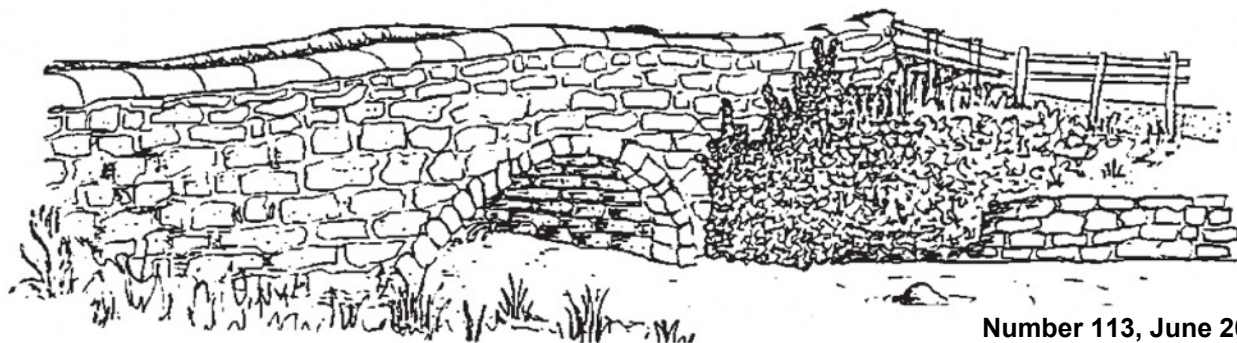


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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Farrer frenzy



It was the second May Bank holiday, and still the sun shone. The tranquillity of the village was shattered not only by the walkers but also by an invasion of Farrers in numbers hitherto unseen.

From three continents the cousins descended on Clapham for the purpose of celebrating the dedication of a sculpture commemorating John and Joan Farrer who lived for, and loved Clapham.

The celebration was held at St James Church. The Black Horse Jazz Men played jazz standards which invigorated attendees as well as enlivened passers-by.

The service was led by Ian Greenhalgh, the former vicar, who united the congregation in song - a rousing version of a Welsh tune especially rearranged by Gus Stewart for the occasion.

Local caterers Party Animals provided a delightful tea replete with an enticing array of dainty sweets and sandwiches.

Melanie Greenhalgh thoughtfully composed on the font a delicate flower arrangement in Joan Farrer's colour preference for green and white.

A gazebo provided by Ann Stewart shaded the musicians from drenching sunshine. After leaving the

church the congregation sought refuge from the sun under the trees.

The sculpture by artist Sarah Smith is located at the foot of the churchyard near the beck. Local limestone, both smoothed and rough, symbolises attributes of Joan and John's lives and memories. Their connections to the environment, which was so important to them, are now memorialised for visitors to the serene setting.

Annie Farrer

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Welcome to the Revd John Davies

The Revd John Davies became Priest-in-Charge of Clapham with Keasden and Austwick with Eldroth on Thursday, 19th April. St. James' church, Clapham was the venue for his Licensing and Installation.

John Davies can be seen in the photo below with the

On Sunday 20th May, John (together with the Methodist minister - Revd Stephen Normanton) led the lambing service held in the barn at Wenningside Farm, Keasden.

The local community gathered together for this thanksgiving for lambing on a beautiful spring evening.



Photo: by Settle Photographic Group



Photo: by Ann Sheridan

Bishop of Leeds, the Rt Revd Nicholas Baines, the Archdeacon of Richmond and Craven, the Ven Beverley Mason and the Revd Stephen Dawson, Area Dean Ewecross & Bowland Deanery.

The service was followed by refreshments at Clapham Village Hall.

John can be seen here blessing the lamb, having already blessed a fleece, a sheepdog and a shepherd's crook.

Stephen Normanton spoke about all he had learned about sheep farming during his eight years in the community. A relaxed, happy evening service enjoyed by all.

Village Store committee news

You are all welcome to attend the Annual General Meeting of our community shop on Wednesday, 4th July.

We will be reporting on the last year and will welcome hearing your views on the shop, how you find it and any thoughts you have for the future.

An important item on the agenda will be to elect the new Management Committee. There will be some vacancies on this as two of our hard working members are standing down.

It's always good to welcome new blood so please give some thought as to whether you might be interested in supporting our community by joining the committee. The main qualifications are enthusiasm and a desire to see our shop continue to flourish as it has done over the last three years.

If you would like more information about what is involved then please contact me on 015242 51792 or at suemann.wyvern51@gmail.com

Sue Mann

Clapham Community Shop Ltd

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday, July 4th
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Meeting begins at 6.30pm

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Church news

The Barnsley writer, wit, and raconteur Ian McMillan lives what he calls a 'peripatetic word-driven lifestyle' (he's onstage at Clapham Village Hall on 6th June). A consequence of this is that he wakes up in lots of different hotel rooms and the only fixed point of reference he has is his old cheap alarm clock which 'not only tells me the time but somehow ... informs me exactly where I am', as it reminds him of where he was when he set it the night before. 'Where am I?' is an existential question we may not often consciously consider, especially if we're rooted in the same place we've been for many years. It's related to another question, 'Who am I?' which again we generally keep in the background (Ian McMillan chews it over in his book *Neither Nowt Nor Summat: In Search of the Meaning of Yorkshire*, which is equally his struggle with the question, 'Am I Yorkshire enough?'). But there are times when such questions surface, and maybe we're living through such a time in our society just now.

