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Newsletter review of the year

Observing constitutional requirements, Clapham and District Newsletter held its AGM for 2020 on Thursday 5th November by Zoom. The inability to celebrate this event with mutual gregarious festive refreshments only partly subdued the experience, and the committee, having unanimously expressed willingness to continue with present roles, was *nemine contradicente* re-elected.

During the year the Newsletter has weathered the effects of international pandemic strategies successfully and has continued to present to the local residents interesting news about the happenings in the Parish. The committee meetings have been held on line, and distribution hiatus was avoided by encouraging parishioners to obtain copies from advertised collection places. The Clapham Village Store was very helpful in this plan of action.

We have also introduced an online version of the newsletter. Whilst this began life as a temporary expedient to help quickly disseminate the fast-changing news triggered by the coronavirus outbreak, we have decided to continue with both the printed and online formats and are currently opening the online side up to our advertisers to help them through the present difficult trading environment.

Many individuals have helped along the way; the committee, those involved with editing and setting the edition, the proof-readers, the advertising, financial and secretarial executive, the reporters and the distribution team.

However there would be no Clapham & District Newsletter without the community's support and involvement: so many of you contribute articles, pictures and information for publication and there would be nothing without you. There are also our advertisers, who provide the major financial backing and sponsorship that allow us to continue printing in colour, and we hope that the community will reward them with their patronage.

The group is especially grateful for the support from the Parish Council, and is also grateful to the 'Clapham, North Yorkshire' website, not only for publishing copy submission dates on into eternity but also for making the archive of all past editions available on the internet. There is also appreciation for the efforts of our printers who also advertise within the pages.

During the year, additional people have joined the team and there is also appreciation and gratitude for those who

have quietly slipped away.

Despite being unable to hold a fundraising Coffee Morning this season, our finances for the present remain sound and we go into 2021 confident that we can continue to serve the community.

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Christopher Hart,
Chair



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Children bring Christmas sparkle



Children from Clapham and the surrounding area are bringing some sparkle and seasonal cheer to the village with the annual Clapham Christmas Picture Trail. With funding from the Friends of Clapham School charity to provide new art supplies, more than 25 children aged from 0 to teens have had fun creating glittery works of art and have turned the whole village into a festive art gallery.

Why not take a walk around the village and see how many of the Christmassy pictures you can spot? Thank you to all the Clapham Christmas elves who have helped and for all the windows that are displaying the artworks. We hope the pictures help everyone feel a little community Christmas spirit at a time when we can't all get together.

Zoe Richardson

Give Clapham a helping hand

Last year many of you completed the Neighbourhood Plan's Household Survey. Despite the challenges of this strangest of strange years, the team behind the Plan has been hard at work analysing the results and shaping them into a draft document.

We hope to publish a draft plan in the first quarter of 2021, ready for everyone to read and comment on.

The Neighbourhood Plan will give us, as a community, more of a voice when it comes to planning decisions affecting our Parish. It provides a guide for the planning authority and must be considered for any new planning applications.

Please do watch out for more news of the draft plan in the next newsletter.

In the meantime, we need a handful of new volunteers to help assess and progress some of the non-planning related ideas that came out of the survey. These ideas are many and varied, and include a dedicated dog walking area, new tree planting, improved footpaths and the development of a strategy to improve mobile phone reception.

None of these ideas fall under the remit of the Neighbourhood Plan, but we know they are all important to our community. For this reason, we are looking for a small team of volunteers to start shaping the ideas into a Parish Plan, to pick up the baton from the fantastic Parish Plan of 2008, and help Clapham flourish and grow over the next decade.

If you would like to be part of this team, we'd love to hear from you. Please email: info@claphamplan.net or call Ann Sheridan on 07866 096215.

Adrienne Robins

Macmillan Cancer - £1639.00!



Wow we have to say a **HUGE THANK YOU**, to all of you who supported the 'Envelope Scheme'. To date, it has raised £979.00.

In addition, a sunny weekend was chosen by Annie Farrer for her 'POP-UP CAR-BOOT CAKE STALL' which was held on Riverside to attract the many visitors to the village.

The stall was supplied by Clapham's fantastic bakers and home preserve makers and was very well stocked. Annie was ably assisted by super salesperson Anne Douglas and, by Saturday afternoon, they realised that more cakes would be required for the Sunday. An S.O.S. went out and the bakers produced even more supplies, many raiding their own freezers.

The stall raised £660.00 and we were absolutely thrilled. More so as, having had to make the difficult decision to cancel the usual coffee morning, something so positive has happened.

Well done and **THANK YOU**, to all who supported this fantastic cause - and not forgetting the Newsletter team for publicity and in delivering the envelopes, which were all personally inscribed by Annie.

Jackie Kingsley, Annie Farrer, Anne Douglas, David Kingsley and Liz Mason



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Clapham library

Many of you know already that Clapham has a huge collection of books that has turned into a proper library. It started as a bookstall in the church and at the annual Street Fair, but has since grown and now also provides stalls for various charities at coffee mornings.

The books were originally kept in boxes in the choir vestry in church. That became too crowded and they moved to the garage at Sandy Bell, followed by the barn at Long Barn. Their next home was the Temperance Hall in Keasden before moving yet again to Hall Garth Barn. Their final (I hope!) home is in the Hearse House, which is now lined with bookshelves kindly donated by Clapham residents at various times and moved around by a willing band of strong-armed volunteers with borrowed trailers.

The shelves in the Hearse House surround a large cabinet which contains the B4RN equipment. For this, the building was given a new roof and floor, and lining for the walls, so it is now a cosy weatherproof home



for B4RN and books. For those who don't know, the Hearse House is the single storey barn which is the last building in the village on the left-hand side if you pass the shop on the way to the A65 towards Lancaster. It looks like a proper library as I have organised it as far as possible into categories which are all labelled.

