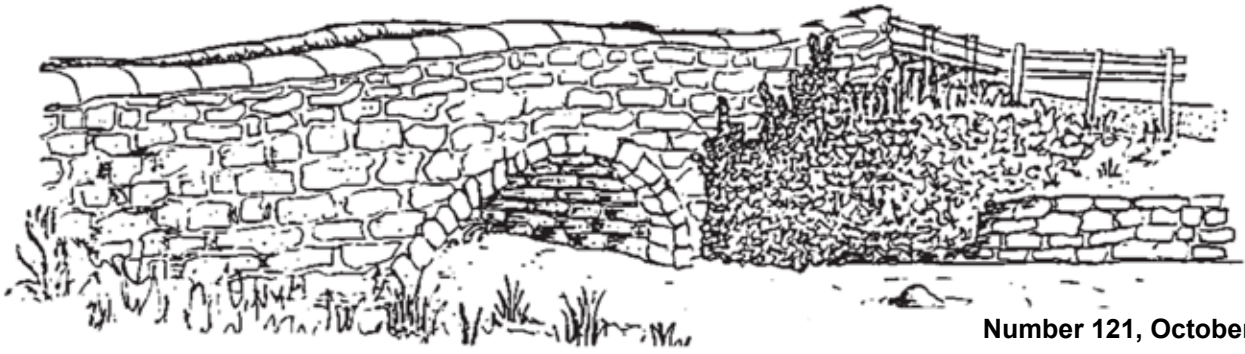


CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



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News from the farm

Only a few weeks ago William went to the auction mart in Penrith to buy our new bull. He is a fifteen-month-old dairy shorthorn (the bull, not William) born and bred on a farm in Northumberland and with a pedigree longer than the Brexit saga. His full name is Breckney Wild Reiver but we have shortened this to "Billy" for ease of management. He is now living in a field with 10 heifers and learning his trade, though so far he appears shy but friendly (like me). Cows come into season every three weeks: it is four weeks since he went into the field and, usually, the first sign of a young bull doing his job is the heifers stop coming into season. These ladies are a little older than we like them to be because the search for a bull went on longer than anticipated. Consequently they are quite well grown, and he is not, but so far, he appears up for the challenge. Later in the year we will find him something a bit younger. We hope the heifers will have their first calf at just over two years of age but the old saying "if they're big enough they're old enough" is relevant here.

The bull serves the heifers which are to be first time mothers, but we artificially inseminate the adult dairy cattle. With modern technology it is possible to use sexed semen on our better cow families. This means they have heifer calves so, in theory at least, the herd improves. Bull semen companies are very competitive and they do their best to be original. One company calls their sexed semen "Sexation": brilliant. They produce much merchandise advertising this fact. I remember being in the ring at Bentham selling a newly calved cow a little while ago and the auctioneer wondered if the logo on my cap was referring to my new nickname...



By October the farm begins to look distinctly autumnal, particularly if the weather deteriorates. The swallows have gone to sunnier climes, leaves begin to drift down off the trees and clarty gateways threaten to suck the wellies off unsuspecting peasant farmers as they follow the cows in for milking. It's about now that thoughts begin turning towards

winter housing and the building repair jobs, that were discussed when the cows went out into warm sunshine in early May, suddenly arrive at the top of the list. Everything from doors that won't shut to leaky waterpipes that are turned off at the stop tap and broken feed barriers, it's enough to bring on a mild panic.

The sheep sales are rattling through with mixed results. Sale averages (trade) appear to be similar to last year for the gimmer

(female) lambs. Some shepherds are happy with this but to others it's enough to drive them to a suicide pact with the faithful collie. It isn't always easy to see what affects the market place. One reason may be the better lambing time weather and more lambs being reared. Another could be the supply of grass around the country or even the general uncertainty in the farming world, which isn't unusual but does add to the interest.

A big thank you to all who helped and contributed in any way to the BBQ in the barn back in August to make it such an enjoyable community event.

On Saturday 5 October, in the church on the green in Newby from 10am till 12, there will be a Macmillan Coffee Morning. Please pop along and support this very worthy cause. Help is also welcome...

John Dawson



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The Sustainability Group: Talking about the past – and the present

The table was different but coming together round it was lovely and familiar. Each of us brought back with us memories of so many evenings, sparking ideas off each other, laughing, sharing, planning. Our gathering this particular evening was prompted by the before-long departure of Don Gamble and his family from Clapham, enticed by the bright lights of Settle. We wanted to salute the huge contribution of Don's indefatigable energy and expertise – and to do a little mellow reflecting.

