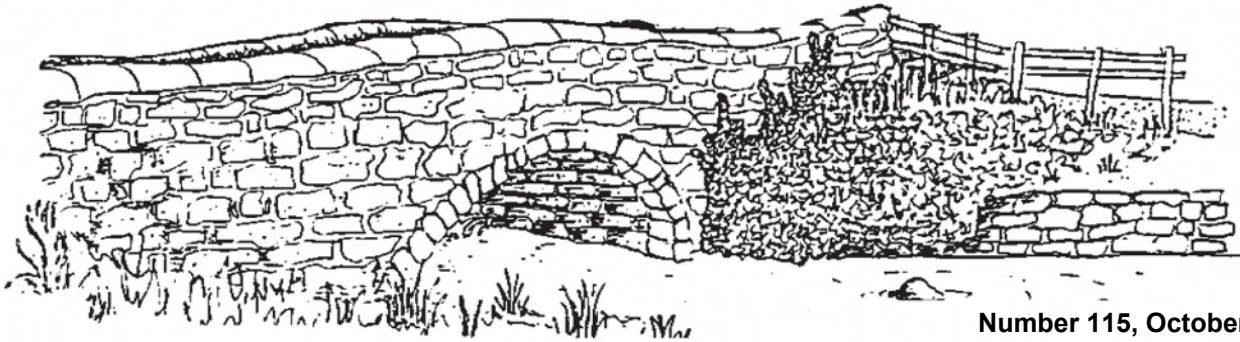


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



Number 115, October 2018

High speed broadband - it's only taken 14½ years

It seems quite clear that to have any hope of bringing broadband - high speed internet access - to Clapham in the near future, a local campaign group must be set up now. The Parish Council is willing to support a campaign group, and perhaps help with funding, but it was agreed that the campaign itself must be led and driven by potential users within the local community. Volunteers are asked to come forward to get a broadband campaign started.

Parish Council Meeting - 23rd March 2004



The Clapham newsletter of April 2004 reported with great enthusiasm the launch of the campaign to get high speed broadband. In October 2018 it can be declared that the campaign has finally been won.

In the 14 years since the campaign started, progress has not always been rapid. Just one month later, the newsletter reported with somewhat less enthusiasm: *"only four people have responded to a notice asking for volunteers"*.

The village of Clapham did indeed get better broadband, courtesy of government subsidy, but the rest of the parish was fated to be left decidedly in the 20th century.

Fortunately, a call from the Parish Council for one more effort was heeded and Clapham Hyperfast was launched to a packed meeting at the Village Hall in October 2014.

Volunteers were signed up by the dozen, landowners willingly gave permission to cross their fields and money was raised. Have faith, it was confidently declared: it will take a year to build our own broadband and we need to raise £75,000, but it *can* be done.

Four years later, and having raised over £300,000 from the local community, Clapham Hyperfast has shown that it could be done, albeit taking a bit longer and costing a touch more than first thought.

The sight of reels of orange duct tucked in the corner of fields and gardens has become familiar. Weary

volunteers have dug across fields and ghylls and bogs and concrete and flower beds to reach every single property in the parish. Each home and business now has the option of the fastest broadband; not in Craven, nor indeed in North Yorkshire but in the world.

The work started in March 2015 with Look North filming our 'breaking of the ground' ceremony at Bleak Bank. Progress was quite rapid as the cables were dug in from Four Stones, south of Bentham, to the first 'green cabinet' by St Matthew's Church in Keasden.

Appropriately, Clapham Woods Farm became the first home to be switched on in December that year. Appropriate as it had once been the home of Parish Councillor Nicola Saward who had given the project fresh impetus in 2013.

Summer 2016 saw the digging reach Clapham, Newby and out west towards Green Close and New Butts. The final phase in 2017 and this year, has been to reach the homes and businesses of the village itself.

Highlights of the project have included getting hyperfast broadband to some really quite difficult to reach spots: Ingleborough Cave, Keasden Head, Clapham Village Store - who knew there was a shallow sewer running by the village shop? We certainly didn't until the digger found it.

290 homes and businesses are being connected to Broadband for the Rural North and 190 now have the option to do so in the future. Almost 100% of residents in the remoter parts of the Parish have increased their broadband speeds, some are now hundreds of times faster than they were.

It's been very hard work but also very rewarding. A party will be held before Christmas to thank everyone involved. Fingers crossed, that'll be Christmas 2018.

*The Volunteers
Clapham Hyperfast Project*

Diary dates

October

Friday 5th, 10am-12 noon: MacMillan coffee morning at Hall Garth Barn, via Cross Haw Lane