Commentator David Goodhart suggests that the EU referendum revealed that British society is divided into two 'tribes': 'Anywheres' and 'Somewheres'. Anywheres are people often on the move who base their sense of identity on their achievements, whilst Somewheres identify more with place and background; what most distresses them is the loss of a sense of community and roots. Goodhart connects 'Remainers' and 'Leavers' with these two categories.

I don't think the 'two tribes' idea is too helpful, or realistic, as I suspect there's something of the Anywhere and Somewhere in each of us. I'm drawn to this theme by my recent move - I'm an offcumbden, but one feeling a sense of homecoming in returning north, renewing acquaintance with once-familiar places, sensing that it's the 'Somewhere' in me which has driven this determination to strengthen and deepen these northern roots. I think that a sense of place is important to Anywheres (that's why professional couples want to return to the 'family church' for their wedding, or Christenings). And YFC awards events show how - justly - proud local, rooted Somewheres are in their achievements too. We're more complex people than the mainstream Brexit discussion makes us out to be.

I'm always struck by how village life manages to bring together people of different kinds, from different backgrounds, the Anywheres and the Somewheres, united by an appreciation of 'where we are' and working out how to live and flourish together. In just one example I'm impressed by those volunteers who in recent years have been getting our villages wired for high-speed broadband: strategists, techies and diggers-of-holes, lifetime locals and recent incomers, united in a common task - a great achievement. When we decide to build something together, and stop seeing each other as merely leavers or remainers, anywheres or somewheres, insiders or outsiders, the result is community.

Revd John Davies, Priest in Charge
john@johndavies.org. 01524 805928

Church services

St James' Church, Clapham

June

Every Sunday - Holy Communion at 11am

Plus 3rd June at 7pm - Church in the Pub, New Inn, Clapham

July

Every Sunday - Holy Communion at 11am

Except Sunday 29th July - United Service at 10.30am at Keasden

St Matthew's Church, Keasden

June

3rd June - Holy Communion at 11am

10th June - Holy Communion at 2pm

17th June - no service

24th June - Evensong at 2pm

July

1st July - Holy Communion at 11am

8th July - Holy Communion at 2pm

15th July - no service

22nd July - Evensong at 2pm

29th July - United service at 10.30am at Keasden

Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

Sundays:

Sunday School 10.15am, Services 11.00am & 6.30pm

Weekdays:

Bible Study Tuesday at 7.30pm

1st Thursday Senior Citizens at 2pm, 3rd Thursday

Fellowship at 2pm, 4th Thursday Coffee Evening at 7.30pm

Children's activities:

Mums & Tots Friday 9.30-11am

Fortnightly on Fridays,

a) Kmotion (primary school aged children) at 6.00pm

b) Encounter (10 years and up) at 7.30pm

Special notices

15th June - evening walk up the Nature Trail

29th June - evening walk at Crummock, contact Sue Coates 07974614179 or Rose Whitaker 07590808396 for details.

6th July - Family Fun night at 6.30pm

1st - 5th August - Sportsreach - football & netball, contact Mark Hutchinson 07968182866

24th August - A Treasure Hunt Walk & Barbecue at 6pm

Methodist Chapel, Newby

Service - 1st Sunday in month at 2pm, all other Sundays at 11am

Diary dates

June

Wednesday, 6th - 7 for 7.30pm An evening with Ian McMillan, Village hall

Tuesday, 26th - 7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Village hall

Saturday, 30th - 7.30pm Craven Accordion Orchestra, St James' church, Clapham

July

Wednesday, 4th - 6 for 6.30pm Village shop AGM, Village hall

Saturday, 7th - 11am - 3pm Ingleborough Hall open day

Tuesday 17th - 5.30pm Joseph school production, Village hall

Tuesday, 24th - 7.30pm Parish Council meeting, Village hall

Saturday, 28th - Clapham Street Fair

Village hall: Clapham Village hall, Cross Haw Lane, LA2 8HR

Parish Council news

Clapham cum Newby Parish Council met on the evening of 24th April, 2018.

Various highways matters had been reported to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) since the March meeting including defective road signs in the Keasden Road area, potholes near to Calterber Bridge and on Keasden Road, erosion and undercutting of the road on Old Road and windscreen glass on the road surface on Old Road. Further matters identified as needing to be brought to the attention of the appropriate authorities were a defective road sign on the A65 at the Station Road junction and flooding from the railway on Lawsings Brow.

In relation to maintenance matters it was noted that repairs had been carried out to some of the parish notice boards but that some work is still required at the Keasden board and possibly at the board fixed to the side of the old Post Office building in Clapham.

Updates were received in relation to neighbourhood planning and the hyperfast broadband project. There had been a meeting with the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Craven District Council in connection with the former; both projects are apparently making steady progress.

The Council noted that the annual internal audit had been completed and no issues were raised by the auditor.

Various planning matters were considered by the Council. It supported an application for replacement of a conservatory with a garden room structure and other alterations at Marridales in Newby and supported an application for demolition of an asbestos building and its replacement with a new building on the same footprint at Home Farm, Clapham. It opposed an application for planning permission for a barn conversion at Low Barn, Newby Cote.

