at spot the Leonardo. One night when I confidently announced that the answer to number 17 was Denzil Washington there was a howl of protest. So universal was the cry that I wondered if I could possibly be wrong. My son said to me quietly, "Dad, Denzil Washington is black!"

What is an easy question? It all depends on what you know.

- A. Name one character in East Enders.
- B. What is the name of Yeovil Town's home ground?
- C. Name one of the Star Wars films.
- D. Where and when was the Lusitania torpedoed?

For me, B and D are as easy as spelling my name but A and C are impossibly difficult and I haven't a clue. An easy question is one where you know the answer!

We always enjoy our evenings, especially in Clapham, because the same friendly faces return time after time to share the banter. I could not do it without Barbara because she does the scoreboard as immaculately as only a former infants' teacher can and she brings organisation to the event. For us the greatest satisfaction comes when people spare a moment to say thanks on their way out. We also have the pleasure of knowing that some charity or organisation has benefitted from our efforts.

*Stuart Marshall*

## Village Hall News

### Annual Quiz Raises £618

This event surpassed its usual brilliance and we had a fantastic night. The quiz was masterfully composed and executed by Stuart and Barbara Marshall and there was only one small reference to the red and whites. (He didn't need any encouragement as they trashed Leeds that night!!).

A special thanks to Lorraine, Jackie and Judith who cooked the cottage pies to perfection, plus the countless Clapham Bakers who made fantastic desserts, and not forgetting our talented bar staff, Simon and Ruth, who were appreciated by all. We made a whopping £618 which I think is a record. Finally, a massive "thank you" to everyone who supported us again this year.

Coming shortly, a Burns Night Ceilidh with 'haggis and neaps' supper on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2018. Do we have any pipers out there? Look out for posters in January. Then in March we should be holding the much requested Domino Drive/Fish & Chip Supper, hosted by the committee and Gerald Kay. Watch out for further details.

Your Village Hall needs all our support to raise the funds to cover the proposed refurbishments. If anyone would like to offer to help please contact me, Kathy, Lorraine, Angie, Alan or Judith.

*David Kingsley*

## A Neighbourhood Plan for Clapham?

A public meeting was called in the village hall on Thursday 26 October to discuss the idea of a Neighbourhood Plan (NP) for the Clapham/Newby/Keasden area, the Clapham-cum-Newby civil parish. This idea last surfaced in 2008 when a Steering Group of 10 residents went to a great deal of trouble and spent a great deal of time canvassing the thoughts and opinions of folk all around the parish. They produced a very impressive Parish Plan which gathered together the views and priorities of all those people who had been involved in the wide-ranging consultation. But those ideas did not seem to lead to much change or improvement in the following years.

On that Thursday evening in the village hall many therefore wondered "Will this Neighbourhood Plan be different from the Parish Plan? Will it be an instrument of significant change, real change?"

Well, we must hope so. The NP process was explained to us. It is one of the provisions of the Government's Localism Act of 2011, though by 2016 some politicians had pronounced it a failed policy. Perhaps we can prove them wrong. Stage 1 is to decide on the size and shape of our neighbourhood and draw together a forum of local people. Stage 2 is to prepare a draft plan. Stage 3 is to publicise the plan and consult widely on it. The next Stage is for the Parish Council to submit the plan to the local planning authority to check that the plan does not conflict with any legislation. The final Stages are to put the plan to a local referendum and then, if it is accepted, put it into effect.

In spite of these uncertainties we can be sure of one thing – a local plan will not happen unless local residents get behind it and contribute their ideas about how to make things even better in Clapham-cum-Newby. So please put your heads together to decide what improvements are needed.

If a Clapham Neighbourhood Plan is accepted by local referendum it will then be included among the agreed planning policies of Craven District Council and the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. These policies then become strong arguments in support of any relevant Planning Authority decisions and in support of related Clapham priorities. In any planning decision or appeal affecting Clapham the Planning Authority could thus point

to the Clapham Local Plan and claim that their decision has the written, community-wide backing of Clapham residents.