It was a casual conversation between staff at Growing With Grace and members of the Sustainability Group that led, some years ago, to the Group's first major venture: the 'Biodiesel Project': a dignified name for the dirty, smelly process of turning used cooking oil into car and van fuel for local people. Two members of the Group, a chemist and a pharmacist, taught themselves how to do it – and a grant materialised for a shed and equipment. The whole process was fraught: insecure drums of oil, collected from local pubs, cafes, schools, fish 'n chip shops, toppled over in car boots; the fuel producers were sometimes so overcome with chemical fumes that they had to find somewhere to lie down; and when one of them managed to repair an equipment break-down, his wife asked him to undress in the garage, because of the 'aroma'. It was gutsy and determined – but eventually the cost of necessary insurance ended it.

But project-life kept going – in a surprising number of forms. John Dawson generously allowed us to oust sheep from one of his fields and replace them with seed potatoes, and for several years, with the help of a mini petrol plough that was as temperamental as a lawn mower, we managed a regular supply to Clapham saucepans.

On Summer Saturday mornings the potatoes appeared alongside other vegetables and fruit on a small stall set up in the centre of the village. That had come into being as a spin-off from another project: the planting of fruit trees and bushes in many of the village gardens, in the hope of creating the community orchard for which we had no other common ground. The stall was the place where people could bring – or come to find – produce. When the sun shone, it was a delight to be there. When the rain came down in torrents, (which seemed to happen quite a lot), it was a less engaging way to spend Saturday mornings. Although neither the orchard, nor the sharing of its produce ever quite worked as a community venture, it taught us a lot about people's generosity – with time, with ideas and with what they grew in their gardens.

Meanwhile, the Bee Project, with dedicated training of beekeepers, came into being to help pollinate the orchard, and wild-flower planting was planned to feed the bees. The Estate gave permission for an area of ground on the edge of the village to be turned into allotments – and there was even a mini hydro-electric feasibility study that won its way to the end of the trial phase. And through and behind it all, the

3Rs subgroup, (Reduce, Repair, Recycle), were trying to teach us how best to hold onto and re-use all the resources we have.

That past now feeds our present: new wild-flower planting fringes one side of the National Park's car park; over 100 people benefit regularly from the bulk-buying of domestic oil – a project brilliantly developed by Glenys McMahon - and now-and-then Give-and-Take events bring the 3Rs firmly back to the front of the mind.

Projects have come and gone, but out of the spirit that has been behind every one of them has come the proudest Clapham project of them all. About 7 years ago, Terry, who was then the owner of the village shop,

realising that his business had come to a dead end, asked members of the Sustainability Group if they could possibly galvanise the community into taking it over. On a dark winter's night, in the supper room of the Village Hall, a vote was taken, and a feasibility study was set up. From that point on, it became not a Sustainability Group project, but a whole Clapham community one – and now our award-winning shop, in so many different ways, is affirming and extending the deep learning that has come from all our projects. We've discovered skills in ourselves we didn't know; we've discovered what can happen when those individual skills come together, and in all that working, laughing, planning together, we have known what community feels like.

Wendy Jennings



Kevin McSherry, Don Gamble, Wendy Jennings, Jill Buckler & Eddie Legget get stuck into the spuds on the community allotment. Photo: Maggie McSherry



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Wildlife report

Large numbers of butterflies were still being seen in the local area well into September including large, small and green-veined whites, red admirals, peacocks and small tortoiseshells. Lots of painted ladies are also still being seen locally and these will be the next generation from the large influx we had in early summer. Most will head south to winter but some might try to hibernate locally - though they probably won't survive our cold winter. Some small tortoiseshells have already come into houses for their winter hibernation, there are two at Smithy Cottage and three have been reported at a house in Newby. If you find a tortoiseshell fluttering around your house - don't release it outside, it will have come indoors to find a dark warm area to see the winter through.

Another butterfly that has done well around the local area is the dark green fritillary. At least two were seen regularly at Ingleborough Hall; one was seen feeding on buddleia at Smithy Cottage: one was seen on Long Lane by Dave Crutchley: and Andy Scott and Angie Martin reported seeing several beside the stream below the show cave. A brimstone was seen by Dave Crutchley around his garden. This is the first time I have had a report of brimstone in late summer: I normally see one or two in the early spring at Ingleborough Hall. Like the small tortoiseshells, brimstones winter as an adult but they don't come into houses. When brimstones close their wings their shape looks like a leaf. They hibernate in woodlands and hedge rows.

Lots of house martins are still being seen locally with some still going in and out of their nest sites, meaning they

could be still feeding a second brood of young. House martins usually start migrating south from late September to early October. Small numbers of swallows are still around the local area but they will shortly head south for the winter.

The last swifts were seen over Clapham on 20 August.

Two chiffchaffs and four blackcaps were seen at Ingleborough Hall on 13 September, one chiffchaff was at Clapham and three chiffchaffs and one sedge warbler were at Riverbank Cottage orchard on 15 September.