From the beginning, the supply of books has far exceeded the number of opportunities to sell them, so in recent years I have taken car and trailer-loads of surplus books to the Oxfam bookshop in Skipton. Oxfam tell me that between July 2018 and the end of March 2020, sales of those books have raised a staggering £1,655.60 for their causes. It's well worth doing so please keep them coming!

If anybody wants to buy or donate books at any time I am very happy to open the Hearse House - just give me a ring on 51816.

Brenda Pearce

Saint James' church

As with everything else, Christmas is going to be rather different at Saint James' Church this year. At the time of publication of this newsletter we are still not aware of what the rules will be after December 2nd. Therefore, the Parochial Church Council has decided to defer the service of Lessons and Carols, at present scheduled for Sunday, December 6th. We felt that it would be a shame to think we can go ahead with this only to have to cancel at the last minute.

However, what we are hoping to do is to hold a special Christmas service on Sunday, December 20th at 11:00a.m. if we are allowed to. As you know the church is large and social distancing will not be a problem. There will be another opportunity to feel the true spirit of Christmas on Christmas Eve at 5:00p.m. when we will hold our extremely popular Crib Service. This is followed by a short service of Holy Communion for those who wish to stay.

If carol singing is something you will really miss, this year there are plans to offer a couple of socially distanced opportunities for you to come and join in with a few of your favourites.

We will be able to confirm all these arrangements by early December and we will deliver details to each house as soon as we can.

Thank you for your patience.

Sue Mann (on behalf of the PCC)

Recycling facility improvement

In case you haven't yet met it, there is a new recycling container in Clapham Village Store for the deposit of used Household Batteries and empty Printer Cartridges.



You no longer have to crouch behind the shop door and fight with the previous container's lid.

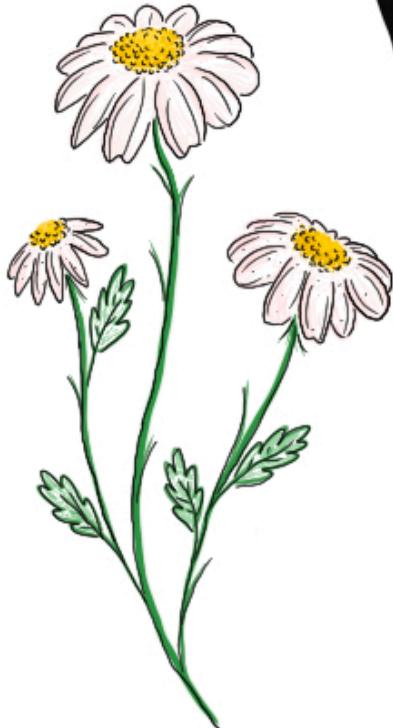
Without bending, your batteries and cartridges can be dropped into the mouth of a red-topped tubular stand.

We are grateful to the shop for housing this facility, and very grateful to Barrie and Heather Webster who continue to collect the recyclable materials for onward safe processing.

*Ann Stewart and Jill Buckler
For Clapham Sustainability Group*

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Parish Council news

The Parish Council met online on the evening of 27th October 2020 with nineteen members of the public in attendance.

A police report setting out details of eleven incidents that had occurred in the parish between 22nd September and 21st October 2020 was read to the meeting. Those incidents included a theft of sheep, an alleged sexual offence, a domestic incident and the recovery, on Keasden Road, of a vehicle which had been stolen in Lancashire.

In relation to highways matters, the Council discussed (and decided to keep under review) the use of no waiting cones on Riverside, Clapham and parking on the verge at the top of Henbusk Lane, Newby Cote. Additionally, the clerk was asked to report to North Yorkshire County Council a broken manhole cover near to Clapham Station, faded white lines at the junction of Lawsings Brow and Wenning Bank, flooding on Lawsings Brow and a blocked culvert on Old Road, Clapham.

The Council noted that, following its previous meeting, a letter of thanks had been sent to the Clapham Park Association in recognition of its recent efforts, details had been passed to Post Office Facilities of a potential host for weekly Post Office services in Clapham and correspondence had been sent to Councillor Richard Foster and the Craven Heritage Trust setting out the Council's views in relation to proposed local government reorganisation.

Maintenance requirements were considered. The Council identified ditching work in the Keasden area which is necessary.

Updates were received with regard to the provision of a new defibrillator in Clapham and the Neighbourhood Planning initiative. In relation to the former, Councillor Elphinstone had been in contact with the ambulance service to arrange purchase. In connection with the latter, Councillor

Sheridan informed the meeting that moves to the "pre-submission" stage are planned and are likely to take place after Christmas.

A proposed climate emergency motion was introduced to the Council in some detail. Debate on this was held over to the next meeting and the Council decided that it would participate in a working group with the Clapham Sustainability Group in connection with the issue, Councillor Bratt being nominated to represent the Council in this regard.

The Council considered a request to hand over to Clapham Village Store, the notice board affixed to the front of the shop, in return for the shop providing a notice board for the Council elsewhere. It was in favour of this proposal and authorised the making of the necessary arrangements.

In relation to planning matters the Council supported an application for listed building consent for plans to convert the Sawmill, Clapham into a visitor centre etc. It also supported an application to build a shed with covered decking area at Stonecroft, Keasden. The Council noted that approval had been given by the relevant authorities for a minor material amendment to previously approved plans in relation to the development at Station Road, Clapham; also approval had been given for an extension to a porch at Beckside House, Keasden and for an extension at Green Close House. It also noted that approval had been given for various tree-works in the parish.

