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## Portrait of Britain Winner 2020

Juliet Klottrup, from Newby, has been selected as a Portrait of Britain Winner 2020 with a photograph featuring William Dawson of Bleak Bank Farm and his sheepdog Jill.

It is one of one hundred winning photographs receiving the national photography award: an award that celebrates the many faces of modern Britain at a momentous time in history.

Juliet said: "It's wonderful that a photograph of a young shepherd from rural North Yorkshire, captured at his work, has been selected as a Portrait of Britain 2020 winner and will be seen nationwide

I think it's an image people should be more familiar with as it represents a new generation of farming and the essence and beauty of the rural Yorkshire Dales

The area in which we live is so astonishing and unique with some parts of the landscape almost untouched for generations and some routines unchanged. I feel passionate about documenting and preserving a record of it”

William whose family has been farming in the Dales for 100 years, commented, "This portrait would be instantly recognisable to the shepherds of Ingleborough mountain

over the last 400/500 years, except for the quad bike of course. This image captures the next generation of farming at Bleak Bank Farm.”

Her photograph features in a public exhibition across JCDecaux's nationwide network of digital Out-of-Home screens from 1 September. The portrait will be included in the third volume of the Portrait of Britain book. It has also had coverage on BBC News and in a number of local newspapers.

Juliet, who graduated with a First-Class Honours degree in Illustration from Brighton University, is a visual artist working primarily as a photographer and director, shooting across a range of sectors, including fashion, documentary and music.

Earlier this year she was shortlisted for the Portrait of Humanity Award 2020 with the British Journal of Photography with a different photograph from her portfolio which was published in the Portrait of Humanity book.

Recently Juliet was funded  
by Great Places Lakes and Dales

to create a documentary entitled “Youth of the Rural North”, a poetic documentary on the lives of young people living in the Dales and Lakes; *Continued on page 23*

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## Nature notes

A half-imagined glimpse of fluid movement, a tiny shadow flitting faint and fast across the wall-side. Then... nothing. I waited. There had been something. A hopeful pause, a withheld breath, and suddenly, at eye-level just an arm's length away, there it was. We exchanged a momentary look of surprise, each as startled as the other and then it was off, all flow and twist and bounce, over and through the stone and out of sight.



*Stoat contemplating a quick dip*  
Photo: Brian Christian

Anyone who walks the lanes and trails around Clapham is likely to come across a stoat. It won't happen often and when it does, it will almost certainly be both a brief encounter and a memorable one. A privilege.

There is a reason why we are a nation of bird-watchers rather than mammal spotters. Most birds fly by day, announcing their presence with song and colour. British mammals, on the other hand, tend to be shy, elusive creatures, masters of camouflage who prefer the cover of darkness and like to be left alone. A mammal watcher is a patient, dedicated, sleep-deprived soul. That's why it's such a thrill when a weasel runs across the path in front of us, or a hedgehog ambles into our garden.

Imagine then, the impact of this early-morning brush with the natural world, recounted by Jess Hart on August 11th:

'Yesterday morning at about 5:30 am, I was crossing the beck towards the church and stopped because of the loud whistling coming from under the bridge. I peered over in the half-light and there was a young otter yelling its little head off and bounding around in the water. I watched it for about fifteen minutes and then it disappeared into the foliage on the riverbank bordering the churchyard.'

I'm so jealous! What a special encounter. Otters have been known to make their way into the village in the past: Tim Hutchinson remembers seeing one in the lake many years ago, and Jess has previously seen evidence of their love of crayfish on the stony banks of the Wenning down by the station. But a sighting like this is a joyous rarity.

The later summer months can be rather quiet for bird-watching. The frenetic activity of the breeding season is largely over and the lush, thick foliage that provides

much-needed cover for recently fledged youngsters can be frustrating for enthusiasts trying to spot them. More recently, though, the autumn migration has begun and, while we may have been sad to see the swifts and swallows take their leave, a number of visitors have passed through on their way to warmer climes and the occasional rarity can be expected to blow in on the wind.

Over on Newby Moor the resident stonechats have been joined, albeit briefly, by a small flock of whinchats, their less well-known but equally colourful red-listed cousins. These charismatic, robin-sized migrants will have bred higher up on the hills and are now heading for central and Southern Africa for the winter months. Although they look very similar, the prominent white stripe above their eyes helps to distinguish them from stonechats. Their numbers have more than halved in the last twenty years so it was a real pleasure to see at least four of them so close to home.

Other notable sightings have included a male wigeon and a green sandpiper, both spotted by Tim Hutchinson on the flooded field between Nutta Farm and the Bentham road, while a whimbrel was heard calling as it flew south over Clapham Moor on August 20th.

Finally, for those of you who care about the natural world and are concerned about its future, I know the news can seem unrelentingly bleak. Let me share with you something more hopeful and uplifting. I have just finished reading 'English Pastoral' by Lakeland farmer and relatively close neighbour, James Rebanks. Some of you will remember his previous best-seller, 'The Shepherd's Life.' I cannot recommend it highly enough and I guarantee you will look at the world around you with a different perspective after reading it.