Flocks of siskins are starting to build up. These will be locally bred birds and about thirty were seen at Ingleborough Hall on

13 September and a further small flock was seen at Crina Bottom plantation the following day.

Just outside the local area, two choughs (a small crow with a bright red bill and legs) have been seen above Langcliffe. This species breeds in Southern Ireland, on Scottish west coast islands, the Isle of Man, on Anglesey in Wales, and on the Cornish coast - but they are very rare elsewhere in England.

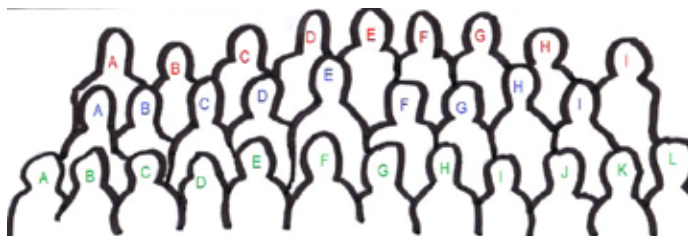
*Tim Hutchinson,
Smithy Cottage*

Stop Press: One clouded yellow butterfly, one hummingbird hawkmoth and at least a dozen silver-Y moths were seen at Ingleborough Hall on 20 September. Taken together, these records are suggestive of migration movement from Southern Europe during the warm spell.



*A good showing on sedum at Station House in mid-September.
Photo: Angie Martin*

School photo 1964 update



Last issue, we published a picture of the school's Senior Class in 1964 and asked for your help in putting names to faces. Pauline Hird (Cornthwaite) took up the challenge and, with help from John Casson and others, has suggested these names, two remain unknown. Can you help?

Back Row A: Mr Wade, B: Tommy Cross, C: James Garth, D: John Casson, E: George Greenbank, F: Grant Waller, G: Graham Townley, H: Robert Ellershaw, I - unknown.

Middle Row: A: Andrew Townley, B: John Haythornthwaite, C: Kevin Holmes, D: unknown, E: Anthony MacCauley, F: Ian Keywood, G: Derek Close, H: Graham Cross, I: Desmond Robinson.

Front Row: A: Anne Robinson, B: Anne Fairhurst, C: Ruth Ellershaw, D: Ruth Guy, E: Kathleen Mason, F: Irene Horner, G: Carol Parker, H: Ruth MacCauley, I: Marjorie Robinson, J: Pauline Cornthwaite, K: Keida Holmes, L: Margaret Haythornthwaite.



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Parish Council news

24 September, 2019 - Parish Council Meeting

The Parish Council met for its regular meeting on the evening of 24th September, 2019.

There had, since the last such meeting, been an extraordinary meeting held on 23rd August, at which the Parish Council decided to oppose plans, as they then stood, to build a house and a bungalow on and around the allotment site on Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

At the September meeting, the Parish Council discussed a number of issues relating to highways and signage. Action was identified as required in relation to road markings on the approach to Clapham from the South and the deteriorated signs near to the road bridge in the centre of the village.

The Council also decided to seek parking restrictions on the B6480 near to the New Inn Corner and undertook to consider further parking restrictions in Clapham village.

Parking issues in Newby were also discussed and are to receive further attention from the Council in due course.

In response to a request from a member of the public, the Council undertook to ask the "Co-op" to consider installing electric car charging points at the newly refurbished garage premises in Settle.

There was no police representative in attendance but a written report was received setting out details of fourteen incidents in the locality between 7th August and 22nd September, 2019. These included suspicious activity, road traffic matters, domestic disputes and an alleged violent crime.

Updates were received in relation to neighbourhood planning and the plan to install further defibrillators in Clapham and Newby.

In relation to financial matters the Council made a donation of just over £1500 to the Friends of Clapham School and gave preliminary consideration to its budget for the next financial year.

There were various planning matters before the Council. It was noted that a decision on an amended application in relation to the allotment site in Clapham had been deferred by Craven District Council Planning Committee.

The Council had no comment to make on applications for extensions at Beckansgill, Newby and at Rantree Farm, Keasden.

It noted decisions to grant permission for a greenhouse at Dubsyke, Keasden and alterations at the Old Manor House, Clapham.

The next Parish Council meeting will be in the Village hall on **Tuesday 22nd October, 2019** 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 about the parish council visit the parish council page at www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk

News from YDMT

Great news from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust as Stories in Stone, a scheme of conservation and community projects focused on the Ingleborough area, has been extended by a year. Beginning in early 2016 and originally planned to finish at the end of 2019, it now means the project will continue until the end of 2020. Largely funded by the National Lottery Heritage Fund, the scheme is managed by the Ingleborough Dales Landscape Partnership and led by YDMT.