The Council was informed that plans for a holiday lodge development at the former railway goods yard near to Clapham Station had been considered by Craven District Council Planning Committee and had been refused. The clerk was also instructed to write to Craven District Council with regard to concerns over alleged breaches of planning permission at the adjacent Harlow Views Lodge Park.

For more information about the work of the parish council please visit the parish council information on the website www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk.

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday 8th December, 2020 at 7.30pm**, this will again be online.

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

Meeting Dates 2021

The Parish Council generally meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month. There will be no meetings in August or November and the December meeting will be on the first Tuesday in that month. Meetings ordinarily take place in Clapham Village Hall starting at 7.30pm but will be held online where Covid-19 restrictions dictate. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Tuesday 26th January

Tuesday 23rd February

Tuesday 23rd March

Tuesday 27th April

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Nature notes



Hungry redwing.
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Sadly, the ‘interesting’ times in which we find ourselves offer us few excuses to be out and about after sunset: no more walking home from the pub in these benighted locked-down days! Even if we’re not self-isolating, we have to make a conscious effort to venture out to enjoy the star-scattered skies and woodsmoke scented chill of a crisp winter’s evening. Small wonder then, that this year few of us will have heard one of the signature sounds of the season – the soft, twittering whisper of hundreds of redwings passing unseen overhead as they make a moonlight flit for their winter feeding grounds.

The redwing is our smallest thrush and every year hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions* of them, forsake their breeding grounds in Russia, Finland and Scandinavia; flying under cover of darkness to enjoy the mellow fruitfulness of a late English autumn. At the same time, their Icelandic cousins head south on biting winds to feast on the hawthorn and rowan berries of Scotland and Ireland. No surprise then, that the redwing’s Gaelic name is the siocàn, or ‘frost bird’ – just as swallows bring light and summer warmth, these hardy northern travellers signal shorter days and icy nights.

Like many of our winter visitors, redwings often join forces with fellow migrants to form large mixed flocks, and their companions of choice are their bigger, brasher relatives the fieldfares. Similar in size to a mistle thrush, the fieldfare has a slate-grey head, brown wings and a black tail. Its white underwings and creamy, speckled chest make it fairly easy to recognise but any doubt is soon dispelled when it takes to the air with its characteristic ‘chack-a-chack’ call. At this time of year they can be found in lots of places around the village but those of you who have climbed the old road out of Clapham towards Ingleton in the past month will almost certainly have come across a marauding mob systematically stripping the berries off the hawthorn trees at the top of the hill.

Neither of these winter thrushes are ‘pre-programmed’ migrants: they are ‘eruptive’ species, responding to the vagaries of weather and food supply. John Clare, that

wonderful observer of all things natural, described them as birds ‘that come and go on winter’s chilling wing’ and they have been doing just that at least since the time of Chaucer. Even after their arrival here in the Dales, they will remain fairly nomadic and will adapt their behaviour to suit the conditions

Before Christmas you are more likely to find them feeding in trees and hedgerows but, come January when sloes and hawthorn berries are getting scarce, they will spend more of their time with the jackdaws and starlings foraging for invertebrates in the fields. If there is a really cold snap, ice and snow might even drive some into our gardens – and if you want to attract them, a few roughly sliced apples will prove especially tempting.

Another welcome visitor to the area around the village at this time of year is the brambling. I am delighted to hear that Tim Hutchinson has already spotted a few of these colourful little ‘mountain finches’ around Ingleborough Hall, and it is quite possible that one or two will join the chaffinches

at your garden bird feeders over the coming weeks. More unusually, Tim has also been lucky enough to come across a diminutive yellow-browed warbler in the grounds of the hall – a real rarity for the area. It may simply be passing through, but if you happen to see a tiny green bird (about the size of a goldcrest) with a distinctive yellow ‘eyebrow’ do let me know.

In fact, if you have news of any

interesting or unusual sightings in the area, please 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](https://twitter.com/bc_riverside)

*For many years most birding authorities have estimated that somewhere around 700,000 redwings and about a million fieldfares visit the UK each winter. However, the preliminary results from a comprehensive winter thrush survey carried out by the British Ornithological Society between 2012 and 2014 suggest that a staggering 8.6 million redwings and a scarcely credible 15.1 million fieldfares make the journey! How could we have got it so wrong for so long?

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Church news

Can we save Christmas ... or can Christmas save us?



Can we save Christmas? There's a lot of anxiety at the moment around that question. Or if not anxiety, then a pushing back against the sobering thought that coronavirus regulations will restrict the ways we can celebrate, where we can go, who we can meet with, and so on. We're anticipating a trimmed-back Christmas with absurdities like Carol Services with no singing, pubs closing at 10.00 on New Year's Eve, blowing kisses to granny through the window of her care home, and so on.

'Saving Christmas' means far more than salvaging the high street shops by our bounteous spending. For many the question is clearly, how can we 'save' this Christmas from being a sad time of silence and distance and loss? Of course, we understand that for some people, every Christmas is a time like this, for all sorts of reasons; that because of bereavement or family breakdown or other circumstances, for many people every Christmas needs 'saving' - or avoiding. The idea of our 'hibernating' Christmas this year may be an attractive one for those who find this season painful.

If we can't find a simple answer to the question, can we save Christmas? will it help to dig a little deeper by asking instead, can Christmas save us? In this year's stripped-back celebration, if we go back to basics - give time to the original story - will that help and direct us in the challenges of our lives today? It's a story full of magical moments, with angels and cosmic signs and exotic visitors; but at heart it's a human story, of how some ordinary people responded to the extraordinary circumstances they found themselves in, with faith and hope and love.