*Whinchat on Newby Moor*  
Photo: Brian Christian

Don't forget, if you have news of interesting or unusual sightings in the area do send me an email (bc.riverside28@gmail.com) drop a note into 2 Eggshell Lane or simply stop and chat if you see me around the village. Photographs are always welcome and, as ever, I'll continue to post notes on Twitter: @bc\_riverside

*Brian Christian*



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## Clapham Sports

Bill Waggett said to his wife "Take your stockings off." These he then stuffed, one into each ear of his horse Peggy and she was ridden to victory in the next race.

This strange little episode occurred in the trotting races at Clapham Sports in 1962. Bob Brown was the rider, a lad of 18 or 19. His mount Peggy had been disturbed by the noise of the crowd during her first race and had not settled to the required fast trot. The trick with the stockings was her owner's idea. It allowed her to concentrate on the race.



*The Committee for "Ye Olde English Sports, Clapham, 1912".  
Below the photograph, some of the officials are listed.  
Starter: Mr J Lyon, Chairman: Mr W Metcalf, President: RM Deighton,  
Hon Sec: Mr J Camm and Hon Treasurer: Mr RD Metcalf.  
Photo: courtesy Ken Pearce*

Clapham Sports first took place in 1808 and developed to include not only horse racing and trotting but also running

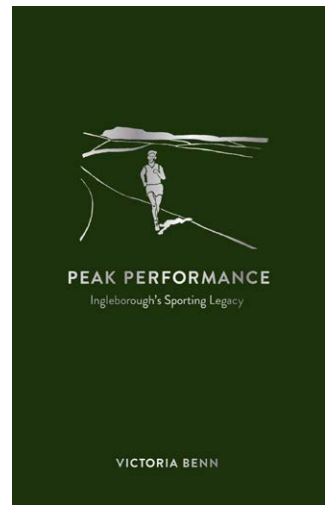
races, wrestling, weight-lifting, tug o' war, greasy pole, a married women's race and a mountain guides' race.

In 1907 the Sports were re-branded as Ye Olde English Sports and the prize money was increased. Crowds of 2000 gathered to watch competitors sweat and strain on Batty Croft or on the field in front of Ingleborough Hall.

The success of the sports waxed and waned over the years. Naturally there were breaks during the War years and there were innovations such as whippet racing, sheep-dog trials and motor cycle grass track racing to keep the crowds coming.

Sadly in 1965 the sports ceased and in 1970 the Sports Committee made a formal decision to wind up the organisation. Will Clapham Sports ever start again?

All this and more about Clapham Sports, Ingleton Sports, the Three Peaks Race and the Three Peaks Cyclo-Cross is to be found in a brand-new title 'Peak Performance' published in September by author Victoria Benn. It is a good read, moving at a good pace, full of well-known names and sporting achievement. Sports fans and those with an interest in the Dales can obtain a copy, price £8.50, from Clapham Village Store, the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust in Clapham or Limestone Books in Settle.



*Ken Pearce*

## Playpark thank you



Last month we had our house-to-house table-top sale to raise funds for the playpark. It was a fab day and enjoyed by all who took part.

Altogether, our final total raised was £1016. This money will go towards some new equipment for the children to enjoy.

We are so grateful to everyone who participated in the sale and made generous donations!

*Amy North-Johnson  
Clapham Park Association  
Tel: 0740 229 3326*

## Mystery house



Whilst having a clear out of his attic, George Greenbank came across a pile of old postcards of the village and surroundings that dated back to the early 1900's.

Whilst most were either captioned or easily recognised, there was one mystery one amongst them and George wondered if any readers might recognise it. There is, of course, the possibility that it's not a Clapham building at all, but if so it's strange that it was with all the others.

If you know which house this is then please get in touch: [claphamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:claphamnewsletter@gmail.com)

*Andy Scott*

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## Parish Council news

The Parish Council met online on the evening of 22nd September 2020 with nine members of the public present.

At the outset a police report was read to the meeting. This set out details of twenty-five incidents that had occurred in the parish between 29th July and 21st September 2020. There were a number of reports to the police from the local Rural Watch in relation to suspicious incidents. Other matters of note were a burglary on Station Road, Clapham, an alleged violent offence at Wenning Bank, an instance of anti-social behaviour at the same location and the theft of fifty-four sheep from Keasden Moor.

As regards highways matters, it was noted that a complaint of obstructive parking near to the Ingleborough Hall had been dealt with by the provision of no parking cones and that a blocked culvert on Old Road, Clapham had been brought to the attention of North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC). It was also noted that various issues raised at the last meeting had been reported to NYCC.

Updates were as usual received in relation to ongoing matters. In this regard it was noted that a ramp has been constructed at the underpass on Station Road, Clapham to facilitate access for pushchairs and the like.

Further, the Council was informed that progress has been made towards the purchase of a defibrillator to be installed at Newby Chapel and that, in relation to the Neighbourhood Planning initiative, draft policies are under review with a view to the consultation process getting under way some time after Christmas, Covid-19 permitting.

The Parish Council recognised that there has been some hard work at the Playpark both in its maintenance and in relation to fund raising. It expressed its gratitude on behalf of the parish and asked the clerk to send a letter of thanks.