To date, 3km of drystone wall, ten field barns and many local heritage features have been restored; 4,500 schoolchildren have gone on educational trips to local heritage sites; 1,500 people from urban areas such as Blackburn and Leeds have visited the area for health and well-being benefits; 900 people have gone on training courses and learnt new skills in practical conservation and wildlife identification; seven traineeships for local young people have been created; nature reserves and caves are being better managed and new woodlands created; archaeological investigations have led to a greater understanding of the history of the area; a wide range of walk leaflets, publications and interpretation panels have been produced; historical archives have been digitised and made publicly available; and access for all has been improved! For more information visit www.storiesinstone.org.uk.

Mike Appleton

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John's Notes:



We've always got the Dales: a harvest poem in troubled times

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There is so much anxiety
 On the direction where we're going
 There is so much uncertainty
 No easy way of knowing

So it's good to get together here
 With family and friends
 To mark another season
 As another harvest ends

And think just how much stronger
 People are together
 Holding each other closely
 Through every kind of weather

And consider how creation
 Keeps us together too
 How lambing, seedtime, harvest
 Bring life to me and you

So in these days where questions
 Round every corner meet us
 Let's not let Brexit worries
 Weigh on us and defeat us

Harvest gives us trust
 In wider, deeper things
 In each other, in the eternal
 Those things which make us sing

Prorogation, segregation,
 Whatever else prevails
 We've always got each other and
 We've always got the Dales

Written for Keasden Harvest Supper, September 2019
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 Read more from John at bit.ly/johndavies-talks

Anglican Services for October and November

BCP Communion - 10:30am each Wednesday at Austwick
 Oct - Morning Prayer 9am each Monday at Clapham

	Clapham	Austwick
Oct 6	Harvest Festival - 11am First Sunday worship - 6.30pm	Harvest Festival - 9.30am
13	Holy Communion - 11am	Morning Prayer - 9.30am Messy Harvest 11am-1pm Holy Communion - 6.30pm
20	Holy Communion - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am
27	Holy Communion - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am
Nov 3	Holy Communion - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving - 4pm 1st Sunday Worship - 6.30pm
10	Remembrance Day - 10.45am	Remembrance Day - 9.30am Holy Communion - 6.30pm
17	Holy Communion - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am
24	Holy Communion - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am
	Keasden	Eldroth
Oct 6	Holy Communion - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am
13	Holy Communion - 9.30am	No service
20	No service	Evening service - 6.30pm
27	Songs of Praise - 7pm	No service
Nov 3	Holy Communion with Baptism - 11am	Holy Communion - 9.30am
10	Remembrance Day 9.30am (tbc)	No service
17	No service	Taize - 6.30pm
24	Evening Service - 7pm	No service

Special notices

Songs of Praise, Sun. 27 October, 7pm at Keasden church
 Join in with your favourite hymns. All welcome.

Remembrance & Thanksgiving Service, Sun. 3 November, 4pm at Austwick church. This service remembers our loved ones now departed. All are welcome to this service of reflection which includes lighting candles to remember our loved ones. Those who have been bereaved in the past year and have had funeral services in our churches are particularly invited.

Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

Sunday services

Junior Church 10.15am, Services 11am and 6.30pm

Weekday activities

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 to 11am
 Kmotion (primary school children) fortnightly Fridays at 6pm
 Encounter (9 years plus) fortnightly Fridays at 7.30pm

Special notices

October: Sat 19 - 7.30pm & Sun 20 - Faith Mission Weekend
 October: Sat 26 - 7.30pm - Orton Male Voice Choir
 November: Sat 23 - 7.30pm & Sun 24 - Anniversary Weekend

Methodist Church, The Green, Newby

Usual service pattern - 1st Sunday in month at 2pm, all other Sundays at 11am

News from the school

Those walking past School will have noticed that it has had a bit of a facelift. Thanks to the generosity of the Parish Council, external painting works have given the outside a new lease of life.

Pupils were welcomed back by a new Head of School, Adam Kay, a new Executive Head, Mathew Atkinson, new teachers for both classes, a new administrator and also some reassuringly familiar faces. It was lovely to welcome four new children and their families to the school (and the village), bringing our starting roll to 25.

Since the start of term, staff, pupils and governors have been working incredibly hard, taking on new challenges with commitment, enthusiasm and pride. The children should be commended for the mature and responsible way they are adapting to the changes and new ways of working.

The entire school and wider community were rightly concerned about the school's OFSTED judgement. The inspection came at a time when the school was at its lowest ebb, both in terms of the aftermath of the threat of closure

and lack of substantive leadership. The new Heads bring with them experience and expertise in addressing all areas of concern pinpointed by OFSTED. Furthermore, they are working with a keen appreciation for the best interests of our specific pupils and the special characteristics of our school, including its place in our rural community and strong Christian ethos. There is, at last, a real sense of moving forward. Not everything can happen overnight, but everyone is working hard to meet every challenge and there is no room for complacency at any level.

The fresh start has called for new books and equipment. None of this could be achieved without the unstinting support of the Friends of Clapham School. Their magnificent fundraising activities will allow the children to benefit, immediately, from improved resources. Parents, family, friends teachers and volunteers are all playing their part in helping to move the school back to a position of strength.