One good consequence of this past year was the way that for a while, the monetisation of every aspect of life took second place to neighbourliness, fellowship and community. For a few weeks, even months, we reset our values to a human level, finding ways to express how we most merit those who show love and generosity and self-sacrifice in their life and work; and taking time to listen to each other, including to some more-often-than-not neglected voices.

Can Christmas save our young ones trying to find a place in a world which seems to be closing more doors than it's opening to them at present? Can Christmas save our faithful old ones wondering if the countless hours they've spent in the place of worship have been worth anything at all? Can Christmas save our leaders torn between the trappings of power and the calling to integrity? Can Christmas save our working men and women in squeezed economic times?

I'm confident that we can tease out some answers to these questions if we spend time with Mary, with Simeon and Anna, with Herod and with those innkeepers and shepherds this year; by reading the early chapters of Matthew and Luke, seeking to make connections with their very human story and our own.

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St. Matthew's Church, Keasden

We are hoping to hold some of our traditional Christmas services and activities whilst adhering to any guidelines and making safety for all a priority.

All being well there will be:

- **Saturday 12th December** 10am to 12.30pm - Christmas Coffee Morning '*Takeaway only*'. Home made mince pies, Christmas puddings, shortbread, flapjacks, cupcakes etc plus holly and Christmas decorations and a raffle. If you wish to pre-order your goodies call Angela on 015242 51108.
- **Sunday 13th December** 11am - Carols and Lessons
- **Christmas Day** 11am - Holy Communion

Please register your interest in attending these services by calling Angela on 015242 51108 at least 48 hours in advance.

We hope to provide **Christmas music** to some of the homes in Keasden - more details about dates for this will be delivered to your home in your Christmas card from the church.

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 can be contacted by phone: 015242 61257 or by email: Stephen.f.caddy@gmail.com

Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

When possible we 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

Tutting Time

By the end of November, the tups (rams) have finished work and most of the sheep will be in lamb. It's a busy time for the sheep and the shepherd but mostly for the tup. Unlike the sheep who has her work paced throughout the year, the tup does nearly all his annual workload in a matter of weeks, similar to being a schoolteacher or an arable farmer. As the daylight hours begin to shorten the sheep start coming into season and the tups begin to detect pheromones in the air which is a technical term for getting randy.

We don't let the tups to the sheep until bonfire night, meaning the first sheep will start lambing on the first of April which is plenty soon on an upland farm. By then, we hope Mother Nature will have given us a sly glimpse of spring and hopefully there will be the faintest hint of new grass to help mum make milk. As usual it's a case of working with Mother Nature instead of against.

None of this matters to the tup: all he is interested in is getting on with the job he is paid to do. The tups live together in a small field in the build up to tupping time where they can be seen several times a day. They pace the field with top lips curled, like teenagers waiting for the disco to start. It must be remembered that the average tup doesn't really mind who owns the sheep. When love is in the air he just wants to be among them, the sooner the better. It makes for poor neighbours to have your arthritic old tup in their best yows (ewes). Some tups think nothing of a dry stone wall and could make Houdini look like an amateur.

All tups "get" or breed slightly differently. For instance, some breed a slightly darker sheep and some lighter, some breed well on any type and some should never be allowed to breed. This is where the shepherd comes in: each sheep is handpicked to each tup in order to carry out a corrective mating in the eternal quest to breed the perfect sheep. Incidentally, I know what the perfect Dalesbred sheep looks like but have yet to see it.

A favourite trick for tups is for one of them to drop dead for no reason just before they are put in with the sheep (loosed). It amuses them greatly and causes maximum emotional damage to the shepherd, mostly because it's guaranteed to be the best "getter."

Each of our tups get between fifty and sixty sheep which gives them enough to do and still have Sunday afternoons off. It is important to check on the tups every day and round up the sheep for him so he can have a good look round them. Often two or three can be in season on any day and if they are shy (unlikely) they will not go looking for him. If he has a particularly flirtatious yow with him, and she has drawn him in with her arts and allurements, he will not go looking

for anything else to do and hence a sheep will not be in lamb due to the shepherd's neglect.

If he does not have anything to do on a particular day he is more likely to abscond over the nearest wall and get into mischief. Tups will fight to the death over a female, I tell them it's not worth it but will they listen? it is quite a sight as they back away from each other like western gunfighters, to then run full tilt, heads down, and smack so hard into each other that it sounds like thunder. This would continue until one tup is too injured to fight on. As before, it is the better getter that comes off worse. For obvious welfare and financial reasons, this cannot be tolerated. The shepherd must step into harm's way and mediate, a bit like the united nations.



*This year's champion Dalesbred tup from the association show and sale at Bentham.
Bred by M. Taylor & Son of Higher Brayshaw Farm, Rathmell, he sold for £5000.*

so much we were lucky to hit the arm never mind the vein.

We sell our milk to Arla which is a Europe-wide co-operative and, as is now usual, carbon footprints are well up the agenda. The other day we had our compulsory zoom meeting with a consultant employed by Arla (paid for with money from our milk) to consider ours. I am always wary of consultants (Dominic Cummings). They are keen to spend someone else's money to justify their own existence but not accept any of the risk or even put on a pair of wellies.

We put in the required information such as fertiliser use, bought in feed, silage made and other inputs. We are measured against Danish farms who are well ahead, so Arla say, though I have no idea why. Turns out our farm has a footprint considerably lower (and lowering) than its Danish equivalent. "We are finding this a lot, particularly on the family run farms" said the consultant, who had gone up in my estimation. "Hang on" said I "we haven't finished. What about our woodland or permanent pasture, or the fact we don't plough and I won't fly?" "Sorry," he said "we don't require that information to calculate your carbon footprint. Anyway, why won't you fly?" "It makes my arms ache obviously."