The Council was made aware of a suggested wild flower meadow to be created on The Green in Clapham and was broadly supportive of the idea while being concerned that

it should be created according to the appropriate procedures and properly maintained thereafter. The Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty was identified as a possible source of sound advice and arrangements for them to be put in contact with the Ingleborough Estate were approved.

There was some discussion about the budget for the next financial year and the Council then went on to consider planning matters.

It supported applications for:

- an extension at Green Close House;
- for a minor material amendment to plans already approved for the development on Station Road, Clapham;
- for change of use at The Old Manor House, Church Avenue, Clapham, and
- for an extension at Beckside House, Keasden.

Decisions to grant permission for tree works at Shamba, Clapham and for the installation of replacement windows at Nutta Farm were also noted. The Council was made aware of a Craven District Council planning committee meeting to include discussion of proposed development at Clapham Sidings. Arrangements to provide Council input were discussed.

Among the various items of correspondence received were items canvassing opinion with regard to the proposed reform of local government in North Yorkshire. The Council was opposed to the proposal for a unitary authority, a “mega-council”, to cover the whole of the current NYCC area and decided that, if there is to be reform, it would prefer some division of the county on East-West lines. It asked the clerk to respond accordingly.

The Council had also received correspondence offering post office services on a weekly basis and enquiries as to where this service might be accommodated were commenced.

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For more information about the work of the parish council please visit the parish council information on the website [www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk).

Parish Council meetings will generally be on the fourth Tuesday of each month. There will be no meetings in August and November. The December meeting will be on the second Tuesday of that month.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 27th October, 2020 at 7.30pm**, this will again be online.

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## Welcome Elsie-Rae

We would like to introduce Elsie-Rae North-Johnson who was welcomed into the world at 10:26am on 16th September 2020 weighing 7lb 5oz.

We are very grateful for the care and compassion shown at Airedale General Hospital.

Both Elsie-Rae and Mum are doing great and we look forward to seeing everyone around the village on our walks.

*Michael and Amy North-Johnson*



## Hello Clapham!

Hello, just a short letter to introduce ourselves!

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Here is a photo of us on our wedding day last year. (The only decent photo we can find!).

*Nadine & Damian Lake*



## A happy band of bakers...



The Bank Holiday weekend proved to be a successful one for the bakers and jam makers of both Clapham and Keasden churches who joined in with the House-to-House trail run by the Playpark Association.

With permission from the owner of the Bunk Barn they were able to position themselves at the entrance to the car park and no one arriving or departing was immune from their sales techniques. In all over £900 was raised for the two churches over the two days.

On a serious note, this provided a particularly valuable boost to the funds of both churches. With no Street Fair this year and little prospect of the usual coffee mornings and other events over the autumn and winter we really appreciated the Playpark Association giving us this opportunity to take part and raise some funds.

*Sue Mann  
(on behalf of St James' Church, Clapham  
and St Matthew's Church, Keasden)*

## The COVID 'Cobra' Committee



Unfortunately, Covid-19 is still with us, and as we go into the winter months, your local COVID 'Cobra' Committee would like to remind everyone in the Clapham and surrounding areas that we are here to offer help and advice.

If you need to make contact with us - we are available by email, phone or via our Facebook page.

Our email address: [claphamyorksvirushelp@gmail.com](mailto:claphamyorksvirushelp@gmail.com)  
Helpline during office hours: 015242 805969

Our Facebook page is: Clapham Yorks Covid Community Help - where we try to ensure the latest government information is shared with you.

Other websites where information can be found are:

- Clapham Village website - [claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://claphamyorkshire.co.uk)
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## Church news

### John's notes: A light in the darkness



It's shaping up to be a hard winter - but we will shine a light. We always have, the people of the world - in festivities around raging bonfires or ceremonies involving gentle candle flames. We do it to protest the darkness and to assert our determination to keep light and warmth up-front and centre. So, to those continuing to be fearful and anxious about this awful virus: let

there be light. To those whose working life is precarious or has come to a halt: let there be light. To the children and staff and parents dealing with the strangeness of socially distanced schooling: let there be light. To those without homes and those frightened of losing theirs: let the light shine. To the decision-makers burdened with power and responsibility: let the light shine. To those mourning lost loved ones and remembering those who have died in war: let the light shine. That's what we're about as autumn turns to winter. From our All Souls service where we light candles to remember lost loved ones, through Remembrance Sunday, and including a special 'Light Night' celebration, let's come together (as best we can) to spread that light around. Details to follow see - noticeboards and websites.

### Church services and opening days

Clapham, Austwick and Eldroth Churches continue to open during the day on Sundays and Wednesdays for individual prayer, and for Sunday church services.

### For October and November, we continue with this pattern of services\*

#### Each Wednesday

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#### First Sunday of each month

Eldroth	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Clapham	11.00am	Holy Communion
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#### Second Sunday of each month

Keasden	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Austwick	6.30pm	Holy Communion
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#### Third Sunday of each month

Clapham	11.00am	Holy Communion
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Eldroth	6.30pm	Evening Prayer
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#### Fourth Sunday of each month

Austwick	9.30am	Holy Communion
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Keasden	7.00pm	Evening Service
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\* Please note that this pattern is intentional but subject to change due to coronavirus directives. See below for details of how to access up to date information, week by week. Our services follow guidelines on sanitation and social distancing, with face coverings to be worn.