Saturday 6th, 10am-12 noon: MacMillan coffee morning at NMC

Saturday 6th, 7pm: Miss out the Middle Course with John Dawson at VH

Wednesday 17th 7pm-8.30pm: Neighbourhood Planning at NMC

Saturday 20th, 10am-12 noon: Newsletter coffee morning at VH

Saturday 20th, 2pm-3.30pm: Neighbourhood Planning at KC

Sunday 21st, 10am-4.30pm: Book Fair at VH

Tuesday 23rd, 7.30pm: Parish Council meeting at VH

Friday 26th, 10am-12 noon: Children in Need Coffee Morning at VH

BC: Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, LA2 8DZ

CC: Clapham St James' Church, LA2 8DU

CS: Clapham Primary School, The Green, LA2 8EJ

KC: Keasden Church, LA2 8EU

November

Thursday 1st, 4.30pm-6.30pm: Autumn Event at the Village Shop

Friday 2nd, 7pm for 7.30pm: Quiz Night at VH

Saturday 3rd, 10.30am-12 noon: Neighbourhood Planning at VH

Sunday 11th, pm: Remembering the Armistice at CC

Sunday 11th, evening tbc: commemorative beacon at Bowland Knotts

Thursday 15th, 7.30pm: 'Wrong'Un' Red Ladder Theatre Production at VH

Saturday 17th, 10am-12.30pm: Church coffee morning at VH

Tuesday 20th, Newsletter deadline date, Christmas greetings deadline

Wednesday 28th, 7.30pm: Clapham Development Association AGM at 19 Dalesview

NMC: Newby Methodist Chapel, Newby LA2 8HT

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

Christmas Greetings

Our next issue will be the December one and, as usual, we'll be publishing a page of Christmas Greetings. If you'd like yours to be included then please complete the coupon below by **Tuesday 20th November**. It will cost you £5 – which is less than the cost of ten second class stamps and, frankly, we need the income to continue funding the newsletter production!

Please put your completed coupon in an envelope, along with the required fiver, write "Christmas Greetings" on the front of it and bring it along to the **Newsletter Coffee Morning on 20th October** or pop it through the letter boxes of either:

- Chrissie Bell, at 3 Gildersbank, or
- Andy Scott, at Clapham Station House
- Alternatively, you can put your sealed envelope in the Newsletter collection box at the Village Shop.

Christmas Greetings

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Clapham & District Newsletter Group

COFFEE MORNING

Village Hall

Saturday 20th October

From 10am to 12 noon

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"Christmas Greetings"

for December Issue

The newsletter group is holding its first Coffee Morning to raise funds to help allow us to move towards colour printing for 2019. We need your support!

If you would like to have a stall at this event, or would like to donate a tombola/raffle prize, then please contact the group via claphamnewsletter@gmail.com

Church news

John's Notes: Remembering

1918 seems a very long time ago. Yet at this anniversary time the families of the men of Clapham, Keasden and surrounding villages who fought in the First World War will feel close again to them. It's been fascinating reading Ken



Pearce and Ann Sheridan's document 'Clapham Answers the Call to Arms: The Men Who Enlisted in the First World War', and although I'm still new to the area there are quite a few surnames on that list of 76 which I recognise as being related to families still living here. Ken's research shows that 33 of those men died in the war, including some sets of brothers. Even at this distance we can reflect on the impact of the war on their families and those of the 45 who returned, each almost certainly carrying physical and spiritual scars. For so many, combatants and civilians, that war blew apart all sense of what it meant to be human, humane. Which is why, even at this long historical distance, it is good to remember. For remembering means putting back together. The Armistice Centenary invites us to look forward in search of how we can become human, humane again, after the great traumas of the Twentieth Century, which we're still living through.

The trauma of every war lasts decades, generations. Veteran Harry Patch was 100 before he began to talk about his time at the Western Front: "The First World War, if you boil it down, what was it? Nothing but a family row. ... It wasn't worth it. No war is worth it. No war is worth the loss of a couple of lives let alone thousands." The Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby recently said, "Contrary to the proverb, the past is not a different country, and we still do today many of the things that were done in the past ... that diminish human dignity."

This Armistice Centenary is an opportunity to celebrate peace - by which I don't mean simply the absence of armed conflict, or passive silence. I mean the 'shalom' / 'salaam' of the Judaeo-Christian-Islamic scriptures which envision human society, the non-human world, the whole environment in a completeness of well-being: in faith terms, the world as God intended it to be. This season of remembering invites us to translate that vision into action, to commit to 'learning war no more' and to consciously experimenting in building shalom together.

Revd John Davies, Priest in Charge

*john.davies@leeds.anglican.org. 01524 805928
More from John at bit.ly/johndavies-talks*

Church services & dates

Anglican Services in October

Sunday 7th

9.30 am - Austwick Holy Communion
11.00am - Clapham Harvest Festival
11.00am - Keasden Holy Communion
7.00pm - Eldroth Harvest Festival

Sunday 14th

9.30 am - Austwick Morning Prayer
11.00am - Clapham Holy Communion
2.00pm - Keasden Holy Communion
6.30pm - Austwick Holy Communion

Sunday 21st

11.00am - Austwick HC / Messy Church
11.00am - Clapham Holy Communion
7.00pm - Eldroth Evensong

Sunday 28th

9.30 am - Austwick Holy Communion
11.00am - Clapham Holy Communion
7.00pm - Keasden 'Songs of Praises'

Anglican Services in November

Sunday 4th

9.30am - Austwick Holy Communion
9.30am - Eldroth Holy Communion
11.00am - Clapham Holy Communion
11.00am - Keasden Holy Communion
6.30pm - Austwick All Saints Service

Sunday 11th

9.30am - Austwick Remembrance
10.45am - Clapham Remembrance
2.00pm - Keasden Remembrance
6.30pm - Austwick Holy Communion

Sunday 18th

9.30am - Austwick Holy Communion
11.00am - Clapham Holy Communion
7.00pm - Eldroth Taize Service

Sunday 25th

9.30 am - Austwick Holy Communion
11.00am - Clapham Holy Communion
7.00pm - Keasden Evensong

Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

Sundays:

Junior Church 10.15am, Services 11.00am & 6.30pm

Weekdays - October and November:

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 (9 years and up) at 7.30pm

Methodist Chapel, Newby

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



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School news



Welcome back to a brand new year at Clapham Primary and Nursery school! My name is Katherine Marshall and I am delighted to be taking on the role of Acting Headteacher for the near future. Over the past couple of weeks I have very much enjoyed getting to know our

families, staff, governors and the local community and beginning to plan some exciting developments and changes to move the school forward in the future. We are fortunate here at Clapham to have a small team of very dedicated and hardworking professionals who work tirelessly for the benefit of all the pupils and provide them with great learning opportunities and a high level of nurture and pastoral care.