Thanks to everyone for their help and continued support.

The School Governors



New teachers, Mrs Hunter and Mrs Stephenson, put the finishing touches to the classroom facelift

Not for the faint hearted

Just before school term started the call went out for volunteers to paint Class one; the faded yellow walls and the rusty windows just had to go!



On the last weekend of the summer holidays, a stalwart band of volunteers from the Friends of Clapham School, the School Governors and parents took on the impossible. We fought with massive spiders, we disturbed long lost sweets and we dug up treasures left by children who have long since graduated from university. The result is a beautiful, clean classroom – a place to be proud of.

Iain Crossley

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School visit to Art Group expo

Clapham Art Group recently held their 68th Annual Exhibition in the Village Hall. The Exhibition was very well attended by locals and visitors to the area. Special guests to a Private



View were the children of Clapham Primary School who were enthusiastic and engaged with the work on show. As well as over 80 original framed paintings, sketches, mounted paintings and cards were available. Delicious homemade refreshments were provided in aid of St James's Church, Clapham and proved very popular. The Group thank the people of the village for their support.

Marie Lenehan-Jacobs

We all enjoyed ourselves so much we are planning to do some more decorating over half term. During the week 28 October to 1 November we plan to paint the main room and if you can spare the time to help paint, clean the windows, make tea or just give quiet encouragement - then please contact Iain Crossley.

Steam update

The nights are drawing in and the peak steam train excursion programme is now behind us for another year.

The station has seen a few light engine movements with engines returning to Carnforth from their summer bases and, by the time you read this, some of you will hopefully also have seen either the Pennine Blackpool Express or the Lune Valley Trust Special as they headed through the station on the last two Saturdays in September, the former following a somewhat strange route from Euston to the seaside town!

There are still some specials running on the Settle and Carlisle line – as they are pretty much a year round attraction these days - and there are one or two other

excursions which may involve either light engines or empty carriage stock passing through the station, but otherwise much is quiet.



*Ingleborough looms over 45690 Leander as she hauls the Pennine Blackpool Express past Lawsings Brow in the sunshine on 21 September 2019
Photo: Andy Scott*

Looking further ahead, there will be Santa Specials starting from the end of September but the routes that they will take are yet to be firmed up. (Those last year mostly travelled up and down the west coast main line from Lancaster to Carlisle so didn't come our way.)

Upcoming trips for October on the Settle and Carlisle line include: Saturday, 5 October (both directions) with 60163 Tornado and Saturday 12, October (southbound only) with 45690 Leander. Beyond that, the diary is less certain!

Andy Scott

Then and now



Our “then” picture shows the propped up and patched together, but once proud, signalbox at Clapham in the late summer of 1968. The box, built in 1915 had windows all round, carried the name Clapham Junction and was positioned between the main line to Morecambe and the Ingleton branch. It replaced an earlier box which was positioned where the Bentham direction platform is today. Sadly, the branch to Ingleton had closed 2 years earlier in 1966 and the line was taken up, along with all the sidings here at Clapham, during the spring and summer of 1967.

The large timber frame and props around the signalbox were added after a train of goods wagons was backed over the stop blocks and into the end of the Box in 1965: it was lucky they realised just in time or the whole thing would have been pushed over! Apparently it made a lot of work for the locking fitters as nothing worked just like it had before. The signal you can see in the picture is in the “off”



position meaning a train is due from the Bentham direction. You can just see the corner of the house now called ‘Granny Townleys’ above the box steps - then it was called ‘Moorland View’. Clapham signalbox closed on 22 September 1968. One Sunday in the following February, a gang of railwaymen from Lune Shops at Lancaster came and set fire to it. All that was left was the concrete base and a heap of twisted metal that had once been a proudly polished 32 lever frame.

Today, the tracks are still the same as 50 years ago and, if you look closely, you can still see the same telephone pole on the roadside near ‘Granny Townleys’. The large railway telegraph poles are long gone though they did last until the early 1980's. The concrete foundations of the signalbox were still there until about 10 years ago when the current owners of the sidings dug them out. The end of the box stood near where the cable drum is in the “now” picture.