### A time to remember and give thanks - special services in November.

On November 1st, All Souls Day, there will be a special service to remember our loved ones who have died, and November 8th is Remembrance Sunday. Details of these services to follow.

**For up to up to date information** about our services please sign up to our weekly email by clicking: [bit.ly/Churches-Email-Signup](https://bit.ly/Churches-Email-Signup) (or contact me), watch the church noticeboards or check the church websites: [bit.ly/ClaphamStJames](https://bit.ly/ClaphamStJames) [bit.ly/keasden-church](https://bit.ly/keasden-church) [bit.ly/austwick-church](https://bit.ly/austwick-church) [bit.ly/eldroth-church](https://bit.ly/eldroth-church)

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### Methodist Church, The Green, Newby

No date for services to start yet but this is under constant review, being guided by Settle Methodist Circuit policy.

The Revd Stephen Caddy is producing a daily email/ thought for the day. If you wish to contact Stephen phone: 015242 61257, or email: [Stephen.f.caddy@gmail.com](mailto:Stephen.f.caddy@gmail.com)

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### Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

We have started to have one Sunday service either a morning or an evening, following the Government guidelines.

For times and further updates, please visit us on Facebook or our Bethel Chapel website ([www.bethelchapelclapham.org](http://www.bethelchapelclapham.org)).

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## Lecture Group

Regretfully, because of the uncertainty created by Covid-19, the threat of further lockdowns and problems with social distancing etc, it has been decided not to hold the autumn series of lectures this year.

We hope to start again in 2021, with the AGM in May followed by the usual series of lectures in the autumn. Speakers already booked for this year have said that they are willing to speak next year, all being well, so I hope we are all able to meet again in 2021 when things are a bit more "normal".

*Jeanne Carr*

## On the farm

By this time of year the great, summer long grass harvest is over. As usual, we have a sizeable heap of mediocre grass silage and even some small bales of hay (idiot bricks) which we are confident will see us and our animals through any winter that Mother Nature cares to present.

Autumn is now drifting towards us and thoughts are turning towards cattle coming in for winter. The dairy cows are still going out night and day due to the current spell of fine and even warm weather. In the farming world it's well known that winter, and therefore feed, cannot be saved in the spring because spring arrives when it is ready. But in the autumn, the onset of winter can possibly be delayed by a few precious weeks with the help a dry spell of weather.

This means, of course, that the cows have to be found by torchlight in the mornings as they continue to sleep under the stars, at least for now. Funny thing about a rechargeable torch: it's hard to find in the dark and usually flat. I think bringing cows in for morning milking is the most pleasant job in the world, apart possibly, from opening the batting for England at Lords.

After morning milking, they have a couple of hours eating silage as the grass quality and quantity begins to deteriorate due to the shortening daylight hours. It is a way of gradually introducing the winter ration and keeping milk quality tolerable. First wet night and they can sleep in their cosy warm cubicle shed and be waited on hand and foot by the poor peasant farmer, but hopefully they can carry on going out through the daytime until towards the end of October. This year we have installed a camera in their shed so anyone caught pooing in the water trough more than once a day will be in trouble.

This time of year also means we are rattling through the autumn sheep breeding sales, which is a harvest of another kind every bit as crisis ridden as trying to get grass dry when it rains every other day. Already our gimmer (girl) lambs have been sold and gone on to new adventures up and down the country. Interest was brisk and the trade has been sharp (good) which shows that there is demand for home-grown food and confidence in the market.

This year was a different experience due to the Covid restrictions because they limited the number of people in the mart and therefore the atmosphere was a bit flat, I imagine similar to watching Sheffield United play at home. Anyone in the mart has to wear a mask, which drastically improved

the look of some farmers and should, possibly, have been introduced years ago.

I often think that in preparing sheep for sale the humble shepherd could, and possibly should, work in a beauty salon as many of the skills required are interchangeable. The main differences are that no one is served coffee, no one gets asked if they are going anywhere nice this year and, of course, the shepherd has a limited budget. The aim is to make the sheep (customer) look slightly better than they actually do, (sound familiar?). We start by tidying the wool round the head and bum before dipping them in what is the sheep equivalent of fake tan and then finishing off with a wash (facial). It is all purely cosmetic but designed to attract some

wealthy southern buyer who is obviously loaded and needs tempting into parting with some of his or her embarrassing wealth.

The swallows left last week just before the weather improved which is typical: we wish them well on their travels and will keep an eye out for their return, they are always welcome.

We have four barn owls living in one of our semi redundant outbarns which is good to see as they too are welcome and encouraged. While working amongst the

sheep I popped into that barn to "turn the vicar's bike round" and didn't realise that all four were sitting watching me in the way that only owls can until after the event. "That was lucky," thought I, "what if they had been hungry?"

We planted about four acres of woodland some thirty years ago which means the owls always have somewhere to find food. We often get a few pheasants from the estate seeking asylum in the first safe wood and in turn they feed the Gruffalo.

Billy Shorthorn has become a proud father this summer. He had a few false starts in the trouser department when he joined us, but after a pep talk from me he has put all that behind him and we now have ten of his calves from first time mothers (heifers). The calves add a bit of variety to the farm.