It was lovely to welcome the children back on September 5th and we also welcomed two new families to the school. The new children are already settling in and I'm sure will be very happy at Clapham. We have already had a busy couple of weeks! On 12th September the whole school celebrated Roald Dahl Day when both classes worked on themed activities relating to the famous author's stories. The following day the whole school travelled to the Westmorland County Show where everyone had a fantastic time learning about a variety of animals and the countryside.

This week music lessons have started with several children learning a variety of musical instruments from Jo Williams and also the accordion from Harry Hinchcliffe, who visited assembly on Friday and played some lovely tunes for us! Class 2 have embarked on their Wider Opportunities Music programme which allows all children to learn a musical instrument. I am certainly looking forward to an ensemble performance from them towards the end of term! Also Class 2 has taken part in the Inter Schools' Cross Country event at Ingleton School. We are very keen to increase the amount of sport the children take part in alongside children from our neighbouring schools. Swimming lessons begin this week with all children from Reception to Y6 taking part.

After school clubs are now underway with drama, gardening and multi-sports and on Friday we are looking forward to welcoming Ingleton Library staff to present the awards for the Summer Reading Challenge to pupils in our weekly Celebration and Praise assembly.

It has been a pleasure to begin the new term with so much going on and I know there will be plenty more to celebrate as the term progresses. To obtain further information about the school and capture more information about what is happening currently please visit www.claphamcofeschool.co.uk.

We are currently looking to employ a caretaker and cleaning staff for the school. We have 10 hours of cleaning available and 5 hours per week of caretaking. If you may be interested in either of these roles please contact the school directly on 015242 51371 or admin@clapham.n-yorks.sch.uk

*Katherine Marshall,
Acting Headteacher*

The joys of harvest

Well it has come to that time of year again when we get to enjoy the fruits of our labour (quite literally).

We have some beautiful seasonal fruit, salads and vegetables grown just a stone's throw from your door. We also have some other locally grown Lancashire heritage fruit. Storm Ali has shaken the bows of many trees including our fruit trees at GWG and has given us a slightly earlier than intended harvest. But that is what working with nature is all about.



Thanks to the heat this summer we also have sweet peppers that have turned red – the first time since Growing with Grace started 20 years ago! Now that has got to be worth a trip over the road to come and check out our spoils. Visit our website at www.growingwithgrace.org.uk

Kate Wilding

Remembering the Armistice

Like most communities in the country, Clapham will be remembering the 100th anniversary of the Armistice marking the end of World War One. On Sunday November 11th the usual service will take place at church, with people gathering before 11 a.m. to mark the 2 minutes silence.

The bells will ring, half muffled, leading up to 11 a.m. However, after that the bells will ring 'open' for a period during the afternoon as part of the 'Ringing for Peace' initiative.



The church itself will be decorated for the occasion. You may be aware that hundreds of poppies have been knitted and these, combined with other displays and arrangements in

church, will make it well worth a visit.

During the afternoon we will be serving teas to raise funds for the poppy appeal and there will also be an opportunity to join in a singalong of World War One songs. More details will come through your letterbox!

Sue Mann

Village Hall Notice Board

Clapham Art Group



Tuesday Evening

Linda Clemence
01729 823767

Parish Council

4th Tuesday
Evening of the month at 7.30 p.m.



Nigel Harrison 51165 or njhar1957@gmail.com

Unfortunately, the Thursday Dru Yoga class is no longer running.

Please watch this space for a possible replacement.

Whist

Friday Evenings
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Elsie Morphett
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Village hall news

Hooray! We have new sealed units glazing in the hall windows, so no more steaming up. The roof should have been done by now, but we have been promised that it will be done very shortly, and the new heating installation is expected on 25th September so, we hope, by the time you receive this newsletter the hall will be warm and dry.

There is still the decorating to do, so we continue our drive to raise a bit more cash, but I must thank all of you who have supported our events and especially Kevin McSherry who very generously gave the bar profits and donations from his recent CD launch party to the hall, raising over £200.

The CD is excellent: all the original songs are written and performed by Kevin and the local accompaniment makes for a very professional sounding piece of work.

Thanks also to Sue Mann who has done a brilliant job in getting financial support.

Coming up we have on **Friday, 2nd November** our **'Fantastic Village Hall Quiz'**. I am sure tickets will be in great demand, so be sure to get yours soon – either from the shop, Lorraine Wildman, or from me on jackieanddavid@yahoo.com



*Kevin and Co in full flow at his CD launch party
Photo: Angie Martin*

In conjunction with the church, on **Thursday, 15th November** there will be a production of **'Wrong 'Un'** - a one woman play by Leeds-based Red Ladder Theatre Company that has had very good reviews. See notices for both of these elsewhere in this issue.