Suddenly, I have a lot more time for consultants. So logical ...

John Dawson

Christmas greetings

Our thanks to the following readers for generously supporting the newsletter with these greetings to their friends.

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Continuing the work of the Clapham Development Association



It was in 2005 that Prince Charles officially opened the viewing platform, steps and seating area at Clapham Falls and since then it has been enjoyed by visitors and residents alike. Fifteen years on, and having weathered storm and tempest, heat and cold, the railings alongside the steps to the waterfall were ready for replacement. Thanks to the wonderful generosity

of an anonymous donor, the craftsmanship of Darren North, and funding from the Farrer Family Trust this work has now been completed.

The waterfall itself was constructed in the 1820s and 30s by the Ingleborough Estate. The project to improve the area for visitors was originally the vision of the Clapham Development Association (now known as Clapham Association), with help and advice from The British Trust for Conservation Volunteers and Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, and funded by a small surplus from the 2004 Festival of Magic, Myths and Legends.

Volunteers from the CDA designed and constructed the viewing platform, the steps and the handrail as well as undertaking landscaping works and some commemorative planting.

The area has become a significant part of Clapham's heritage and, according to local sources, is the most visited site in the village! With the new handrail in place, our local community and visitors can once again enjoy the wonder of the waterfall from above and below.

Maria Farrer and Ken Pearce

Strange sightings



Seemingly now to have migrated south for the winter, this unusual visitor was seen at Wenning Hipping during the summer. The things people do during lockdown ...

Thank you

Following the death of John Lovett (91 years), of Clapham and Austwick, on 27 October 2020, his wife, Betty and family would like to thank everyone for their kindness and messages of sympathy.

The family is especially grateful for the thoughtfulness and support shown by Helen and her team at Clapham Village Store.

Andrew Lovett

Then and now

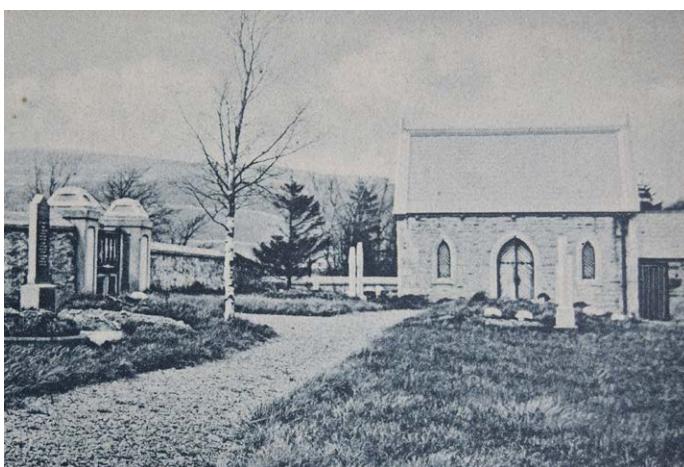


Photo courtesy: George Greenbank

Our pair of photos this issue show the “new” cemetery at Crina Bottom on Station Road, though it is over 120 years old, so not especially new, having been consecrated in 1894. The “Then” photo is interesting since it shows the former chapel-of-rest, or mortuary chapel, which originally occupied the north west corner of the site. This building was demolished in 1972, having stood unused almost from the time that it was built. Ken Pearce has kindly shown me

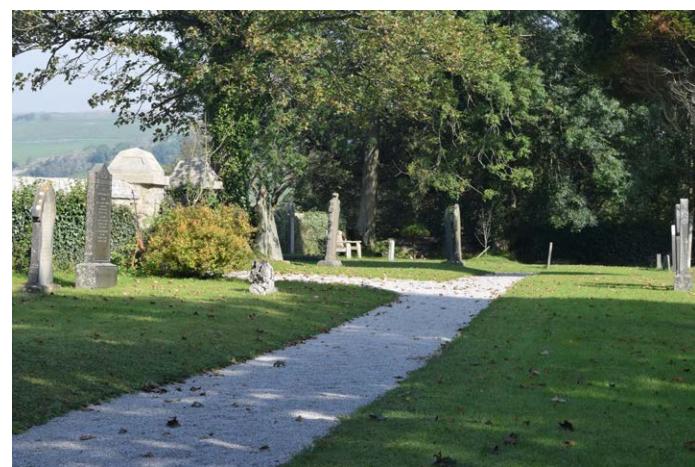


Photo: Andy Scott

copies of two plans he has for buildings on the site, but the chapel - as built and shown in the photo - doesn't appear to match either of them. Thanks also to George Greenbank, for this is another of the batch of early 1900's postcards of Clapham that he found in his loft and has kindly allowed me to use: an interesting choice of subject for a picture postcard perhaps?

Andy Scott

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Christmas Jingle

Christmas is a time filled with fun, frolics and cheer, here are a few tips for those pets you love so dear.....

Chocolate is tasty but bad for your pet, after they eat it you will need a vet.

Raisins are plentiful in mince pies and cakes, but letting your pet eat them would be a mistake.

Salt and grit will hurt your pet's paws, be sure to wash them off when you're back indoors.

Mistletoe's meant for a bit of a snog, but keep it away from your cat or your dog.

Antifreeze tastes sweet, but on paws or a tail may well be licked off and cause the kidneys to fail.

Poinsettias are lovely and pretty to see, but toxic to your pets, just like your Christmas tree.

If you need us we'll be at the end of the phone, just so you know you're never alone.