Shorthorns were the breed of choice on many upland farms up until the fifties when they gave way to the milkier Friesian which in turn gave way to the even milkier Holstein.

We have always had time at Bleak Bank for a bit of heritage and we hope that what we lose in milk we will gain in longevity.

Of course, a touch of job satisfaction never goes amiss...

*John Dawson*



*One of Billy Shorthorn's calves  
Photo: John Dawson*



## The Ingleborough Fell Gathers

There's been a lot of interest in fell gathers in the media recently with them featuring in several TV programmes. Fell gathers involve the moving of 'hefted' sheep down from



Shepherds and dogs on Ingleborough summit ready to start the gather  
Photo: John Bentley

open moorland several times a year so that farmers can carry out work like shearing and dipping. Sheep also generally get taken off the fells during the harsh Winter months.

The Ingleborough gathers are particularly interesting as they involve twelve farms closely cooperating to gather the sheep from the 3500 acres of Ingleborough five times a year between June and October. I am working on a photography project to document hill farming and over the summer I've been photographing the gathers on Ingleborough. The gathers have three start and finish points: two start on Ingleborough summit and one just below. They finish at three points (Bleak Bank Farm and at two sets of sheep pens) on the fell edge just above the old Clapham-Ingleton road.



Shepherds sort the gathered sheep by ownership in the pens above Cold Cotes  
Photo: John Bentley

At the start of the gather there's time for the assembled gatherers to briefly chat and to admire the magnificent view on Ingleborough summit before it's time to begin the driving of sheep down off the fell. The shepherds and dogs quickly spread out so as to cover a wide front. It's a co-ordinated partnership of humans and dogs as they move down the fellsides. Soon shepherds appear as distant specks

standing on the edge of distant ridges, surveying the wide expanse of open moorland for sheep. The sheepdogs are a key component of the operation: they are mad keen to move the sheep and communication between dog and shepherd is vital. Gradually the sheep are moved downhill towards their destinations at the fell bottom.

On reaching the three collecting points at the fell bottom the sheep are sorted in the pens according to ownership. What happens next depends on the time in the farming calendar, but to take the first gather in late June as an example, the sheep are then sheared before being released back onto Ingleborough.

The fascinating Ingleborough sheep gathers are but one example of the rich heritage and tradition of hill farming in Britain's upland areas.

*John Bentley*

More of John's photos from his hill farming project can be seen by following this link: <http://bit.ly/clapham-bentley>

## Marking Remembrance Day



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If you meet the above criteria, or you know an older veteran who does, please see more information on our website: <http://bit.ly/2S3tqPh>, email [exforces@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk](mailto:exforces@communityfirstyorkshire.org.uk) or call us on 01904 704177.

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## Allotments 2020

Since Eddie Leggett obtained the use of 'waste' land in Cross Haw Lane for the Sustainability Group to use as small allotments, people have been beaver away behind the wall



producing fruit and vegetables for their own use. In the early days, excess produce from these plots, villagers' gardens and the Orchard group were available on a Saturday morning stall in the village. That stopped when the Clapham Village Store re-opened.

During winter 2018/19, the Ingleborough Estate

approached us about moving to a new site at the back of the waste, adjacent to Ian's field, and we agreed the move after certain promises. The Estate cleared the ground and created ten identical plots filled with mushroom compost, just in time for lockdown and all that fine weather! Some of us moved our precious well-worked soil across to the new site too.

Thanks to Darren North we obtained old plastic netting to fit round the external fencing to make it rabbit- and lamb-proof and brought bits of equipment and drums for rainwater collection from the old site. The old shed was not worth keeping, so as yet we have nowhere to store tools.



The fertility of the mushroom compost has resulted in .....WHOOSH!!! See photos. Our allotment plots have never looked so good!

Some of the promises have yet to be fulfilled - the new shed and, most crucially, a water supply. We hope that between the Estate, the new or old agents, and whoever buys the old site, an arrangement can be made to run a water line to the new site. We cannot and would not want to rely on our neighbours for water. That said, thanks to Wyn Roberts and Gerald Kay for providing water this year and in the past.



*John Elphinstone*

## Then and now



A very familiar sight to all in the village, the shop has hardly changed with the passage of time – externally at least! Yet perhaps 100 years separates these two photos, the earlier one being a postcard published as "Browns Store, Clapham". A photograph was something more in those days and it looks as if most of the village's VIPs have turned out to be in the picture, along with the regulation selection of sheep.



Whatever happened to Ceylindo Tea? The postcard is one of several early ones of the village and surroundings that George Greenbank found in his attic and has kindly allowed me to copy.

Elsewhere in this issue is a mystery one from amongst them.

*Andy Scott*

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## Virtual coffee morning

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- They help develop policies with governments to improve services.
- They have a 24-hour helpline with trained counsellors.

The 'Clapham' Macmillan coffee mornings began in 1990 and were initially hosted by Joan Farrer at Hall Garth. Sadly, Joan died in 2008 and the mantle was taken up by Jackie Kingsley and Liz Mason who held them at Arbutus House. For the last 2 years the event has been held in Hall Garth Barn, kindly hosted by Maria and Philip Farrer.