The Tennis Club/court is now fully up and running. We have equipment for loan and the New Inn is doing a sterling job of managing the bookings. We appreciate the special help from Maria Farrer in obtaining the equipment and getting things going and also that from Bernard who made the court usable and continues to maintain it.

Keep checking the community diary on www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk for all future events and especially those that take place in the hall.

Finally thank you all for the good wishes and support during the last few months whilst I have had my hands pretty full caring for Jackie and sorting out our move to the new house.

David Kingsley

Keasden harvest

Keasden Church held their annual Harvest Supper and Domino Drive at Hammond Head on Saturday 15th September.



*Domino Drive
Photo: Andy Scott*

Revd John Davies concluded the evening with the rendering of his poem about his coming to the Yorkshire countryside, which was very well received by all. Thanks were given to all those who attended and to John Casson for allowing his barn to be used for this popular annual event.

Settle Photographic Group Diary

October's Meetings are FREE to visitors. Come and see whether SPG is for you! All meetings are at Townhead Court Settle, at 19:30, except for visits which are as stated.

- Mon 1 Oct - **An Evening with the YPU President** the current President of the Yorkshire Photography Union.
- Mon 15 Oct - **A look at the 2018 YPU Exhibition**
A chance to see some of the pictures selected for this year's exhibition. **Gallery:** 'Photos in the style of . . .'
- Thu 18 Oct - **Visit - Grass Wood** - 10.30 Grass Wood near Grassington. Grass Wood is an area of mixed woodland offering scope for a variety of nature pictures. There might even be some autumn colours!
- Mon 5 Nov - **Life – A talk by Dave Mason**
Dave visited us in November 2017 when he gave us an excellent evening talking about his street photography. What will his approach to 'Life' be?
- Mon 19 Nov - **Print Competition**
Another chance to show off your best pictures and printing skills.
- Wed 21 Nov - **Visit – Linton (nr Grassington)** 10.30 To be arranged. Linton is a delightful Dales village and a good place for photography. Possible subjects include the church, the falls on the Wharfe, and the village with its attractive bridge.

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Village Hall Quiz

A Stuart Marshall Production in association with the Village Hall Committee and the village

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Clapham Village Hall



7pm for 7-30
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Then and now



Photo: courtesy of Colin Price



Photo: Andy Scott

Whilst the village school is moving forwards under its new temporary head Katherine, it's worth remembering that in days past it was not the only one in the district! This pair of photos show the school at Keasden. The earlier one, taken it is thought in the 1870s, shows the pupils of the day posing just outside its front wall. The house is now a private dwelling and has been both extended and "turned about", such that the current house front is the former rear of the building.

I would love to receive more "Then" photos that readers might be prepared to share. Whilst there are plenty of "picture postcard" style images of the village centre still to go at, I'm short of ones of the more outlying areas and, especially, of the farms which, over the years, have woven such a thread through our community.

If you have any old photos then please do get in touch – claphamnewsletter@gmail.com

Andy Scott

Parish Council news

Clapham cum Newby Parish Council met on the evening of 25th September, 2018, Councillor Dawson taking the chair owing to the unavoidable absence of Councillor Price.

The Council noted that blocked drains on Church Avenue, Clapham, potholes on Keasden Road and an issue with regard to the appearance of brown tourist signs in the parish had been raised with North Yorkshire County Council. Further, contractors had been informed of a defective street light in Newby. Lastly, a parishioner's complaint in relation to frequent inconsiderate parking blocking an access to the beck-side on Church Avenue, Clapham was considered but it was concluded that there was no ready remedy beyond the signs already in place advising people to park considerately.

A complaint from a parishioner that the A65 underpass was difficult to access with a pushchair because of a severe step at the gate on the Clapham Village side was considered and the Council agreed to place the matter on the agenda for the next meeting for appropriate work to be authorised. The Council also noted that the steps to the notice board at Keasden crossroad had still not been repaired and agreed that a further approach be made to the responsible party.

Updates were received in relation to the Hyperfast Broadband Project, Neighbourhood Planning and the Community Emergency Plan.

The Council went on to consider a proposed commemorative beacon to mark the end of the First World War. It decided that permission would be sought to hold the same at Bowland Knotts on 11th November, 2018.

The Council approved a donation of £180 to the Newsletter to be finalised at the next meeting.

In relation to planning matters, the Council supported applications for variation of previously approved plans for works at Hall Garth, Clapham. It also supported applications for development at Clapham Railway Station, to include ticket machines and information screens, and to display interpretation signs and fingerpost signs on the Nature Trail. It was noted that permission had been granted by the National Park Authority to remove an oak tree on Clapdale Way, Clapham and to place map board signs at three locations in Clapham Village. The Council was also made aware of an appeal against a refusal of permission to retain the farmhouse at Woodgill Farm and noted that its initial comments would be passed to the relevant authority. Correspondence had also been received in relation to development at the sidings adjacent to Clapham Station. The Council concluded that there was nothing about the development that contravened permission already granted.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village hall on Tuesday **23rd October** 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

For more information on the work of the parish council visit the parish council page at www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk Information on the website includes a list of councillors, their contact details, councillors' interests and minutes of past meetings.

Wildlife in Clapham

Late July through to early September is usually the quiet period for our local birds. Most will have finished breeding and raising their young, they will then stop singing or calling, moult their old feathers for new ones and start fattening up ready for the winter or for the long migration south. Most of the waders (lapwings, oystercatchers, curlews and redshanks) had finished raising young and moved to the coast by the end of July. A large flock of lapwings were seen around the Crook Beck and Newby Moor area on 1st September.