The Council also noted that Craven District Council had refused an application to allow retention of the farmhouse at Woodgill Farm, the demolition of which had been a condition of a previous planning application relating to that location.

For more information on the work of the parish council please click on the 'parish council information link at www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk.

Information on the website includes a list of councillors and their contact details, councillors' interest and meetings of past meetings.

The Parish Council held two meetings on the evening of 22nd May, 2018.

Firstly, at the annual meeting of the Parish Council, the first to be held since the recent uncontested election, members re-elected Councillor Colin Price as Chairman and Councillor John Dawson as Vice-Chairman. In the aftermath of the election the composition of the council remains as it was before that event, with Councillor Paul Bratt, who had not stood for election, being co-opted at the subsequent regular meeting. Parish Councillors were also appointed to participate in the work of various outside bodies.

The regular meeting of the Parish Council followed immediately after the annual meeting. Public concerns were raised with regard to matters of parking within Clapham and the tethering of horses close to the highway by travellers currently encamped at the edge of the village. The clerk was instructed to take these up with the appropriate authorities. The clerk was also instructed to pursue various matters relating to the state of the public footpath which crosses the River Wenning near to Crina Bottom.

An update was received with regard to the issue of neighbourhood planning, formal notice of intention to pursue a plan having been recently served on Craven District Council.

The Council also received news in relation to the long-standing project to restore the ornamental drinking fountain on Riverside in Clapham. Steps are soon to be taken to attempt to supply water to the fountain from Clapham Beck.

With regard to financial matters, the Parish Council received the Internal Audit which raised no concerns. Documents were also prepared for the forthcoming External Audit process.

As usual, there were a number of planning matters before the council. It supported an application for listed building consent for the installation of two fireplace surrounds and inserts at 2 Gildersbank, Clapham. In relation to an application for conversion of Low Barn, Newby Cote to a dwelling, further information had been received about the proposed water supply. The Parish Council was still not content that this would be adequate in the circumstances and asked for its comments to be passed to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority. It was also noted that previously considered applications for developments at The Heigh, Mewith and Keasden Head had been granted by the Craven District Council. Both had been supported by the Parish Council.

The next Parish Council meetings will be in the Village hall on Tuesday, **26th June** & Tuesday **24th July** at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Parish Clerk & Responsible Financial Officer Nigel Harrison can be contacted by email: njhar1957@gmail.com or telephone 015242 51165



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Recycling for free

Following on from our latest 'Give and Take' event, here are a couple of ideas that might help if you still have items needing to be recycled. Both services are FREE.



The British Heart Foundation will come and collect your unwanted furniture, as well as electrical items such as televisions or fridges.

Based on the experience of Ann Stewart who recently used this service, here are a few tips that may come in useful. In the first instance, telephone the Barrow-in-Furness store 01229 221325 to see if your postcode comes under their collection area. If it does not they will tell you which branch of the British Heart Foundation you should contact.

Be as informative as possible about the item you wish to donate. Collection drivers may reject certain items for reasons of quality or safety despite your assurances over the phone. Perhaps you could offer to send them photographs of your item.

Drivers may not be able to give you a narrow timing-window for collections. A 3 hour slot perhaps.

You will receive a formal receipt for your goods from the driver.

To help you here is a list of the type of unwanted furniture and working electrical goods the British Heart Foundation would like:

- Sofas, beds, tables, chairs
- TVs, Hi-Fi's
- Washing machines, fridges, dishwashers
- Small electrical items
- Games consoles, docking stations

Collection is FREE to the donor and, as Ann has pointed out, "How good to know that donated items can have a further life or help to raise significant funds".

The second option would be to put a postcard and/or photograph of an unwanted item in the notice board of the Clapham Sustainability Group. The notice board can be found on the side wall outside Clapham Village Store.

Jill Buckler

Clapham Sustainability Group

Age UK Group news

Once a month, Clapham Age UK Group has the use of the Settle Age UK minibus for a day out. At our meeting on the first Wednesday of each month, in the village hall, we decide where we would like to go for our trip on the Thursday of the following week. On 10th April we set out for Fleetwood, my first ever visit and the first time the Clapham group has been there for a day trip.

First we went to the big shopping centre, where one of our members was delighted to find and buy a complete outfit for a forthcoming wedding at, I think, the first shop she went into. Other people found articles they could not manage without, and one member went home with a shopping trolley packed full of bargains!

We all found somewhere to have lunch - plenty of options available - and afterwards our obliging driver took



us down to the promenade for a walk. We were all instructed to buy an ice cream for the picture but, although it was a lovely day, there was a bit of a chill wind and the idea didn't go down

well! However, like Morecambe, Fleetwood promenade has some new and interesting public art, including a delightful statue entitled 'Welcome Home' which shows a mother with a baby and a small child and the family dog waving (not the dog) to greet the father returning from the sea. We had a lovely walk in the sunshine and finally were ready for the journey home.

We feel very fortunate to have the use of the minibus, which is a door to door service, a huge benefit to those who cannot walk long distances. Age UK is a marvellous organisation for older people, with lots of ways of making life easier for people who may have problems, and we are very grateful for the help it gives us. We are always pleased to see new members. If you would like to join, or even just give it a try, come along to the village hall on the first Wednesday of any month at 11 a.m., or give me a ring on 51816.