This fantastic fund raiser has managed to raise hundreds of pounds every year and, as well as raising these much-needed funds, it has always been an enjoyable social event. Sadly, due to Coronavirus, this year's event cannot take place, but Macmillan Cancer Support is still desperately needing donations.



We therefore ask you to be generous, pop some money into the envelope provided and drop it into Liz Mason's letterbox (Clareson, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham LA2 8DZ). Please bake yourself a cake, and eat it, when you donate!

Annie Farrer has kindly offered to bake and sell cakes etc. from her car boot in front of the garages next to the 'Beeches' on Riverside. This will take place over the weekend of the 3 - 4th October. All contributions would be welcomed. She has also said that she would be happy to deliver cake to your door, should you not be able to collect personally. She can be contacted on 015242 51097.

Thank you all, in anticipation for your support, and also to the Newsletter team for supporting us to publicise the cause and this year's 'Virtual coffee morning'.

*Jackie Kingsley and Liz Mason*

## Village Hall news

We are delighted to say that the Village Hall is now, theoretically, ready for use albeit in a limited way. The committee has worked hard to complete all the necessary requirements for us to re-open in a Covid-safe manner. That was, of course, until this latest edict from on high, about not more than 6 people being together under one roof, unless you are at the pub, restaurant or church. So we wait a little longer, but at least we are now ready.

At this stage, only the main room, corridor and disabled persons toilet will be open for use and the ladies washroom has been re-designated as a Covid-19 first aid area.

The kitchen and supper room will not be opening at present. Numbers and the types of activities permitted will have to be limited too in order to meet government guidelines.

We have a new Booking Form, as well as a Covid-19 Form, for our users to complete and we have created a Covid-19 Risk Assessment. We have also had to develop a documented cleaning regime and schedule, so anyone who would like to use the hall can feel very safe.

A massive thanks to Angie Martin and Chris Horsewill for sorting out all the paperwork in the approved format, and also to Lorraine Wildman and Sheila Maywood for getting the hall nice and clean. My contribution was getting all the signage, first aid, and hand-sanitising materials in place so we have all done our bit.

The Hall's Annual General Meeting, which would normally take place in mid-September, has been postponed until late October to ensure that we can get everything in place to hold it safely.

It will be an open meeting and all residents are very welcome, indeed encouraged, to attend. It will be an inclusive "blended" meeting so we can have some attendees physically present in the hall whilst others may, if they wish, join via Zoom.

However, because of the restrictions on numbers, and also to allow all those who wish to Zoom in instead, we would ask you all to book your places in advance. Please see the separate advert for details or phone me on 015242 51240.

Jackie is taking medication that makes her vulnerable, so I also must take extra care not to pick up any bugs. Therefore I will be Zooming in whilst Angie will be taking the chair in the hall itself.

We are looking for new blood to join our committee as well as the old, so that once normality resumes the hall can once again become the hub of the village as it used to be.

Financially we are pretty sound at the moment as we were eligible for some government funding and have received some donations.

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*David Kingsley*  
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## Steam update

There have been a number of steam engines through the Station over the end of summer, as special train services began to increase post lockdown. Most, however, have just been light engines moving between Carnforth and Hellifield to provide power for The Dalesman services over the Settle and Carlisle line. The “engine of choice” for these at the moment seems to be Merchant Navy Pacific no. 35018 British India Line. Locos for this service always run “backwards” through the station since there are no turning facilities at Hellifield.

Apart from The Dalesman services on Tuesdays, there have been a number of other steam outings on the Settle and

Carlisle, usually at weekends. One such was The Northern Belle service on Saturday 19th September which was hauled by no. 6201 Princess Elizabeth with the stock all in “chocolate and cream” Pullman livery.



6201 Princess Elizabeth  
Photo: Andy Scott

From the beginning of October, the midweek service is replaced by the similarly named Pendle Dalesman (and changes days for the first week to Thursday, and thereafter to Wednesdays), and just one weekend service is planned, on Saturday 10th. I understand that there are no steam services at all planned over the Settle and

Carlisle in November, so the season is probably quickly drawing to a close.

*Andy Scott*

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## A correction

In the August edition of the Newsletter, our Then and Now article featured the Old Manor House and I wrote a bit about the building’s history. However, both Ken Pearce and Eileen Plumridge have kindly pointed out that there were a couple of mistakes in it, which just goes to show that you shouldn’t believe everything you read on the internet! I had suggested that, even after it had been gifted to the Village as a Reading Room, it was later used as a home by Matthew Roland Farrer. This struck me as a bit odd at the time, and it’s now clear that I should have checked more thoroughly.

Eileen takes up the story: Sidney James Farrer was the squire when they moved into the village and he lived at Newby Cote. At that time, it was the estate’s agents - Claude Barton and, later, Hugh McDonald - who lived in Hall Garth. When Sidney died in 1948, the new squire was

Matthew Roland who arrived, alone, from New Zealand, his son having been killed whilst serving in the NZ Airforce. Matthew Roland chose to live in Deighton Cottage which became, temporarily, known as the “manor house” on account of the squire living there. Hence the confusion. When Matthew Roland died, on Christmas Eve, 1952, the estate passed to the Australian Doctor John Anson Farrer and he set up home in Hall Garth.