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"A man of many parts"

To mark the centenary of local MP and landowner Walter Morrison on 18 December 2021, and to celebrate his contribution to Malhamdale, Craven and beyond, a group has been formed to plan a series of events, including talks and exhibitions, throughout Craven in 2021. Led by the Museum of North Craven Life at The Folly in Settle, the committee includes representatives of Malhamdale Local History Group, Kirkby Malham Church, School, and Parish Hall, the Field Studies Council at Malham Tarn House, Giggleswick School, the National Park and other local organisations.

Walter Morrison inherited Malham Tarn Estate at the age of 21 in 1857. He was a very generous benefactor and had a great interest in education. One of his best known local gifts is Giggleswick School Chapel – its distinctive dome reflects his interest in the archaeology of the Bible lands and he was Treasurer of the Palestine Exploration Fund for over fifty years. He also paid for the new Kirkby Malham School and a school at Malham Tarn. Other local donations were made for the restoration of Kirkby Malham Parish Church and part of the cost of the new Kirkby Malham Parish Hall. In Settle, he paid for the Drill Hall and equipped the Territorials.

As an MP, Walter Morrison won Parliamentary elections for Skipton in 1886 and in 1895. He had many business interests and locally he was Chairman of the Yorkshire Dales Railway, which hoped to connect Skipton with Hawes. He

was a director and subsequently Chairman of the Craven Bank. In the Skipton Head Office, he was noted for often using the office glue to messily stick envelopes, as he disliked licking them.

Malham Tarn House was his "mountain home" and he stayed there for long periods each year, spending the winter months in sunnier climes for the sake of his health. He loved walking and regularly walked to and from Settle, Bell Busk Station and Kirkby Malham Church, whilst his staff used his carriage

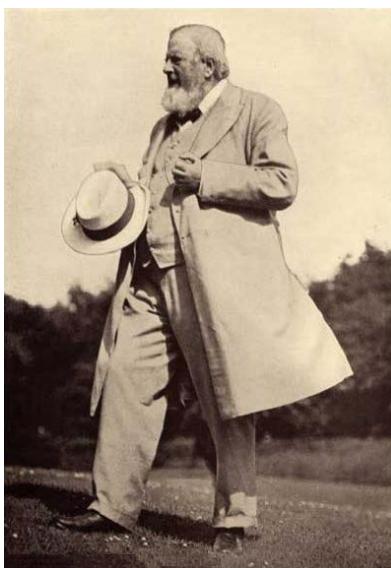
He would often visit his tenants and enjoy a cup of tea in their farmhouse kitchens, with an infant on his knee. Later in life, he was affectionately known as "The Grand Old Man of Craven".

More exciting news about the events in the 2021 Walter Morrison Festival will follow soon.

Help needed

The organising committee would very much like to learn of any photographs or memorabilia of Walter that have survived the years. If you have any such items or any anecdotes that have been passed down through your family, please contact Malhamdale Local History Group at MLHGenquiries@gmail.com

For further details, please see: <https://bit.ly/KMalham>
Caitlin Greenwood
Heritage Development Officer
Museum of North Craven Life



Walter Morrison (1836-1921)

The extra plate

Why not make an extra meal for someone who is on their own this Christmas?

Age UK North Craven is promoting the idea as part of a Christmas campaign to help old people who are isolating and might be feeling a bit lonely because of having to stay inside and avoid contact with people. Most of the usual charity Christmas lunches in the community have had to be cancelled, so this would be something simple that could make a huge difference to someone's Christmas.

Remember, you may be the only people they see or talk to - even if it is only from the doorstep.

If you like the idea please contact Age UK so we can give you more help - but do please ensure that you have spoken to the person you want to help beforehand. You could also check if they have any allergies, which is important. But this idea tries to keep it simple - a few more cuts of meat and vegetables prepared and you have an extra meal that will ensure the Christmas spirit gets around: Contact Age UK North Craven on 01729 823066.

Richard Daniels,
Age UK North Craven

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Steam update

With “Lockdown 2” now upon us, all rail tours have ceased again, and there is only very limited movement of steam locomotives anywhere. Just as the last issue went to press, we saw one of the rare revenue-earning steam services down at the station when the Lune Rivers Trust Special ran through.

The engine, 35018 *British India Line*, had a real struggle however, with the combination of damp lines and a heavy load, and eventually ran through over an hour late. The distinctive noise of wheel-slip could be heard several times in the distance as it approached from Bentham and it was still an hour late when it passed through on its return journey in the evening.

We have seen a couple of light engines pass through as they headed back to their home bases for the winter. At the beginning of October, 45699 *Galatea* (still masquerading as sister engine *Alberta*) returned to Carnforth from her summer duties based out of York, whilst on 3rd November, another jubilee class loco - this time 45596 *Bahamas* - came through as she returned to her base on the Keighley and Worth Valley after a trip down to the Mid Hants Railway at Alton.



The 16th November should have seen ex LNER K1 Class loco No 62005 on her return to Grosmont on the North York Moors railway but the movement was cancelled at the last minute and, at the time of writing, has yet to be rescheduled.

The Settle and Carlisle was closed for five days in late October when two bridges were replaced, but re-opening day saw it carry a steam special headed by 45562 *Alberta*, the engine having passed through Clapham on its way to Hellifield to pick up its train. At the time of writing there are two further steam trips planned for the Settle & Carlisle line but these will be subject to cancellation if Covid restrictions are not lifted sufficiently or in time. Both are due to be hauled by 60103 *Flying*

Scotsman: the first an excursion from Liverpool Lime Street on Saturday 12th December and the second an excursion from Manchester Victoria on Saturday 19th. There is also a Pennine Moors Christmas Explorer service scheduled for Thursday 17th December, but the route this train will take has not yet been published. It appears that there are no Santa Specials from Lancaster or Carnforth this year.