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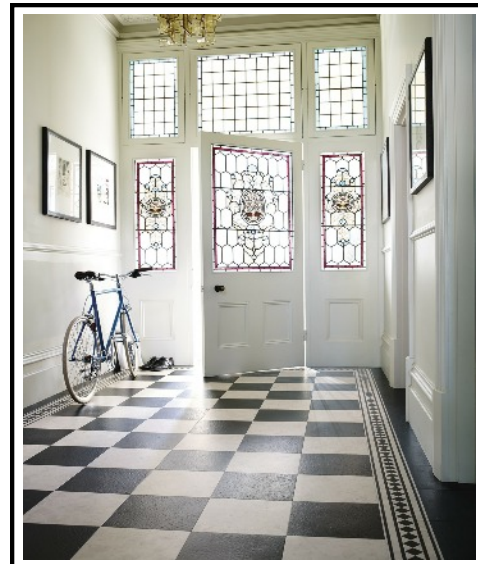
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Village hall news

Since the last newsletter, things have moved on apace regarding the refurbishment project. With the help of Sue Mann, we have now received two substantial and much appreciated contributions towards the costs. The Farrer Trust has very kindly given us £5000 which will be used towards the roof repair. This will cover nearly half the costs and we will cover the rest from resources. We have also been promised a grant of £1000 from the North Yorkshire Community Fund. This will be used for the new double glazed sealed units for the hall and should cover the total cost.

So, we are moving forwards, but we still need a substantial sum to cover the costs of a new heating system as well as sorting out the damp and then redecorating.

Don't forget:

- There are still tickets for the **Ian McMillan evening on Wednesday, 6th June**, get yours from the village shop now!
- The **Duck Race at the Street Fair on Saturday, 28th July**. It would be great if everyone bought an extra duck this year to help support the refurbishment project!
- To save the date for our **Quiz Night on Friday 2nd November**.

Thanks to all those who already support our efforts.

Sadly, Carole - who organised the Yoga Classes - has moved away from the area so the classes have stopped. If anyone would like to restart the yoga group we do have a slot available on Thursday evenings.

Any offers of help are always appreciated.

David Kingsley
Treasurer
015242 51240

Art Exhibition



The Clapham Art Group annual exhibition of new and original work in a variety of media got off to a fine start with a well-attended preview evening on Friday 25th May.

The exhibition was held in the village hall from Saturday 26th May to Sunday 3rd June. Thanks to all for their support.

Settle Photographic Group

Meetings June/July 2018

Monday 18 June 19.30 - Townhead Court, Settle
Practical Photography - Gallery: The Railway Scene

Thursday 21 June - in the morning
Visit - Malham Cove

Monday 16 July 19.30 - Townhead Court, Settle
On Formats - John Bentley
Gallery: Photo trickery

Wednesday 18 July - all day
Visit - Salford Quays

See: www.settlephotos.org for further details

Station gets better train services

From 20th May, a new national railway timetable came into operation, and Clapham now has additional services. Saturday services have now been brought into line with the Monday to Friday ones and there are two extra trains each way each day, including some later trains from both Leeds and Lancaster, and with morning services from Clapham departing a little earlier. There is also an additional Sunday service in either direction but the services times are better spread out rather than providing for earlier or later journeys.

On Mondays to Saturdays a long awaited service now leaves Leeds at 19.18 arriving at Clapham 20.34. And it returns leaving Lancaster at 21.34 arriving in Clapham 22.09. This now means, for example, that one does not have to leave London as early as 16.30 in order to get back to Clapham - a train from Euston at 18.30 will still connect in Lancaster with the last Skipton-bound train at 21.34.

New timetables are displayed on the station notice boards and pocket versions can be picked up from manned stations - Settle is the nearest option. They can also be found online at:

www.northernrailway.co.uk/travel/timetables

North Craven taxi bus

North Yorkshire County Council Taxi Bus service is a door to door wheelchair accessible service which runs Monday-Friday 9am-2.30pm. The service covers an area from Austwick to the Lancashire border (in the direction of Kirby Lonsdale) and across to High Bentham and Melling.

This flexible bus service covers a defined area, but does not operate to a fixed route or timetable. Instead, passengers must book their journeys; the route and times will vary according to their needs.

Up until **9th July**, fares within 1.5 miles of the centres of Clapham, Ingleton and High Bentham are reduced to £4 for a return journey or £2 with a concessionary pass.

For more information and bookings: 01609 533877 (10-12 Monday to Friday)

North Craven Action Group would also like to hear your experience of either using this service or your transport needs.

To provide feedback please get in touch with local contact Sarah Wiltshire on 01729 860048 or 07794 112172.

Sarah Wiltshire

The decline of the railway



View of the offices in August 1968. Photo: Colin Price

Fifty years ago, the railway at Clapham was changing fast. Station Master Peter Colton was still in charge, along with porters Dick Hunter and Neville Cross, but not for much longer as British Rail was still losing money. BR's senior managers were cutting services, removing redundant assets and looking everywhere they could to save money.



The view towards Benthams in the summer of 1968. Photo: Colin Price

After the Ingleton branch and the yard at Clapham had been lifted during the summer of 1967, the next big change was the way the line was maintained. There were two permanent way gangs based at Clapham. There was the "Skew gang", whose length started at milepost 242¼ from where they looked after the next three miles towards Benthams down past Skew Crossing. Mr Johnny Jackson was the Ganger and his men were Bryan Jackson, John Townson and Dick Townley. The "Clapham gang" looked after the lines around the Station and the next three-and-a-half miles to Eldroth. Mr Geoff Cross was the Ganger and his team composed George Coultherd, Bernard Cross, Eric Dennison and Wilf Kay.