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Clapham & Newby Village Hall Committee Presents

Spirit of the Seventies

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Clapham & Newby Village Hall

Regular Events

Monday Afternoons 1.30pm to 4pm	BOWLS	Mrs Denne 51617
Monday Evenings 5pm to 6.30pm Brownies 6.30pm to 8pm Guides	CLAPHAM & AUSTWICK GUIDES & BROWNIES	Karen Fielding 07748 164409 claphamandaustwickguides@hotmail.com
Tuesday Evenings 7pm (Wednesday mornings in winter.)	CLAPHAM ART GROUP	Linda Clemence 01729 823767
4th Tuesday of the Month 7.30pm	PARISH COUNCIL	Nigel Harrison 51165 njhar@gmail.com
1st Wednesday of the Month 11am	AGE UK	Brenda Pearce 51816
2nd Wednesday of the Month 7pm	CLAPHAM with HORTON WI	Jill Walker 01729 825358
Thursday Mornings 9am to 10.30am	TAI CHI	Tony Bennett c/o 51240
Friday Evenings 7.30pm	WHIST	Elsie Morphet 07951 295995

Village hall news

Firstly, we are delighted to announce that we have reached our target for the 'Chair Appeal'. Many of you will, we hope, have already experienced the new seating either at the recent Quiz or the Church supper. (If any of you had intended donating towards the cost of the chairs, please still do make a donation as any surplus money will be used to cover the cost of new tablecloths and other essentials that we still need.) The Duck Race at the Street Fair was well supported in spite of the mixed weather and we raised over £400.

We now have a new regular group using the hall, in the form of the **Clapham and Austwick Brownies and Guides**. Meeting on Monday evenings, under the leadership of Karen Fielding, we understand that the group is steadily growing. The Bowls club will be re-starting in October. All welcome to join this inspirational, vibrant group of people on Monday afternoons 1.15 till 3.45. Tel David on 51240, if you would like to join us - novices welcome, and full instruction and bowls provided.

Our next planned activity will be a "70's Evening" scheduled for Saturday 16 November. We are hoping that you will embrace the Spirit of the Seventies with music and food and it is hoped that people will try and don their kinky boots etc and join in the fun. Also, given that we have sold out two years running, and you wouldn't want to miss out, please get Friday 24 January 2020 into next year's diaries now for our Burns Supper and Ceilidh.

Our refurbishment is now almost complete, and it only remains for the committee to thank all who have supported our events and appeals to achieve this massive job.

Finally, our thanks to Kathy Hall who has stood down as booking secretary after many years. She did a fantastic job and will be a tough act to follow. At the AGM in September, Chris Horsewill of Long Barn, Cross Haw Lane agreed to take on the role.

*David Kingsley,
Chairman*

Keasden domino drive



Photo: Ann Sheridan

In September, Hammond Head Farm hosted the annual domino drive. All enjoyed the harvest supper. Thanks to Keasden and Newby churches for arranging the evening.

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Arts and crafts



“Oh no, what have I let myself in for? I’ve never done anything like this before”, but Chris needn’t have worried as more than forty local makers answered the call to contribute their work to the inaugural ‘Charity Arts and Crafts Sale’ in the village hall. Yes, inaugural, because the success of the event suggests it may become a regular item on the Clapham calendar.

So why did I do it? I wanted to raise money for charity, but it’s not my thing to participate in endurance events. I thought of all the talented local people who could be so creative... the idea of the sale was born!

Someone has said to me since that they thought the idea was lovely but would it work? I also agonised about that. Would we have enough to sell? Well, the makers of Clapham, Austwick and surrounding areas came up trumps! We had a wide variety of arts and crafts donated, covering original works of art, jewellery, knitting, sewing, felting, weaving, photography and woodcraft.

Would enough people come and buy? No need to worry, lots of people came and gave generously, the atmosphere in the village hall was very relaxed and everyone seemed to be having fun too!

A big thank you to all the people who generously contributed their arts and crafts, to those who gave up their time to help and to the bakers who provided such a fantastic range of cakes. The event raised over £2300 to be split equally between Cancer Research and The Alzheimer’s Society, in memory of much missed close relatives, work colleagues and friends.

I had thought this may be a one-off event, but I am now persuaded that it is a good idea to do another on an annual or biennial basis. We’ll consult carefully, but it would be great if all you arty crafty people could get busy again!

Chris & Tony Horsewill

Going batty

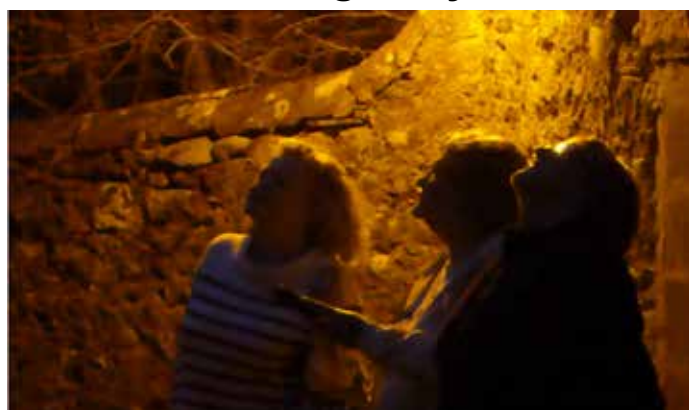


Photo: Judith Allinson

On 7th August, Rich Flight gave a talk on “Bats” in the village hall. It was organised by Craven Conservation Group, and Roger Neale introduced the speaker to the thirty three people who attended. After the talk, Rich led a walk beside the river, then to the churchyard to see what they could find. With the aid of bat detectors they managed to find six species of bat – which was very good because there are only eight in total in this part of North Yorkshire. The species found included common pipistrelle, soprano pipistrelle, brown long-eared bat, Daubenton’s bat, noctule and one other ‘myotis’ species.