Willow warblers and chiffchaffs seem to have had a good breeding season, as quite a lot of young birds have been seen around the local area. Most of the willow warblers had left the local area by the end of August: two were seen at Riverbank Cottage on 1st September, and one was heard calling at Clapham on 9th September. Chiffchaffs stay around a bit longer and some can still be heard singing well into September.

A pair of spotted flycatchers have bred successfully at Chrissie Bell's house. I don't know how many young they had, but Chrissie told me she saw them being fed by the adults. The only other spotted flycatchers I have seen recently were two at Ingleborough Hall on 7th September.

The swifts were last seen over Clapham on 3rd August, but one was found with a large flock of swallows and house martins over Ingleborough Hall on 23rd and 25th August. Large flocks of these birds were still being seen around the local area up to the middle of September.

From mid August I have been operating a portable 12 volt moth trap outside my back door and in the first three weeks I have caught, photographed and released 62 species of moths. Two of those 62 species were new to me and several species were new to me for the Clapham area. It is amazing what flies around during the night and is only seen with either car head lights or caught in a moth trap.



Great crested newt
Photo: Tim Hutchinson

Another new species for me was found by Alison Wildman at Ingleborough Hall on 11th September. She had found a large dead newt at the back door of the hall: I took some photos of it and, after some research, it was identified as a great crested newt. Great crested newts prefer deep water so it is most likely to have come from the lake and was looking for somewhere to hibernate for the winter at the hall.

*Tim Hutchinson,
Smithy Cottage*

What do you want for Clapham?

Let's be honest, Clapham-cum-Newby Parish is a wonderful place to live. But how can we preserve that character, and could we make it even better?

People normally associate planning regulations and policy with extensions, new build projects, transport solutions and the like. Understandably, unless you're involved with that type of thing, normal folk tend to run a mile at the mere mention of planning.



But did you know, planning policy can also be used to enhance local areas? One way to do this is to put in place a Neighbourhood Plan – and we thought it was high time that our parish got one.

The thing is, we need your help to create an appropriate plan. If you live, work or own property in the parish – your opinions will shape what goes into it.

Why bother?

Quite simply, a Neighbourhood plan carries some legal clout. Once we've created it, it will be adopted by the community and become part of the wider Local Plan.

The subject matter could include housing, design, roads, transport, environment, leisure, communications, employment... the priorities are up to you.

Importantly, the plan will have to be taken into account for any new planning applications. In short, it will give you, the local community, a way to positively shape Clapham.

Tell us what you think

We are now at the stage of the Neighbourhood Plan process where we want you to tell us what to include.

To make this easy, we'd like to invite you to join us at one of the meetings listed below.

- 7pm to 8.30pm Wednesday 17th October at Newby Methodist Church
- 2pm to 3.30pm Saturday 20th October at Keasden Church
- 10.30am to 12.00pm Saturday 3rd November at Clapham Village Hall

We hope that reading this will have inspired you to think about what you want for Clapham. If so, then come along to any of the events listed above and provide us with your insights.

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News from the farm - Michaelmas musings

As we hurtle into October the dark mornings are here and the rechargeable torch is now needed to help find the cows in the morning. The annual sheep sales are in full swing and the gimmer lamb (teenage girls) sales are already finished.

This year has been a disappointing trade mostly due to the dry weather in the south which has meant shortage of grass. No grass - no need to buy sheep. In some cases the average has been down as much as £30 per lamb which, if you have 150 to sell, is a significant dent in the annual income. It will mean some farms having a long conversation with the bank manager. As I said to the nice young lady from Barclays "what's the point in having a limit if we never get to it?" Incidentally,

is it me or are bank managers as well as vicars getting younger?

Next on the list are the draft ewes. These are sheep which are approaching middle age, the equivalent of slightly pre-menopausal. Usually they have had three or possibly four crops of lambs meaning their best years are behind them (see what I mean).

Living on a mountain such as Ingleborough is a place for young sheep, so we sell the drafts to lowland farms where they can have a few more years of productive life and get to look at Ingleborough from a distance.

The final act in the sale season is that of the tups (rams). These are boys of various ages. A shearling tup is a bit like a university student, young, full of knowledge and enthusiasm but needs an opportunity to prove it. An old tup is similar to Hugh Grant, been there and done it but slightly arthritic and less inclined to work. We have twelve tups on our farm right across the age range. Our general policy is to buy youth but we have to like the pedigree and the tup.

A day at the tup sale is one of the highlights of the farming calendar. Everything from watching the judging and trying to find the tup to improve our flock that we hope no one else has spotted, to having coffee with sheep



breeders who we might see only at the autumn sales is both enjoyable and challenging.

This summer we have managed to make some hay which is something we have failed to do for the last two years mostly due to the weather. As expected the baling machine got twice round the field before chewing up a bearing on the powershaft and giving up the ghost. Luckily the weather was so settled that the usual cardiac arrest was averted, and a good neighbour was able to finish the job.

Having mother nature helping make the hay saves a lot of time and fuel not to mention life shortening stress, she was a very welcome helper. It is difficult to describe the satisfaction of well-made hay and the sweet smell of it that wafts across the farmyard. But the children leaving home comes pretty close.