The biggest change to the way these gangs operated was going 'mobile'. They had a lorry to take them to wherever they were working, rather than walking and using the little lineside cabins as their base. This led inevitably to the gangs being amalgamated and soon employing far fewer men as less traffic on the line meant less maintenance was needed.

By the summer of 1968, the large former Junction signal box at Clapham was simply a 'blockpost' between Benthams

and Giggleswick, with no sidings and just a crossover road near the Viaduct end of the Station. It was only open for one shift during the day, and it was also propped up with a huge wooden frame which had been built to stabilise it after a train had backed into it a few years before!

All the remaining steam locomotives were phased out by early August 1968 and Clapham box closed on 22nd September. Regular Signaller Mr Dick Halliday retired and the relief men, Sam Pitts and Derek Soames, found other jobs on the railway. In early 1969 a gang of men came from the railway workshops at Lancaster and set fire to the box!



Dick Halliday in Clapham box on the day that it closed. Photo: Colin Price

The position of Station Master was abolished by British Rail in 1969 and the Booking Office at Clapham was finally closed in October 1970. Peter Colton was transferred to work on budgets at Skipton where he stayed until he retired in 1980.

Colin Price
(with acknowledgement to John Colton for his help)

Scandimoot at St James' church

The walls of St James' church echoed to the sounds of instruments not often seen in Clapham when, on Monday 7th May, musicians and dance teachers from Sweden gave a free concert to end the annual Scandimoot weekend. As



Ditte Andersson on nyckelharpa

always, the talent was exceptional. Ditte Andersson, nyckelharpa and voice, and Ida Meidell Blylod, fiddle and voice, from Sweden were joined by Anna Rheingans, fiddle (half of the English duo the Rheingans sisters).

The acoustics in the church are perfect for singing as would be expected, but the nyckelharpa, that extraordinary keyed and bowed instrument with sympathetic strings, always sounds particularly full and rich in that setting. The music was largely from the Swedish folk tradition, with a hint of Baroque and a few splashes of English.

Dance teachers Leif and Margareta Virtanen and their accomplished fiddler Peter Westerlund demonstrated a few dances from Sweden at which they excel. The carpeted aisle was never intended for such things, and their dancing skill was fully tested as they gracefully glided and turned. Their expertise is considerable, and they have won many competitions as well as being excellent teachers.

The organisers of Scandimoot offer this concert as a way of saying 'thank you' to all in Clapham who offer us such welcoming kindness and hospitality. The artists and the participants are very appreciative of the



Leif and Margareta Virtanen dancing

village too, and it might surprise some of you to know that the names Scandimoot and Clapham are familiar to many Scandinavian folk artists who have not (yet) been here!

Scandimoot is now in its 11th year, and as well as offering a residential dance and music workshops and dance evenings in Clapham, also takes visiting artists into schools for workshops with children, and gives evening concerts in the area. We have a concert in Victoria Hall in Settle every year, and others locally. You'll find information about next year's concerts in this newsletter early in 2019 as well as on local posters and newspapers from next March onwards. If you'd like to have music or dance workshops in your school (usually the Thursday or Friday before the bank holiday) then email us at info@scandimoot.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you all next year, when, all being well, we'll be in St James' again with musicians and dancers, this time from Norway.

Pat Goodacre

Police warn about telephone scams

As part of a long running campaign to protect the public from telephone frauds, North Yorkshire Police have issued a detailed list of the many different types of bogus calls being made. They warn that "fraudsters are becoming increasingly sophisticated in the way that they deceive people – especially over the phone."

For example "they will often call you claiming they're from the police, your bank or some other trusted organisation saying that you owe, or are owed, money. It is easy for them to convince you too, since they can both fake the telephone number on the screen and do their research to find out some of your basic bank and personal details."

"Or someone may call claiming to be from a well-known company, such as Microsoft, Apple or your broadband provider. They'll tell you that your computer has a problem and they can help you to solve it. What they are really hoping to do is to access everything on your computer including your banking details."

There are a number of different types of fraudulent calls to be aware of, including calls telling you that you are eligible for a tax rebate! And there is another telling victims that they owe unpaid tax to the Inland Revenue.

This may all sound rather worrying. It is important to remember that you should never give a caller any details of your passwords, your bank account or any other personal data. If you are in any doubt at all just hang up! Just be vigilant.



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News from YDMT

It's been an exciting few months at the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, with highlights including our work with refugees and asylum seekers featuring on BBC Look North, a mass hike up Ingleborough with children from 7 local primary schools, and a productive litter-pick along the River



Ribble near Settle. We also helped put the Yorkshire Dales on centre stage at RHS Chelsea and Chatsworth Flower Shows, with beautiful gardens inspired by our home turf.

You'll find full details of all this and more on our website.