Craven Conservation Group organises field meetings and talks in the North Craven Area, Settle, Clapham, Benthams, Gargrave etc. see www.craven-conservation-group.org.uk, and has activities related to moth recording, mosses, fungi, natural history walks, practical conservation work and other topics according to the interests of its c.100 members.

Judith Allinson

New walking group?



Would anybody be interested in getting together once a month, on a Friday, for walks of up to 6 miles initially?

We were thinking of local walks from either Clapham or Austwick to start, but with a view to exploring farther afield with walks organised or suggested by

members of the group. It will be dog friendly.

The first walk will be on **Friday 11th October**, meeting at 9.30am at the entrance to the YDNP car park. The route will be determined nearer the time but will be no more than 5 miles. If interested, please contact: Chris Horsewill (07771 621016) or Anne Douglas (07472 165429)

Chris Horsewill

Keasden rainfall report

	2018	2019
July	4 ¼” or 10.75cm	6” or 15.24cm
Aug	7 ¼” or 18.41cm	8¼” or 20.96cm

B4RN update

The Clapham Hyperfast project has finally come to an end having made B4RN broadband available to every home and business in the Parish. If you haven’t been connected so far, but are interested in better broadband, please contact B4RN directly and they will advise on what you need to do: 01524 555 887 or b4rn.org.uk

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Photographic news

Over the Bank Holiday weekend, the Village Hall was the venue for Settle Photographic Group Exhibition.

As ever, there was a steady stream of visitors coming in to look at the very varied images. One regular visitor commented that he thought the standard was higher than ever which was good to hear.

To make it more fun for visitors, they had the chance to vote for their favourite image.

This year there was a special challenge where members developed a skill over the year. The winner was Yvonne Fairclough with her high key work.

The most popular images were:

- **1st** 'Beast from the East' - John Cooper Smith
- **2nd** 'Time Passing' - Rod Smith
- **Joint 3rd** 'Wenning Oak' by Sue Best, 'Among the Hills' by David Crutchley and 'Two Trees on Southerscales' by Gill Pinkerton.

Gill Pinkerton

'Among the Hills' by David Critchley can be seen on the back page illustrating the colour printing that has been a feature of this newsletter for the past year.

Settle Photographic Group Forthcoming Events

Mon 7 Oct

Ray Bramhall - All Kinds of Everything

Mon 21 Oct

Print Competition with member-led comments.

Tue 22 Oct

14.00 - Visit - Salt Lake Quarry

Mon 4 Nov

The Big, Big Camera & other stories - Ian Beesley

Mon 18 Nov

YPU Exhibition Guidance plus DVD/Prints

Wed 20 Nov

10.30 - Visit - Kirkby Malham Church and Airton

All events at 19:30 at Townhead Court, Settle, unless stated otherwise

*For information about our meetings and visits
look on the SPG website at www.settlephotos.org*

Yoga makes you feel chirpy

When I started teaching classes at the Village Hall last year, I was very excited to find such a welcoming community locally. From beginners to well-seasoned yogis, everyone started to come along to the Wednesday evening class with good humour and eagerness. This little yoga circle has been growing steadily and as I have received many enquiries over recent months, I thought it would be nice to talk a little bit about what we do in this newsletter.

Many of the questions revolve around what kind of yoga we teach, whether it might be suitable for certain conditions, or simply where and how to start. The answer is, we teach various styles of yoga and there is generally something for everyone. Our philosophy is much about providing a welcoming environment that is open to everyone, and not focused on the image obsessed, acrobatic expressions of yoga that have become commonplace in magazines and social media.

A sentence I hear often is 'I am not bendy enough for yoga'. The lovely thing about yoga is that it is a very balanced practice, improving strength, flexibility and alignment. People who are very bendy often need to work on strengthening and stabilising their body, people who are less flexible often bring strength and stability to the practice.

The team at ChirpYOGA is made up of myself, Susanne, an experienced body work practitioner and senior teacher with over 20 years of experience, and Paul, a senior health practitioner working in the NHS, as well as in the Thai and sports massage, anatomy and yoga philosophy fields. We are excited to have just started collaborations with Bridge Cottage in Clapham, providing accommodation for guests from further afield.

In our autumn schedule you'll find a new beginners course on a Tuesday morning, the now well-established Wednesday evening session in Vinyasa yoga for everyone with some previous experience of yoga, monthly Saturday morning pop-up classes and a Tuesday morning Rise & Shine for everyone who wants to start their day with a centring and energising morning class.