Andy Scott

Settle Photographic Group

We continue to have meetings despite the pandemic. Of course, for the moment, we are staying with online meetings as this is the only practical way to proceed. If you would like to join us, contact our secretary (secretary@settlephotos.org) and she will explain things.

In January, there will be a membership fee of £25 which covers from January to August inclusive. Before that, you might like to check out the website to see what is on offer over the next few months. Also see our advert elsewhere in this issue for our upcoming programme.

What do you get for your membership fee?

- Being part of a group of fellow enthusiasts who might be able to solve that photographic problem you've got.
- Skype meetings twice a month from now until April (inclusive) after which meetings are once a month until the autumn. If we're lucky, meetings will return to face to face once Covid is overcome.
- The chance to upload two images for each gallery and have the chance to comment on your own and others' photos at Skype meetings and the monthly newsletter.

- The newsletter contains articles from members, some gallery images and comments, information about what is happening in the group and, often, advice on a photographic technique or photoshop tip.

Have a look at our website: Settle Photographic Group: www.settlephotos.org

Gill Pinkerton

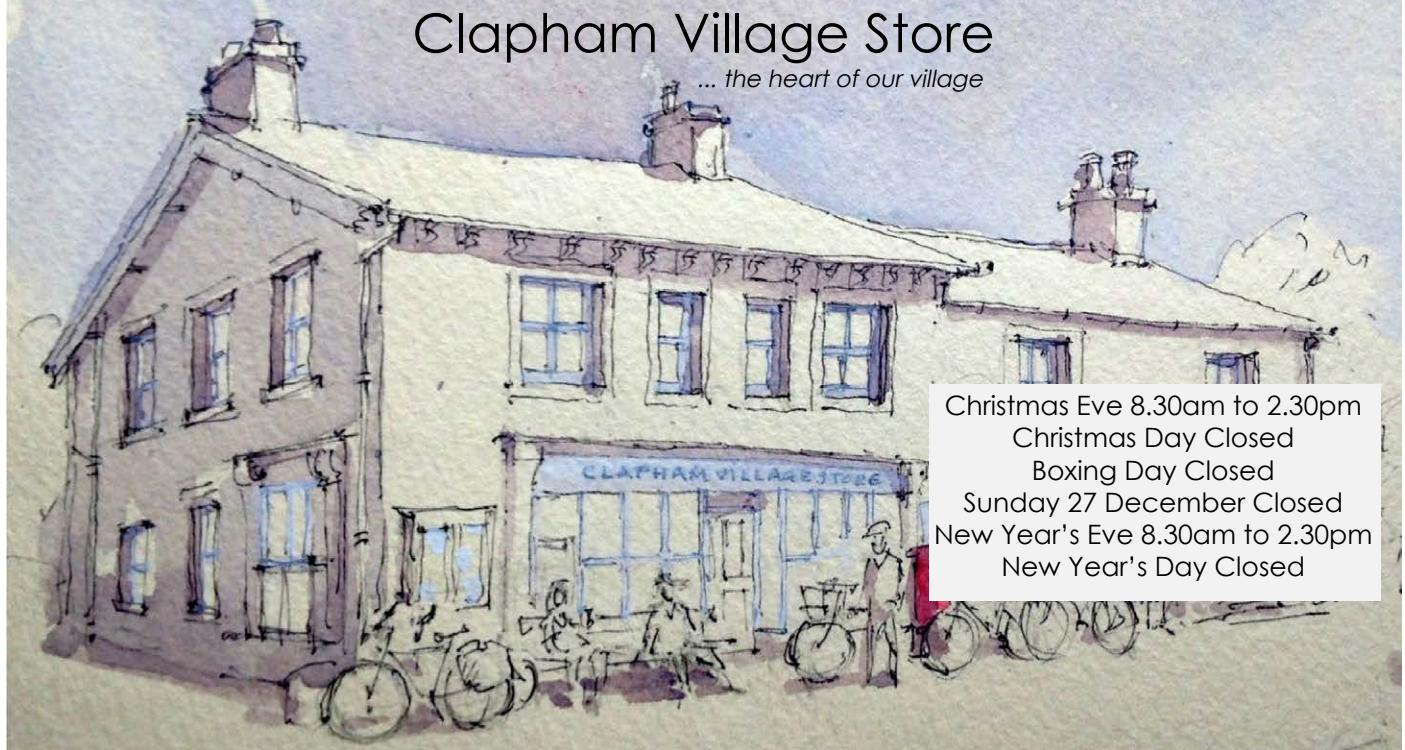
Keasden rainfall report

| | 2019 | 2020 |
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| September | 13½" or 33.655cm | 6½" or 15.875cm |
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We know, from the messages of thanks and support, that many of you are already enjoying the Clapham Community Store Winter Brochure. We hope it has boosted everyone's spirits as well as providing inspiration and Christmas ideas. New Christmas gifts and goodies continue to arrive as others fly out of the door and we continue to stock an ever-wider selection of general and seasonal products.

And with all the enthusiasm, please don't leave your Christmas shopping too late! If you would like time for personal browsing, please ring or email to book a private slot at 5.30 after the shop has closed to the general public.

Orders for Christmas hampers are already coming in and we are enjoying the wonderful

variety of ideas and inspiration going into putting together a personalised selection of gifts. For anyone unable to leave home, we are happy to work with you to put together your Christmas shopping and deliver it to you.

Orders for fresh meat, fruit and vegetables will be taken up until 18th December. Just decide what you need, fill in the order forms and we will have it ready for you for collection (or delivery if you are vulnerable or isolating).

We are already looking forward to the New Year, full of energy and new ideas. It is the combination of our fantastic customers, volunteers and staff that make our shop such a sparkling success and we wish everyone a very Happy Clapham Christmas and look forward, with hope, to 2021.