Get involved with our upcoming events:

www.ydmt.org/events

- Introduction to watercolour painting: 6, 14 & 20 June, 9:45am-4pm, Chapel-le-Dale. £85 for 3 days.
- Woodland Open Days: 15 & 16 June, 10am-4pm, near Airedale. Free
- Introduction to scything: 26 July, 9.30am-4.30pm, Chapel-le-Dale. £40
- Botanical drawing & painting: 21 August, 10.30am-4pm, Chapel-le-Dale. £45
- Cantores Salicium choral concert: 14 October, 3pm, Kirkby Malham. £10 (U16's free)
- Visit a wildflower hay meadow: They'll be at their best in June/early July. Visit www.ydmt.org/haytime for our favourite walks.
- Flowers of the Dales Festival: 110 nature and wildflowers events across the Dales until October. www.ydmt.org/Festival-2018

Vacancies: www.ydmt.org/jobs

We're looking for enthusiastic local people aged 16-24 with a passion for conservation and the countryside to join our **Environmental Apprenticeship programme** in September. This exciting opportunity will combine part-time college study with certified training and practical work experience over 2 years.

We're also recruiting an **Outreach Trainee** to join our team in Clapham. It's a part-time position for 1 year to help foster opportunities for people from targeted disadvantaged urban communities to enjoy, learn about and help conserve the Dales. Closing date: 12 June.

To find out more about any of the above, call YDMT on 015242 51002, email info@ydmt.org or pop into the office Mon-Fri 9am-5pm – we're opposite Clapham Village Store.

Sarah Pettifer

Thank you

A big thank you to Clapham Knit and Natter group for making these delightful Easter chicks. The sale of these raised £130 for much



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Playpark news



In early April, 40m³ of play-grade wood chippings were delivered to Simon's farmyard. From there, Simon and John moved them to the playpark, forming three

dauntingly large heaps. Over the following few weeks, volunteers spread the bulk of the chippings around the play equipment, and now there's only a small bit left to do. It's really improved the look of the playpark. Volunteers have also started the mowing rota.

Funding for the chippings came from a Roger Stott Community Grant of £1500 from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, £400 from Cllrs Lis and Ireton through Craven District Council's Ward Member Grants scheme, and very generous donations from Clapham residents. Sincere thanks to everyone who has helped with fundraising and maintenance.

If anyone wants to get involved with the playpark they can contact me on 015242 51775 or via email at claphamplaypark@gmail.com

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School news

What a busy term we have had! The children have been busy learning about Darwin in KS2 and Minibeasts in KS1 which has been very exciting! Class 1 are looking forward to visiting the Lancaster Grand Theatre in June to see an adaptation of Julia Donaldson's book 'The Snail on the Whale' to finish their topic work.



A trip to Edinburgh has been organised for the year 6 children, which is a two-night stay taking in the sights and attractions of this historical city! The year 6 children are looking forward to this, as are the staff!

The school governors met with parents in May to discuss the current sustainability of the school and propose a plan for next year to save money. The governors have a strong proposal for the future and are working on a solid staffing structure which will be discussed with parents in the next half term.

We hope to welcome you all to our school events in the summer term. Our summer production of Joseph will take place in the Village Hall on Tuesday, 17th July at 5.30pm - you'd all be most welcome.

*Matthew Armstrong
Headteacher*

CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



The newsletter is a community initiative which shares news, announcements and items of interest. It is funded mainly from advertising revenue and relies on volunteers to get it together and distributed. The newsletter is produced in black & white, though we aim to produce one colour edition per year.

It is distributed free to the communities of Clapham, Newby and Keasden. Copies are available in the Village Store and local churches. Electronic versions are displayed on the Clapham Village website (in colour) thus increasing the audience by potentially large numbers.

The intention is that it's both 'for you' and 'by you', so we rely on submissions from readers and the village institutions which make up our community. The next edition is due out at the beginning of **August**. **Copy deadline: 20 July.**

Items should be around 400 words and, if possible, accompanied by a high resolution photo: we can be flexible so contact me. **Contact: Andy Scott Email: claphamnewsletter@gmail.com**

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Richard Grayston 2nd May 1956 - 22nd March 2018

Richard was born in Keighley, the second child of Ernest and Phyllis Grayston. He had an older brother, John, and younger sister, Susan. Richard's parents divorced when he was young. His mother, Phyllis, re-married Jim Whalley and they went on to have Ian and Fiona. His father, Ernest, re-married Sybil.

Richard lived with both sets of parents during his early life and spent many years on the family farm. He married and had three wonderful children, Robert, Ben and Samantha. He developed a love of keeping pigeons during his teenage years, which led to friendships that lasted throughout his life. He was a much respected breeder of many prize-winning birds.



Richard was introduced to Maggie by a mutual friend in 2000. He swept her off her feet. At the time Richard worked for the building supply company Naylor Myers in

Skipton but was offered a transfer to the Bentham branch. Richard and Maggie decided it was the opportunity they needed for a new start. They lived in Long Preston for a short time before finding their first home at Summer Hill in High Bentham. After 3½ years of working on the house, they had the opportunity to move to Newby Cote. Richard was his usual whirlwind self and by August 2004 they had moved house and in September of that year they got married.

Once again Richard threw himself into work and it wasn't long before the croft had several brand new homemade pigeon lofts which were closely followed by hen huts. He announced over tea one evening that two piglets were on their way, followed by another two. To Maggie's despair Richard named them Wilf, Wilma, Christine and Valerie, these last two after Maggie's sisters!