A huge thank you to all who came to, and helped with, the BBQ in August. It was great to see so many friends and neighbours at the farm. Even the rain failed to dampen enthusiasm and a handy sum was raised for the tiny church on the green in Newby.

Another date for the diary is the Macmillan coffee morning in that same church on the green on Saturday 6th October 10am till 12, all welcome to help raise money for a very worthy cause. I don't think anything else is happening that day...

John Dawson



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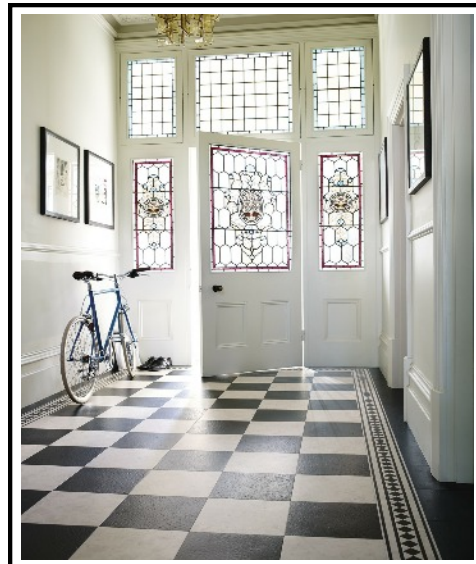
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Violence in Clapham

Have you ever witnessed violence in our village, real violence resulting from a complete loss of self control? If your answer is no then you have never looked over our garden gate when I am using the hosepipe. I have come to realise that hosepipe is really malicious with a will of its own and a determination to cause maximum humiliation. I unfurl it calmly, begin to irrigate the garden and am lulled into a false sense of security by the gentle sound of water and then, without warning, the flow stops. The first kink has developed. I look over the pipe and cannot see where the problem lies because it is never obvious. Invariably it is under a bush and when I find it I batter the kink into submission and it then releases water either into my shoe or, worse still, down the front of my trousers so that passers-by, curious about the angry shouts, lean over our gate and assume that I am crying out because I have wet myself. Do you imagine that hosepipe kinks for people like Ken Pearce, Barry Webster or Eddie Braithwaite? Of course not. It's personal.

I first realised that the whole world of machinery and practical activities was against me at the age of six. Miss Wright told our class that she had obtained some coloured paper and glue so that we could do hand work and make a house. This was supposed to be a huge treat because paper, especially coloured paper, was very expensive and in extremely short supply in 1946, just after the war. My heart sank. She drew on the blackboard the pattern for folding, cutting and gluing and we set to work. My paper would not fold and the glue would not stick. I applied more glue, making the paper soggy and less workable. I wiped a tear of frustration from my eye and got glue in. I wiped my nose with the back of my hand and got glue up my nose. By this time my precious coloured paper resembled a tissue retrieved from the bottom of the washing machine after a full cycle. Meanwhile the girl sitting next to me was smiling with self satisfaction because she had made a perfect mini-Wimpey home and was smirking with contempt at my tears and incompetence.

When self-service petrol pumps were first introduced I would drive for miles to avoid them and find a garage where I was served by a human being. However, when we were on holiday in Somerset in 1970 there was a strike which meant that many garages ran out of fuel. We set off for an evening meal at a friend's house knowing that we had to fill up and I discovered to my horror that the only garage open was self-service. I muttered quietly the odd word of mild disappointment and was told by Barbara that if I calmed down and followed the instructions patiently I probably had enough brains to achieve success. I stopped at the pump and as I did so another car, full of spectators, pulled up close behind thus increasing my potential embarrassment. The first instruction was to insert a £1 note in the tray, enough for about three gallons in those days and it then informed me that I had just two minutes to complete the process. Panic! It said I had to remove the pump from the holster so I looked in vain for a nearby cowboy with a gun but Barbara suggested that a holster was probably the name for the socket where the end of the hose rests. As I removed the

pipe I realised that I had pulled up on the wrong side of the pump. There was no time to move the car so I frenziedly dragged the pipe out as far as it would go, dashed round the rear and discovered that the pipe would not quite reach so I fired the petrol furiously from about four inches range. Some of it went in the tank but most of it splashed over my shoes and trousers. My perfume that night was Shell No.5.

Twenty years later on holiday in Devon we returned to a remote rural car park just as the light was fading. Ominously ours was the only car left. The exit was via a barrier with a horizontal bar which lifted when you put your money in. I put my money in and nothing happened. I tried another coin and achieved the same result. Swearing at the wretched mechanism did not make it work either so I put my shoulder under the barrier and lifted violently. Barbara was unsure whether I would have a hernia before a heart attack or vice-versa so she recommended patience and yet another coin. Still the barrier stubbornly refused to budge so we faced the prospect of being stuck for the night several miles from nowhere in an era before mobile phones. At this point I was boiling with rage so I not only swore at the machine but I battered it with the side of my fist. There was an unusual noise before the barrier went up and I dropped the jackpot. The whole day's takings spewed out all over the ground. At that time I used to be a headteacher so I told the story in assembly and then asked the pupils what I should have done with the money. There were some predictable suggestions but the virtuous and good approved when I told them that we gave it all to Multiple Sclerosis research.

There is occasionally some happiness to be derived from my lifelong hatred of all things practical. Centuries ago we ordered a new kitchen which was delivered in flat packs. We spread it out on the lawn on a beautiful summer morning and I steeled myself for a day of frustration and fury. I asked our 13 year old son, James, if he would give us a hand and he said that he would, on one condition. He insisted that I must stay well out of the way so that he could do it with his mum. After screaming with joy I spent the day watching a test match on TV and he embarked on a task which eventually led to a career as a joiner.