Christmas wordsearch

By popular request, here's another wordsearch for you to have a go at. This time, there are fifty words or phrases to find, all on the theme of Christmas. All answers are five or more letters long, and can be found in any direction: up, down, left, right or diagonally. No prizes, just the kudos of sending in the most complete solution the soonest. Answers and winner in the next issue!

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Church bench



Steve Patten has generously donated this new bench in the Churchyard, made by Wyn Roberts. Here it is being installed by Wyn and Gerald Kay.

Sad news

The Newsletter group is downhearted to hear of a number of deaths in the community since our previous issue.

Many will have heard the sad news of the deaths of Jean and John Richards of Newby. A full obituary will be published in our February edition. Their family would like to thank the residents of Newby for the support and friendship they have given to Jean and John over the years.

We were also saddened to hear of the sudden passing of Alan Whitmore of Brook House and would like to offer our sympathy to the family at this difficult time.

Finally, we have to report the loss of John Lovett whose family have asked us to print a short note which you'll find elsewhere in this issue.

The Newsletter team

Settle Photographic Group Upcoming events

Irene Froy's Images

Mon 7 Dec 2020 19:30 online

PAGB online lecture featuring some images by Irene Froy. Irene is a leading pictorial photographer who specialises in the use of subtle colours to define mood in her landscapes. We will also review the "My Month - October" and "My Month - November" galleries.

Christine Hodgson

Mon 4 Jan 2021 19:30 online

Christine (visiting speaker – albeit on Skype) will demonstrate the art of "Colour to Black and White Conversion."

Review of Potential YPU Entries

18 Jan 2021 19:30 online

A chance to review, debate and maybe even improve your potential entries for the Yorkshire Photographic Union exhibition.

A bit of science and a bit of art in making images of water

Mon 1 Feb 2021 19:30 online

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Thank you

Justina and Richard Sexton would like to thank everyone for their very kind wishes following Justina's accident where she broke her elbow. Thankfully all is going well.

Justina, Richard and family

Village hall news

As most people realise, the hall re-opened after the first lockdown for limited types of use, but has since had to close again temporarily due to tighter restrictions. However, we did have the opportunity to hold our AGM during the time it was open, and this took place on 29th October. It was held with some attendees present in the hall and others joining via Zoom.

Before the meeting, both Lorraine Wildman and Libby Morrison had indicated that they no longer wanted to stand for their posts, so the meeting began with the election of new officers.

David Kingsley was happy to continue as Chair and was re-elected unopposed. Anne Lawler offered her services as Treasurer, which were accepted, and Angie Martin agreed to switch roles and become Secretary. This left a vacancy for Vice-Chair and Ken Pearce kindly picked up that position. Chris Horsewill agreed to continue as Bookings Secretary having undertaken it previously on a trial basis.

Thanks were given to Lorraine for her fifteen years' service as secretary and also to Sheila Maywood for stepping in when we needed someone at the beginning of the year to keep on top of things inside the hall. Lorraine has now taken on the role of cleaner/caretaker.

Other business conducted at the AGM included the usual officers' reports. The hall is in a good place financially, and we would like to thank Clapham School and Friends of Clapham School for their donations to hall funds. We are also grateful for the donation from Mr. MacDonald of B & W Funerals, and for monies contributed from Mrs. Coultherd's funeral.

Although Tai Chi classes had restarted since Covid-19, very little use has been made of the hall this year but we hope that 2021 will bring more opportunities for our community. Once the current lockdown is lifted (which we hope will be soon), we should be able to welcome Covid-safe groups again. We now have a village hall email address - claphamcumnewbyvillagehall@gmail.com - so any enquiries or bookings can be made this way.

Our next quarterly committee meeting will be held on Wednesday January 27th at 7pm. We would be pleased to see other members of the community and representatives from our regular user groups at our meetings. We welcome fresh ideas. Details of the meeting will be available in the New Year. If anyone would like to contact any of the hall's officers, their details can be found on the village hall notice board.

Angie Martin

New to Clapham



Jason and Tina Butters would like to introduce themselves, having recently moved into Granny Townley's, near Clapham Station. We have been looking to move to the Dales for some time now yet still be close enough to commute back into work. Tina is a chartered accountant and Jason is a design engineer working on high rise buildings.

We had not been to Clapham before we came up for the house viewing, but we instantly fell in love with the quaint village and scenic views that Clapham has to offer. Being avid walkers of the Yorkshire Dales and the peaks it seemed a perfect place to set our roots. We love walking, running, music, travelling and spending time in our camper van. We also have a dog named Miska who is an Alaskan Malamute and she certainly keeps us on our toes.

We look forward to meeting you all after lockdown!

Jason & Tina Butters

Thank you

The Newsletter team is again very grateful to James Innerdale for the latest masthead that adorns the front cover of this edition. This Winter version is a beautiful addition to the range of mastheads now available to use.

We all look forward to the Spring - when yet another masthead will be produced.

Thank you James!



News from Glencroft our sponsors

In September 2020 we produced our very first promotional film, featuring footage of the local area.

The main purpose was to try and show customers how our business works and is a little bit different from many other brands. To give that person who wants to purchase something made in the North of England from British Wool a real taste of what that means.

It's the closest thing you can get to a visit to our warehouse in Clapham, without being here in person.

It was an exciting and busy day filming, trying to record as much footage as possible using two film crews and a drone, not to mention abiding by strict COVID guidelines on social distancing to ensure the film doesn't look like it's been filmed in the middle of a pandemic! We were exhausted by the end of the day, we don't know how Catherine Zeta Jones does it.

You can take a look at the final film on our website at glencroft.co.uk. How many local landmarks you can spot!