Eileen also thinks that Ingleborough Hall wasn’t sold until a bit later than I suggested, perhaps around 1947. It had been run, by another of the Farrer family, as a prep school for children evacuated from the south coast for a few years during the war and then, after it was sold, it became a special school for delicate children. These were principally those with asthma from the mining areas of the West Riding.

*Andy Scott*

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## Village shop update

As we try to work out what another phase in the COVID experience means - Clapham Village Store has welcomed back many of our volunteers who have, up to now, been self-isolating. However, we live in uncertain times so, although we are fully staffed at the moment, we would invite you to get in touch if you are interested in volunteering or, possibly, even some short term paid work in the future.

*Sue Mann,  
suemann.wyvern51@gmail.com or 07456 855749*

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## Keasden rainfall report

	2019	2020
July	6” or 15.24cm	6¾” or 17.14cm
August	8¼” or 20.96cm	15½” or 39.37cm

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## Lottery grant success for The Folly

You may have seen recent fundraising efforts by The Folly, Settle's only Grade I listed building, to help with reopening and repair costs after storms during lockdown caused damage to the building's 350 year old roof. This appeal has now been met in style, with £204,600 awarded as a Heritage Emergency Fund grant administered by the National Lottery Heritage Fund. This fund provides a package of support for the heritage sector in response to the Covid-19 crisis, using monies generated by Lottery players.

The Trustees of the North Craven Building Preservation Trust, who own and care for The Folly, along with the Grade II listed Zion Chapel, have welcomed the news. Chair of the Trust, Heather Lane, said:

"As a building preservation trust, our priority must be the care of our buildings, and without this grant both the Museum and the Folly Coffee House were at risk of closure. This award ensures that we can repair the roof and our iconic windows and helps us build a new kitchen.

With worries about funding for repair costs lifted, we are able to press on with our other objective: to preserve and care for the archives of the Museum of North Craven Life and make these important local history resources accessible to everyone."

The Museum and Coffee House have reopened to the general public with new social distancing guidelines in place: all tables are 2m apart and hand sanitiser is provided on every table. A one-way system directs visitors through the Coffee House and Museum, to allow everyone to keep a safe distance, and masks are required everywhere in the building except while eating.

From October, a new temporary exhibition organised in partnership with Settle Stories explores the photography of Tom Faulkner, who dedicated much of his life to recording daily life in Settle, including the 1953 coronation pageant.

*Caitlin Greenwood,  
Heritage Development Officer*

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Trips and day activities such as our lunch clubs have had to be curtailed because of Covid19, but we are still carrying out our principal role of helping people in later life. Our Information and Advice service via the telephone is still busy with people trying to cope with day-to-day living in these testing times. We also have a phone befriending service, staffed by fantastic volunteers, who are ringing clients on a weekly basis to have a chat and hopefully reduce those feelings of isolation.

Our Independence Support Service is still active, although we cannot offer a face-to-face service at present



as we all need to stay safe. We can still give practical and emotional support to you at the end of a phone – so do not hesitate to get in touch.

We are also supplying activities such as crafts, colouring books, wordsearches, crosswords, jigsaws, DVDs and painting materials to name just a few. A range of reading material (audio books and large print) is also available.

If you have inquiries about any of these initiatives, please ring the Age UK office in Settle (01729 823066).

*Richard Daniels,  
Day Activities Worker*

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## August 2020 Wordsearch – Answers

ALUM POT, AUSTWICK BECK, BATTY MOSS, BORRINS MOOR, BOWLAND KNOTTS, BOWSBER HILL, BUCKHAW BROW, BURNMOOR, CINDER HILL, CLAPDALE, CRUMMOCKDALE, FELL BECK, FOUNTAINS FELL, GAPING GHYLL, GODS BRIDGE, GREGARETH, GREGORY, GRETA, GREY WIFE SIKE, HARDACRE MOSS, INGLEBOROUGH, KEASDEN BECK, KETTLES BECK, KINGSDALE, LAWKLAND MOSS, LEAD MINE MOSS, MOUGHTON, NEWBY MOSS, NORBER, OXENBER WOOD, PARK FELL, PENYGHENT, RANTREE CRAGG, RAVENS CASTLE, RIBBLESDALE, ROBIN PROCTORS SCAR, SCALES MOOR, SIMON FELL, SOUTHERSCALES, STORRS COMMON, SULBER NICK, THE ALLOTMENT, THWAITE, TWISLETON SCARS, WEATHERCOTE CAVE, WENNING, WHELPSTONE CRAG, WHERNSIDE, WHITE SCAR CAVE, YORDAS CAVE

Congratulations – and kudos – to Brenda Pearce for the most complete answer.



## Clapham-cum-Newby Village Hall

Cross Haw Lane, Clapham LA2 8DZ

# Notice of **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

7.30pm, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October

Meeting to be held in the Hall and via Zoom

All welcome but  
due to Covid-19 restrictions  
it will be necessary to book your places.