I love it when people seek my advice. Betty Dinsdale would call round occasionally in the mistaken belief that I was a TV expert and I would go round to restore subtitles or tell her that she was using the wrong remote. One day I saw a villager struggling to find the bonnet release catch in his car. When I had located it and opened up I realised that he was not sure which container was for brake fluid and which was for windscreen wash. He thanked me for my help and laughed when I said that he had made my day because I had always thought I was the most hopeless man in Western Europe at practical tasks but now I knew someone even more clueless. I would never reveal his identity of course because I am far too discreet. After a short conversation he drove off to London to write another play.

Stuart Marshall

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We also recently celebrated ten years of support from players of People's Postcode Lottery. Over the last decade we've received more than £1.6 million from players, which has transformed us as a charity and enhanced all aspects of our work. We'd like to say a huge thank you to all staff and players of People's Postcode Lottery for this fantastic



long-term, flexible funding which allows us to continue to deliver inspirational projects that make a big difference to the people, landscape and wildlife of the Yorkshire Dales.

Our rural apprenticeship programme is one such initiative, and we recently welcomed a new group of 10 local young people to the scheme. It's a chance to continue to live and work in the Dales, whilst learning how to manage and conserve this special landscape. Thanks to a combination of hands-on work placements, college study and specialist training courses, 85% of our young apprentices go on to full time employment or further education.

We are grateful to National Lottery players for supporting these apprenticeships, which form part of our Stories in Stone programme, mainly funded by the Heritage Lottery Fund, and our Green Futures programme, funded by the Big Lottery Fund.

Upcoming events:

- Choral concert with Cantores Salicium: 14th October, 3pm, Kirkby Malham Church. £10 (U16's free).
- Guided Salmon Walk: 23rd October, 10am, Stainforth. Suggested donation £15.

To find out more visit www.ydmt.org, call 015242 51002, email info@ydmt.org or pop into the office Mon-Fri 9am-5pm.

Sarah Pettifer

'Hooray' I'm back in Clapham!

To my many friends, I'm back at home, that is our new perfect home. David has worked tirelessly to make the new bungalow work for me and my wheelchair.

I'm pretty well in myself but still need to strengthen my legs and practise using those crutches.

Settle Swimming Pool and staff have made it possible for me to get my hydro-therapy as often as I want.

The rest is up to me.

THANK YOU ALL for being so thoughtful and caring.

Jackie Kingsley

Fresh tomato soup



Ingredients

- 50g (2oz) butter or margarine
- 175g (6oz) onion – finely sliced
- 900g (2lb) tomatoes
- 45g (3 level tbsp) plain flour
- 900ml (1.5 pts) chicken stock
- 30g (2 level tbsp) tomato puree
- 2.5g (½ tsp) dried basil or 5g (1 tsp) chopped fresh basil
- 150ml (¼ pt) single cream
- salt and pepper
- *1 tbsp = 15ml

Method

1. In a saucepan, melt butter and gently fry onions until golden brown.
2. Wipe and halve tomatoes, scoop out the seeds into a sieve placed over a bowl.
3. Press the seeds to remove all the pulp and juice. Reserve the pulp and juice and discard the seeds.
4. Stir the flour, stock, herbs and seasoning into the onions, mixing well. Bring to the boil stirring all the time.
5. Add the tomatoes, pulp and juice, cover the pan and simmer gently for 30 minutes.
6. Cool slightly, puree the soup in a blender, strain into a clean pan and reheat. Check seasoning.
7. Ladle into bowls, swirl a little cream through each bowl and serve.

Recipe provided by Clapham with Horton W.I.

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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 **December**. **Copy deadline: 20 November.**

Items should be around 300 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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Steam update

Whilst we might look back on the sunny, warm and dry days of summer with some regret now, the recent weather has at least meant that steam locomotives in the area have at last been able to run without the assistance of the diesel engines that were being used to reduce the risk of grass fires



Designed by William Stanier and built in September 1942, Class 8F no. 48151 heads the "Brief Encounter" through Clapham, her 76th birthday treat perhaps?
Photo: Andy Scott

from stray sparks. But the end of the summer holidays has also meant that the main season for excursions is behind us and we are seeing reduced numbers of steam loco movements through the station.

However, that trend was bucked on Saturday 15th September when the year's first revenue earning steam train passed through. The "Brief Encounter Steam Special" was on a circular tour out from Carnforth and passed through on its homeward leg from Hellifield with un-named class 8F no 41851 in charge. This loco has been seen on a number of occasions over the summer when moving to and from duties on the Settle and Carlisle line, but always facing backwards and with a single support carriage (and often its accompanying diesel!) so it was good to see it facing forwards again.

Over the next couple of months, the only steam we are likely to see will be locos heading over to Hellifield for the now-reduced numbers of Settle and Carlisle excursions which are now mostly moving to selected Wednesdays and Saturdays (10th, 13th, 17th, 20th and 30th October) plus a proposed "double-headed" excursion on 10th November. The end of November will also see the start of a series of three "Santa Special" circular tours which should, again, see revenue earning steam through the station.