A great deal of work has already been completed towards a Local Plan. The Parish Plan of 2008 lists 21 actions under the heading of "What we want to do in the future" on pp20-23. These are a good starting point for a Neighbourhood Plan. In 2010 the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority carried out a Conservation Area Appraisal which covered most of the village of Clapham (over 8½ hectares out of just over 9½) and included suggested changes and priorities for protecting the built environment and maintaining the village's attractive appearance. In 2014 Craven District Council issued a Draft Local Plan which included parts of our area. In October of that year Clapham Development Association submitted a response and in 2016 the first draft was followed by a second draft which responded to wide consultation on the first. All these documents have helped to marshal the arguments about what needs doing to protect and improve the Clapham area as well as others.

Residents who are interested in their area are asked to get involved in the Neighbourhood Plan process, to decide their priorities, to take part in the consultation, to read the resulting plan document and to vote in the eventual referendum.

*Ken Pearce*

*(Please note that the opinions, where stated above, are those of the author and not necessarily those of the Newsletter publication team.)*

**A Neighbourhood Plan flyer** giving further information has been produced by Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Council and inserted in this edition of the newsletter. Further copies are available from: [www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk) - 'Locals' page.

## Christmas greetings winner

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## Castleberg Hospital - the future?



The NHS body responsible for funding hospital services in Craven, The Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), is expected to

announce shortly the start of a 3-month consultation period on the future of Castleberg Hospital, Giggleswick, near Settle.

It was closed abruptly last April because of serious defects in maintenance. Patients had to be nursed at home or in hospitals far from their carers, friends and families.

The closure was described as 'temporary'. Hundreds of local people have joined an email and Facebook network to express their concerns and draw attention to their problems.

A steering group called "Castleberg - the future" has now been formed to work with the CCG by presenting the full evidence for the re-commissioning of hospital beds in

North Craven. The steering group includes GPs, members of local government and other health-care bodies.

The Steering Group believes that: "the closure of Castleberg is putting great stress on the frail elderly at a critical time when they need hospitalisation, possibly at the end of their lives. It is placing impossible pressure on their carers and families - and on the volunteer drivers who have to drive them 50 or 60 miles and wait whilst they visit, say, a dying spouse. Public transport links are poor and there is no facility for them to stay at Airedale. The CCG needs to hear the real, accurate picture from local residents."

Plans for the formal consultation process should be published by the time you read this.

If you feel that the closure of Castleberg is a problem for our North Craven community, then please contact:

[castlebergthefuture@gmail.com](mailto:castlebergthefuture@gmail.com) to join the email group,

or link to "Castleberg - the future" on Facebook.

*John Asher,  
Secretary of the Steering Group*

## Macmillan Coffee Morning result

A HUGE THANK YOU:

To everyone who came, and to those who donated even though they couldn't be with us. To those who provided raffle prizes. To those that went to the trouble of baking and preserving - enough to make the produce table groan. Plus thanks to all my helpers: you know who you are!

It was the best ever and raised a staggering **£780.40**.

*Jackie Kingsley and Liz Mason*

## Thank you ...

to everyone who came to our Autumn Fair held in the Village Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> November.

We had a busy morning and raised a total of **£514.55** for Bentham Pet Rescue, Craven Cats Rescue and Derian House Children's Hospice. It was lovely to see so many locals at the event and your support is very much appreciated.

*Sally, Kristen and Rob and Rosie*

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## Steam Update

Now that the shorter days are upon us, the chance of seeing steam at the station has diminished dramatically. So, this time, I thought I'd mention an alternative steam offering that can be seen not that far away.

If people read the term "steam engine" then the image they most likely bring to mind is one of a steam train, but it is worth remembering that steam was used to power a wide range of things from ocean-going liners to ploughs. Amongst their first uses was in pumping the water out of deep mines, though the earliest of these, - Thomas Newcomen's engine of 1712, - used steam in a very different way from that used later. It's worth remembering that steam is still used today to transfer the heat energy, generated in the core of a nuclear reactor, to the turbines that drive the alternators that make the electricity that supplies the National Grid!