Do send us a message, come to our Open Day on 12 October - Hesketh Barn at Goat Gap, Clapham, LA2 8JB - see our new website for further info: www.chirpyoga.com

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Susanne Thomas

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I would like to hear from people with very old family photos, postcards, programmes plus anecdotal stories and memories of the now 'no longer' Clapham Sports.

This is for a "Stories in Stone" project to piece together the history of the community sports and fell races in the district – of which there used to be a very strong tradition! Information and images about Ingleton, Lowgill, Horton, Langeliffe, Chapel le Dale and Austwick sports – also very gratefully received! A booklet telling the stories of the sports and races will be produced in 2020.

I can be contacted by email at v.benn@btinternet.com or by phone on 01756 751795. Many thanks.

Victoria Benn

Camm family enquiry

St Matthew's Church, Keasden would like to trace the family of Mr Arthur Edward Camm (who died in December 1947) and Mrs Caroline Annie Camm (who died in December 1949).

This is regarding the state of their grave stone in Keasden Churchyard. Anyone with information about the relatives of Mr and Mrs Camm should contact:

The Revd John Davies,
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Email: john.davies@leeds.anglican.org

Thank you

I would like to thank everybody for their kindness, their support, flowers and messages of condolence following the death of Stuart. Thanks also to Revd. Ian Greenhalgh for his kind and thoughtful funeral service and to Jimmy and Tara of B+W Funerals who helped me through the sad occasion.

Finally I would like to offer my thanks to all for their generous donations which are to be shared between CRO and Yorkshire Air Ambulance.

Sheila Maywood



CLAPHAM & DISTRICT NEWSLETTER



This newsletter is a community initiative and is funded mainly from advertising and volunteers' fundraising. **The next edition will be in December. Deadline: 20 November.**

Articles should be c300 words and, if possible, accompanied by a high resolution photo. We reserve the right to edit copy as we are limited by the number of pages we can print.

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Clapham & District Newsletter

Annual General Meeting

Clapham Village Hall

6:30pm Thurs 7th November

All welcome!

If you would like to hear more about the village newsletter, have ideas about its future direction that you'd like to air, wish to contribute articles or would like to get involved with its management or production, then please come along.

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Newsletter news

It's a year since we announced our wish to move the Newsletter to colour printing throughout and called on your support to help that happen. And what a response we received! Monies raised at our first ever Newsletter Coffee morning set the ball rolling, proved that there was a real desire, and thus helped with our application for grant funding from the District Council. At the same time, and perhaps slightly less noticeably, we also went up to regular 20-page issues and a better quality paper.

The feedback we have received has been wonderful – it keeps us all going! - and we'd like to recognise everyone who has contributed to what will soon be our first full colour year. To all our regular contributors, to those who provide "one off" articles or images such as the award-winning photograph shown here, to our advertisers and to our sponsors – thank you!

Obviously, the cost of colour is significantly more than the old black & white issue so we will need to continue to raise funds for the future. With this in mind, your attention is drawn to this year's Newsletter Coffee Morning which will be

held in the Village Hall on Saturday 19 October. Come and join us, share a natter, a brew and a cake (or two) and take the opportunity to get in your Xmas Greetings message in time for the December issue. We are also holding the Newsletter

Committee's AGM on Thursday 7 November and all are welcome to attend and provide their input into what we are doing.

Finally, We'd like to say a special thank you to Tim Hutchinson. Sadly, Tim's Wildlife Report for the December issue will be his last. He has been doing these reports for 20 years now so we quite understand his wish to let someone else take up the reins. So here's a plea for someone

else to step forward and offer their services.

Meantime, if you want to send your sightings to Andy via claphamnewsletter@gmail.co.uk we'll try to keep something going until a new Wildlife Reporter comes forward.

Andy Scott & Angela Peach
Editors



David Crutchley's photo "Among The Hills" won a joint third place at the recent Settle Photographic Group Exhibition, full details on page 17.

Diary dates

October

- 5 - Coffee morning, 10am-12: Newby church
- 5 - Harvest celebration, 7pm: Clapham Village Hall
- 11 - New walking group, 9.30am meet in car park
- 19 - Coffee morning, 10am-12: Clapham Village Hall
- 22 - Parish Council, 7.30pm: Clapham Village Hall
- 24 - Open evening, 5-7pm: Village shop
- 25 - Coffee morning, 10am - 12: Clapham Village Hall

October/November

- 28 Oct - 1 Nov School decorating
- 7 - Newsletter AGM, 6.30pm: Clapham Village Hall
- 9 - Coffee morning, 10am-12: Clapham Village Hall
- 16 - Spirit of the 70's, 7pm: Clapham Village Hall
- 20 - Newsletter deadline
- 20 - Christmas greetings in newsletter deadline

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