The early years at Newby Cote were very happy, being spent with their lovely neighbours Keith and Sheila Hall and the Harrison family, who made them feel very welcome. Manor House Cottage was never a quiet or dull place, there were always family members, friends and then grandchildren visiting. Everyone was made welcome and there was often a party or event taking place. Family members loved helping out with the animals and Richard's various ongoing projects.

Richard worked as the parish caretaker for a while, at which he excelled. Various tired benches were dragged into his workshop and came out with a new lease of life, gullies were cleared and road signs repaired. He always had to be chased to send out invoices: being paid was not as important to him as being involved in the community.

The first granddaughter, Holly, sadly lost her life at just 4 years old. This had a profound effect on the whole family. Richard dealt with this grief by throwing himself into fundraising for Candlelighters and the Forget Me Not

children's hospice. He undertook the Yorkshire Three Peaks walk not just once but twice. The sponsorship forms on the counter at Builder's Supply were full in no time as customers showed their respect to Holly, Richard and the family. His heart and soul went into the training and most evenings he walked from Newby Cote to the top of Ingleborough. He completed his challenge in a world record time, or at least that's what he told those that sponsored him. Richard continued his charity support by taking part with family members at the first Relay for Life event in Dubai in November 2017.

Richard's personality made Maggie happy, sad and at times cross. She despaired of him at times, he was so untidy she called him her 'dumper'. He had the bad habit of leaving his socks down the side of his special chair. Maggie remembers saying to Richard "that is it now, I'm leaving" Richard would say "see you, bye", only to end up laughing together minutes later.

Maggie feels so lucky to have loved and been loved by this wonderful man who made her life complete, terrific memories of family life and the happy times they shared together give her strength.

John Dawson

Castleberg Hospital to re-open

At a meeting on 8th May, the governing body of NHS Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) made the unanimous decision to renovate, refurbish and re-open Castleberg Hospital, which had been closed since April 2017. It followed a three-month consultation in which more than 1,600 people shared their views.

The governing body acknowledged the value of the feedback provided by the local community and thanked those who had shared their views as part of the public consultation.

Dr James Thomas, GP and clinical chair at NHS Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven CCG said: "The governing body carefully considered the views expressed in the public consultation, the rural geography of the local area, the safety of patients, the high quality of care required and the recommendation of the CCG's Clinical Executive Group." "We want to encourage people to get involved in the future development of Castleberg Hospital to ensure that it actively contributes to their health and wellbeing.

Anyone interested in taking part in work to develop services for Craven is invited to join the Craven Community Group, please email engage@awcccg.nhs.uk or call 01274 256072.

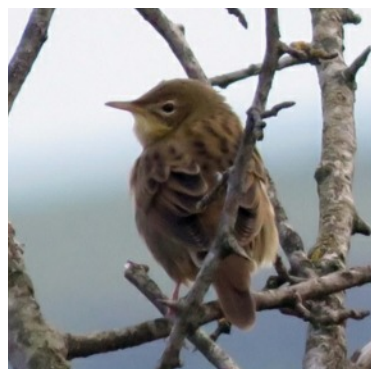
Keasden rainfall report

March 2017	March 2018
11.25" or 285.75mm	5.5" or 139.7mm
April 2017	April 2018
2" or 50.8mm	4.75" or 120.65mm

Wildlife in Clapham

Grasshopper Warbler – *Locustella Naevia*

The grasshopper warbler is a small secretive warbler which has olive brown upper parts and the under parts are pale buff in colour. What it lacks in colour it makes up for with



its song which has been likened to the mechanical sound made by an angler's fishing reel. Also, the Victorians, who named the bird, thought it sounded similar to the noise grasshoppers make, hence its English and Latin names. The grasshopper warbler is more likely to be heard reeling (that's the

name given to this bird's song) than seen. They tend to sit in deep cover and reel for minutes on end. If you are lucky, you might get a brief view of it as it moves through the undergrowth. Only the male sings, the female usually stays silent. The grasshopper warbler is a common summer visitor and breeder that nests in marshes, heaths, fens, thick scrub, young forestry plantations and overgrown gravel pits. Locally, I normally hear one reeling on Newby Moor but this year I have heard three males reeling, one on Hardacre Moss near Nutta Farm and two on Newby Moor (I only cover a small area of both these places so there could be more birds around the area). One of the Newby Moor birds was also seen and photographed sitting out in the open, reeling, on a small shrub. In nearly forty years of bird watching, this is the first time I have managed to get a photograph of a grasshopper warbler.

The first swallow to be seen locally was by Alan Price at Long Bank Farm on 6th April, the next was seen by Bernard Staveley at Tewit Hall Farm on 8th April, but with

Bulk oil buying scheme

A gentle reminder to those members of the above scheme who have not yet paid their £1 contribution towards the running costs of the project to please do so. The collection box can be found behind the counter at Clapham Village Store. Many thanks.

*Jill Buckler,
Clapham Sustainability Group*

Craven accordion orchestra

Craven accordion orchestra are returning to give another concert at St James' church on **Saturday June 30th** at 7.30pm. Tickets are £6, accompanied children free, and are available from Clapham Village Store, Liz Mason and on the door.