Bancroft Mill in Barnoldswick is one of the many thousands of textile mills that once existed across much of northern England, but it is now virtually unique in that its tall chimney stack, boiler house and steam engine all still exist - and work. These buildings were called mills because many of the original ones used water power to drive their machinery. Later, steam engines became prevalent, but the mill name stuck. Now, they are often seen as grim reminders of working and environmental conditions that we'd probably prefer to forget, and many have been demolished or redeveloped for more 21<sup>st</sup> century uses. The same could have happened at Bancroft Mill but a group of preservationists - with a lot of stamina and persistence - have managed to restore the old equipment to proper working order and it is regularly steamed for visitors to come and enjoy. More than that, they have also relocated and restored a second engine from a now-demolished mill at Bradley, near Skipton. That, too, has been steamed and run for people to admire after a Grand Opening ceremony on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 which I was lucky enough to attend.

Mill engines are obviously quite different from those on railways. For a start, they don't have to propel themselves around so size and weight are not so important. Also, their

boilers can be really huge and even drive multiple engines. The two engines now at work at Bancroft Mill also look very different from railway engines, and also to each other, since they use their steam in different ways. Each engine has both "high" and "low" pressure cylinders (so the steam is used twice) and Bancroft's own engine has both cylinders working in parallel in a layout called "cross compound". The engine from Bradley, however, has the two cylinders mounted on the same drive rod, one behind the other, and is of a type called a "tandem compound".

The accompanying museum is open most weekends and you can see the engines as a static display, but if you want to see the engines working you really need to visit on one of the "Steaming Days" which they announce on their website: <http://www.bancroftmill.org.uk>.

*Andy Scott*

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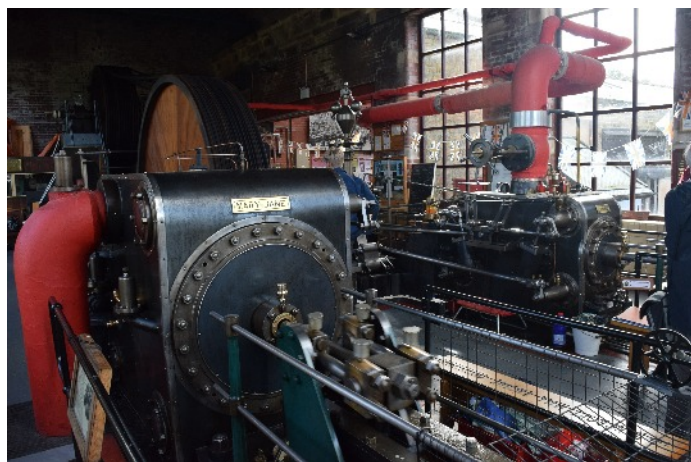
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*Bancroft's own engine. The cylinder nearest the camera, named Mary Jane, is the low-pressure one. To her right, with its live steam feed from above, is the high-pressure one. Behind her can be seen the large flywheels, from which belts fed power to machinery throughout the whole factory. Photo: Andy Scott*

## Then and Now

This pair of photos shows the Cave Rescue Organisation HQ in the village. The first was taken on its opening day in October 1976. The second was taken from the same spot this year, so 41 years - and some 2000 "call outs" - separate the two. The biggest change is the addition of the new garage block but there are more subtle ones too, like the replacement telephone box and the new defibrillator.

If anyone else has a pair of "old" and "new" pictures they'd like to share then we'd love to publish them. And if you've just got the "old" then we can always attempt to create the "new" for you - just get in touch.

*Andy Scott*



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**Submissions deadline: 20<sup>th</sup> January, 2018.**

To those who regularly produce articles, a huge thank you; for those who'd like to have a go for the first time, then a huge welcome. Items should, ideally, be limited to about 600 words and, if at all possible, accompanied by one or more high resolution photos: but we can be flexible so just contact the editors if you'd like something larger considered.