Andy Scott

Life and death in Clapham

On Saturday 22nd September, 30 to 40 people in Clapham village hall struggled to read ancient handwriting. It was the Clapham Wills exhibition, showing two years' work by local volunteers and tutors, who had read and analysed the oldest surviving wills from the ancient parish of Clapham.

The wills had been tracked down in Preston and Wakefield. There were 104 wills, 130 inventories and a few other items left by 162 individuals. All had been written between 1541 and 1603, the time of the Tudor monarchs, in the difficult script of the time. We spent hours poring over strange hieroglyphics, unfamiliar spellings and new words.

They told of a time when every man in Clapham and Austwick was a farmer. Most ran stock farms, some mixed and a few arable. Some also worked as tradesmen - wallers, carpenters, wainwrights, websters (weavers) and a 'lether dyghter' (tanner). Few women left a will but widows were entitled to a place in the house plus a third of the man's goods. Most farms belonged to the Lord of the Manor. People left strange sounding items - brandreths, cressets, gavelockes, heckells, lletthes, pigons, spykute quies, recontrees, shoate swyn, whisterkes. Oxen were yoked to pull the wooden plough with its iron coulter. Hemp and flax were grown as well as bygg



(barley), oats, peas and beans. Among the wealthiest men were Christopher Proctor, the vicar, and Thomas Proctor of Austwick Hall. Many farms had names familiar to us today and a few of the family surnames are still to be found in the area.

Full reports have been distributed to those who did the work, to regional libraries and record offices and are available on-line at www.dalescommunityarchives.org.uk. This project was sponsored by the Heritage Lottery Fund, YDMT and Stories in Stone.

Ken Pearce

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10th Anniversary exhibition

Settle Photographic Group's Tenth Anniversary exhibition was a great success with more than 350 people visiting Clapham Village Hall over the August Bank Holiday weekend. Visitors came from far and wide and some visit year after year as they enjoy it so much.



*Cutting the celebratory cake
Photo: Rod Smith*

The four Chairs, past and present, opened the evening by giving a short explanation of things they had discovered about photography through the group, and now members have a challenge to create pictures using a new technique before next year's exhibition.

There was a good crowd of both members and friends at the opening evening - a chance to admire the images, socialise and enjoy a piece of the delicious cake which Sue Best had made for the occasion.

Visitors had the chance to vote for their favourite photograph. This year, the three most popular were:

Le Roi des Pecheurs by David Crutchley,
Heading North by John Cooper-Smith, and
Winter Steam at Dentdale by Rod Smith

Everyone was thoroughly impressed by what they saw – many leaving comments on how good the exhibition was.

Gill Pinkerton

Keasden rainfall report

July 2017	July 2018
8.25" or 209.55mm	4.25" or 101.60mm
August 2017	August 2018
7.5" or 190.50mm	7.25" or 184.15mm

SAD till the curlew returns

SAD (Seasonal Affective Disorder) was described in 1984 by a doctor who'd moved from Johannesburg to New York. Roughly, it's a seasonal pattern of lethargy, sleepiness, depressed mood, possibly carbohydrate craving, eased by morning exposure to daylight or intense simulated daylight.

Winter sluggishness, a nod towards hibernation, might make some historical sense. Social isolation in winter may contribute. The concept of SAD is disputed, but resonates with many people in our latitudes.

I was a medical student when clocks stayed permanently on BST, 1968-71: I was taught that levels of depressive illness fell. We understand snippets about body rhythms and observe serious health detriments in night workers. We've coined the fancy adjective "circadian", which means approximately a day.

My friend Wikipedia suggests SAD affects 1.4% of people in Florida but as many as 9 or 10% in Northern Finland or Alaska. Estimates vary widely. Icelanders living in Canada appear less affected than others around them, possibly because they continue to eat loads of fish, also rich in vitamin D.

Thirty years of SAD are real enough to me. A 1993 episode helps me remember how intense it used to be. On a family trip to The Gambia that June we visited Action Aid projects. Afterwards, we arranged a fundraising beard shave at work. I insisted that shaving day be delayed till after Christmas, with this unspoken motive: if folk gave money to see our chins, I'd feel an obligation to stay alive through the worst of that SAD season.

I knew I should buy a daylight simulating light, but it seemed such an effort. A kind colleague ordered one on my behalf in 1994. It was a revelation.

Unless I'm somewhere sunny (sorry, Clapham) SAD arrives mid-August. Though still summer, loss of day length gathers pace. I'm writing on 11 September: a week from today, sunrise in Clapham arrives 12 minutes later, sunset 18 minutes earlier. SAD sneaks in, tries to take over my life.

I push myself to get outdoors or sit facing the sun, when I crave only sleep and carbohydrates. Sunset will relent with the turn of the year. Colder may be brighter. SAD will melt away when the curlew has returned.

In August 2015 my wife tried a free BBC app called "Couch to 5K". We aren't sporty and I call myself a technosaur. I tagged along: we walked, then ran, our knees complained. Exercise came to stay, whether it's a SAD day or not. I manage without the antidepressants that used to help a bit. If it's extra gloomy I use a SAD light, but mostly I seek out morning light, and walk.

Suicide is the commonest cause of death of men aged 20 to 49 in England. Nobody should die needlessly of silence or shame, be it of body (lump, bleeding, pain) or mind.

Rodney

There is the possibility of a new yoga class (vinyasa yoga) in the Village Hall, perhaps on a Friday, if there is sufficient support. If you are interested in joining, or would just like more information, please email Susanne at bookings@chirpyoga.com

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