Liz Mason

cold weather dominating most of April our summer migrants were slow arriving back. The first house martin was seen over Clapham – 16th April and the first swift was seen over Ingleborough Hall – 27th April. As the weather started to warm up through May, migrants started arriving back. An early wood warbler was found at Ingleborough Hall on 16th April - I think this bird was moving through the local area as they don't breed on the nature trail any more.

Five male redstarts, and one female, were seen at Trow Gill on 27th April and one male pied flycatcher was seen also at Trow Gill – 8th May, this could possibly be the same male pied flycatcher that bred there last year. One cuckoo was seen flying up the old railway line towards Green Close, and about half an hour later two cuckoos were seen on wires on Newby Moor being mobbed by meadow pipits, and one of them was also cuckooing – 29th April.

Only one dotterel has been seen on Ingleborough this year so far, and that was on 8th May.

The warm weather during the middle of May has brought out quite a few butterflies, especially orange-tips. There have been a lot of both sexes of these flying around the grounds of Ingleborough Hall. Only the males have orange tips to the wings, the females have dark grey wing tips.

*Tim Hutchinson,
Smithy Cottage*

Rhubarb chutney

Ingredients

4lb rhubarb, trimmed and cut into small pieces
1lb onions, skinned and diced
2lb demerara sugar
1lb raisins
2 level teaspoons ground ginger
2 level teaspoons curry powder
1½ pints malt vinegar



Method

Place the rhubarb, onions, sugar, raisins, spices and ½ pint of the vinegar in a large, thick-based saucepan and cook gently until the rhubarb is soft and tender. Add the rest of the vinegar and continue cooking steadily, stirring occasionally until of a thick consistency. Pot into clean, warm jars and cover.

Great for using up any glut, and wonderful with cheese toast, mackerel or ham.

Recipe provided by Clapham with Horton W.I.

Then and now



Painting: Harold Hopps, Photo credit: Williamson Art Gallery & Museum



Photo: Andy Scott

In a bid to include the wider area, my “then” picture this time is a painting rather than an old photo.

It’s of Newby Cote and was painted in 1913 by Harold Hopps (1879 – 1967), though I’ve taken the liberty of a bit of ‘digital restoration’ to prepare it for inclusion as the original is badly spotted.

The scene today is somewhat more cluttered than 100 years ago, but perhaps the more obvious changes include the loss of the whole building on the left and the weathering away of the white lime wash on the central subject. It will be interesting to revisit this scene in ten years’ time as I’ve been told further changes are under consideration.

Andy Scott

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News from the farm - when summer comes ...

It's always a good sign when my heavy winter coat goes into the washer as it usually means that the weather is warm and sunny enough for me to risk it not being available for at least the next 24 hours. Pockets are emptied of everything from string to lamb bottles to nails and other items I considered lost months ago. I am sure the washing machine dreads the day but relishes the challenge. For good measure I might even change my socks...

Summer has had a struggle to arrive at Bleak Bank, but it has made it, as we always knew it would. The swallows have arrived, and they are very welcome. We leave various shed doors open to make it easier for them to find their long-standing nests. I like to think they are part of the fabric of the farm - as much as any of our livestock; if DEFRA find out we may be required to tag and record their movements. Last year, one pair had three hatchings. If only our other animals could reproduce at the same rate we could possibly make a living.

When the cows go out to grass it takes a certain amount of pressure off the farm, for instance we have to buy less feed and bedding. Cows can go a bit stiff living on concrete during the long winter months and I am sure they look forward to the spring turnout just as much as the peasant farmer. Early spring grass, known as "Doctor Green" on livestock farms, is as good as it gets for milk production and animal health. Watching cows run down the field for the first time in spring is every bit as satisfying as getting a question right on University Challenge, or the children leaving home.

The meadows have now been cleared and grass is growing nicely for harvesting sometime before the end of June, July, August or even September. This year we hope to make some hay, if the weather permits. Making small bales of hay, which are known as idiot bricks, ranks alongside lambing time when discussing ways to shorten

your life. Unlike silage, hay has to be completely dry before baling otherwise it rots when stored, meaning it goes mouldy and is harmful to animal and human health. In theory making dry hay is a simple three to four day process carried out in hot sunshine but in practice almost impossible due to us only getting two or occasionally two and a half days of good weather in a spell. Mother Nature's favourite trick is to wait until the hay is almost perfect and the baler is arriving in the field before giving it a good soaking. Once the hay has been rained on it is not possible to make it into the top-quality feed that it needs to be, especially as sheep are susceptible to listeria, a bacteria which lives in poorly made fodder and can cause abortion. The reason we like small bales is because they are convenient in winter for loading five or six into the quadbike trailer and heading off to the sheep.

Both shepherd and sheep are now recovering from the lambing season but as usual the work is ongoing. Lambs will be given a worm drench in the next month to keep them healthy as they begin to graze and pick up worm eggs. They are now at primary school age and have begun to venture away from mum but still within easy shouting distance. Sheep are never happier than when they drop dead but if possible, they do prefer to ail for a few days before expiring in the hope the shepherd will involve the vet and so incur expense. The vet is happy to help and will prescribe expensive medicine while rubbing his hands together and whistling "Money, money, money". Then sheep, shepherd and veterinary surgeon all await the inevitable outcome which takes two or three days. A wise old shepherd from Bleak Bank once pointed out, and I quote:

*"And then at last when summer comes
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You'll find one floating in a bog,
another one that's died."*

John Dawson



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