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## Return to the Cave



My brother came to visit in September. This was not easy for him. He lives near Newcastle on Tyne and for many years has suffered from polymyalgia, making the use of his legs both difficult and painful.

The highlight of his visit was to be a trip down Ingleborough Cave. Back in the 1950s he was a student at Leeds University where he took advantage of the proximity of the Dales to go caving at every opportunity. At that time he was really active, spending many days walking the mountains of Scotland and the French Alps as well as the hills of the Northern Pennines. But those pleasures were now long gone, traded for the dubious delights of elbow crutches, mobility scooters and fond memories.

It was now 60 years or more since his previous trip down Ingleborough Cave and this time it was so different. We borrowed a Trampler from a friend in the village. This is a rugged, battery-powered mobility scooter, a go-anywhere sort of vehicle which whizzed Mike up the Nature Trail at a steady 5 miles an hour, challenging me as I tried to catch up and keep up between taking photographs of the ground-breaking trip.

Once at the cave, Mike transferred to an ordinary, self-propelled, wheelchair and we waited our turn to enter the well-remembered passageways, now smooth concrete underfoot and electric lighting overhead. The passenger in the wheelchair did not have to take avoiding action when we reached those parts where the rock roof dips down to shoulder height but there were one or two narrower sections where the wheelchair had to be steered with more than average care to wheedle its way between the rocks or concrete rims of the path.

Meanwhile Mike was busy taking photographs of the cave formations as we passed - stalactites and stalagmites which had been so much more dimly lit on his previous trip 60 years ago. The guide's commentary was generously sprinkled with up-to-the-minute cave science and historic references which gave a new understanding.

It had been a memorable trip, not exactly the trip of a lifetime but certainly an unexpected blast from the past, a short journey down time's tunnel. Many thanks to those who made it possible.

*Ken Pearce*

## Wildflowers



At the end of September, Clapham schoolchildren helped us plant around 200 wildflower plugs in the two meadow plots near the tennis courts. Together with Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority officers, we'll mow the plots from early spring to May and then leave them uncut to allow the wildflowers to grow and set seed. It will be exciting to see how well the plugs have become established, as well as the wildflower seed that was hand-sown onto the plots.

Many of the species added will take a couple of years to really get going and to start flowering, but hopefully over the next few years we should see a diverse and colourful wildflower meadow emerging, providing valuable habitat for threatened pollinators like bumblebees.

The plots are part of Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust's Meadow Links project, which aims to create a series of community-managed meadows across the Dales. We'll be installing a couple of interpretation panels explaining what the project is trying to achieve.

*Don Gamble  
Clapham Sustainability Group*

Advance Warning!

## *Burns Night Ceilidh & Supper*

Friday 26th January  
Village Hall

Watch out for further details nearer the time!

## Access to the Trail & Cavern

A Trampler is kept at the kiosk at the start of the Nature Trail and a wheelchair at the cavern, both free of charge for visitors with mobility difficulties. Pre-booking is advised.

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# Father Christmas

Is now busy working in his  
grotto at Clapham's

## INGLEBOROUGH CAVE

You are invited to visit him on:

Saturday 2nd December

Sunday 3rd December

Saturday 9th December

Sunday 10th December

Saturday 16th December

Sunday 17th December

Friday 22nd December

Saturday 23rd December

Join Santa's Elves as they lead you through magical  
underground passages, all the way to Santa and his  
table of presents!

- Children - £10.00 (including present) •
- Adults - £7.50 • Open from 11am til 4pm •

Sat Nav. LA2 8EA to Car Park in Clapham village (A65 Skipton road)  
walk up the village and enter Ingleborough Estate Nature Trail  
(admission included in Santa's Grotto ticket) walk through the trail to  
the Cave (1.25m). Limited transport will be provided  
(weather permitting) from the lakeside near the  
start of the Nature Trail to and from the Cave. Access for  
single width pushchairs in the Cave.



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