Please email:

[claphamcumnewbyvillagehall@gmail.com](mailto:claphamcumnewbyvillagehall@gmail.com)

and state your preference for attending  
in person or via Zoom

## Christmas is coming ...



In the December issue we'll be publishing a page of Christmas Greetings. If you'd like yours to be included, complete the coupon below by **Friday 20 November**. It will cost you £5 - which will help continue to fund 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 pop it through the letter boxes of either:

- Isobel Palmer, at Bridge Cottage, or
- Andy Scott, at Clapham Station House

Alternatively, you can put your sealed envelope in the Newsletter Christmas Greetings collection box at the Village Shop.

Please cut out, complete, add your £5 and place in an envelope, and drop off to Isobel or Andy or the village shop.

### Christmas Greetings - Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Name: .....

House and/or Road name: .....



## Sorting out the underpass



Mr Gerald Kay and his two elves making the A65 underpass access pushchair friendly as requested  
Photo: J Dawson

## Portrait of Britain Winner



Juliet Klottrup, Portrait of Britain Winner, 2020  
Photo © Nathan Grace

It was reported at the September meeting of the Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Council that works had been completed to improve the underpass on Station Road, Clapham.

Mr Gerald Kay and his helpers constructed a ramp to facilitate access for pushchairs and the like. This work will be much appreciated by those using the underpass to cross the A65.

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this premiered digitally at the Yorkshire Festival of Story in August and was highly acclaimed.

About the film Juliet says, "The film is a tribute and testament to the young people growing up in my local area who have trusted me to capture their portraits so sincerely."

The film will be released to film festivals later this year.

### Clapham-cum-Newby Parish Council

Members of the public are invited to join the Council meeting via Zoom to watch proceedings and ask questions etc. on

**Tuesday, 27th October 2020  
from 7.15pm onwards**

For further information -  
visit the Clapham Newsletter website  
[clapham-news.net](http://clapham-news.net)

## Settle photographic group

During the current coronavirus period, Settle Photographic Group continues to have virtual meetings on Skype. If you would like to join us, it will only cost you £5 for all our meetings until the end of the year. This includes a talk by Chris Upton on November 16th. Have a look at his website to see some of his images and decide whether you would like to join us. Chris Upton is a professional photographer, based in Nottinghamshire (UK), specialising in Travel, Landscape and Social Documentary photography. [www.chrisuptonphotography.com](http://www.chrisuptonphotography.com)

We meet on the first and the third Mondays of the month from October to April. If you would like to join our Skype meetings, please email the secretary at [secretary@settlephoto.org](mailto:secretary@settlephoto.org). If you want to find out more about our programme, look online at [www.settlephotos.org](http://www.settlephotos.org).



Frosty Morning in Littondale, by Ian Hughes  
Part of the online Annual Exhibition

If you missed our Annual Exhibition, the images are still available on the SPG website: [www.settlephotos.org](http://www.settlephotos.org)

Gill  
Pinkerton

### Cake Sale to support the Macmillan coffee morning

Annie Farrer will be selling cakes from her car boot in front of the garages next to the 'Beeches' on Riverside

**Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October**

All contributions would be welcomed  
Cakes can also be delivered to you  
- contact Annie on 015242 51097



## Keasden's New Burial Ground begins to take shape

Thanks to the generous donation of land by the Cornthwaite family, the PCC of Keasden Church is in the process of creating a new burial ground for the use of the local community in perpetuity. Space in the current churchyard is increasingly limited, and so this is a timely move which will benefit future generations.

The map shows the location of the new cemetery, adjacent to St. Matthew's Church.

The photographs below record the day in August when, in a procession of tractors and trailers, a number of local volunteers moved a large supply of stone from the United Utilities land up and over Bowland Knotts to the area in Keasden to be used for the walling.

Thanks to everyone who helped that day - and to all involved in the process of creating what we intend to be a place of lasting peace and beauty.

The work of walling, creating access and a pathway, tree-planting, and the background legalities, will continue in the coming months. If you would like to help support this project by contributing to its success, please contact me.

Once the work is completed the ground will be consecrated in a ceremony led by the Bishop of Leeds.

You'll be able to read updates here.

*Revd John Davies*

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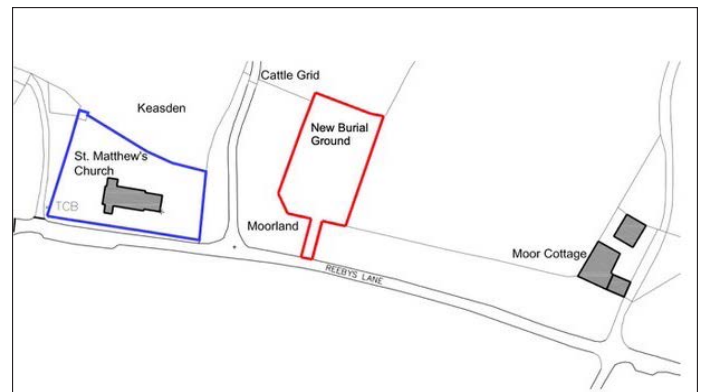
*Taylor's of Bentham gather the stones donated by United Utilities*



*Stones loaded into trailers for transporting to Keasden*



*The trailers moved back and forth down and up the Keasden Road*



*The stones were brought to the New Burial Ground site - near to the church*



*A load of stone arrives on site*



*The stones are ready to be used by the wallers*