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Growing with Grace nominated for award

After over 20 years of providing sustainably grown produce to Clapham and the wider local area, our district's own organic farm, Growing With Grace, has earned itself a nomination in the BBC Food and Farming Awards 2021.



Judging panel Angela Hartnett (left) and Sheila Dillon (right) alongside Growing With Grace founder Neil Marshall (centre).

One of three finalists in the Best Food Producer category, the environmentally conscious business has seen a period of growth over the last few years, with their role in feeding the local community amplified - especially during the height of the pandemic and series of lockdowns, which saw many of our more vulnerable residents shielding.

On August 11th, Growing with Grace welcomed the judging panel of Sheila Dillon and Angela Hartnett to tour the site, including an exploration of the over two acres of greenhouses, farm shop and delivery fulfilment facilities, as well as being given the opportunity to sample the produce grown on site and baked at the on-site bakery. Whilst the team of judges remain, as of yet, tight-lipped about their choice of winner, the enthusiasm shown during their visit only bolsters the hopes of the award finding its home in our region.

Ellie Parker, one of Growing with Grace's committed team of employees and volunteers, remarks "We are delighted to be selected finalists of the Best Food Producer category and believe it to be a reflection of all our hard work and dedication. Our values as a business - to produce the highest quality organic produce as well as caring for the soil, our health and each other - are at the heart of everything we do, and our nomination is a reflection of these values".

With the final decision being made on 24th November, it won't be long until we find out whether Growing With Grace manages to overcome stiff competition from the other two finalists in the category - Bolton's H. M. Pasties and Deal, Kent's, The Black Pig.

Regardless of the outcome, the recognition given to the cooperative, which aims to reap as many profits socially and environmentally as other businesses do financially, is well deserved.



Keep your eyes peeled for the results on the BBC website's Food and Farming Awards page.

Tom Geddes

Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to the October edition filled with news, articles, notices and pictures. As always, we are grateful to all who have contributed articles and photographs, advertisers and sponsors.

We look forward to seeing you at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 30th October and at our AGM on Monday 1st November. See our notices in this issue for more details.

If you want to contribute to the December edition, please do get in touch with news, views or announcements: claphamnewsletter@gmail.com

The Newsletter Committee



December 2021 edition

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A fast market

A few weeks ago, while bringing in the cows for morning milking, in my usual half-awake state, number 992 hesitated to go into the waiting room so I gave her a pat on the bum to help matters along. She then retaliated by kicking me hard on the knee and bent it in a way it isn't supposed to go. "This is serious" I thought as I dragged myself up out of the muck. Because I thought we needed urgent

medical intervention about two weeks after the event (I was running out of paracetamol) I spoke to the doctor who suggested an x-ray. It turned out that I had torn my medial ligament - who knew? Anyway, the moral of the story is, be careful whose backside you pat.

Incidentally, my old uncle Bill always said not to bother busy doctors as "ailments will right themselves", which is partly why he died when he did.

The sheep sale season is upon us again and already our gimmer lambs (girls) have been sold through the mart at Bentham. They were born in April of this year so are effectively now adults and many will go on to have their first crop of lambs at one year old. They have gone to various parts of the country, and it is no secret that our livestock is much better travelled than me. This is fine by me. As Jane Austen said, "why is everyone infected with this wanderlust?"

Some of them have gone to Devon which they seemed quite excited about. I had a whole conversation with the chap that bought them but could hardly understand a word he said. They don't half talk funny down south and not proper like what I do. I think I caught the phrase "'ell of a price" a few times but couldn't be sure. Anyway, I bought him an ice cream which was "'ell of a price" and wished him and the lambs a safe journey.

It is true that this year sheep are much sought after and trade has been "fast" or "sharp", meaning the auctioneer's job is made slightly easier. Wealthy southerners must be proactive with the bidding process in order to avoid missing out. There's none of this sly "did he bid, did he not?" carry on, and catalogues are waved to make sure "I am in." The auctioneer already knows who the buyers are but when trade is fast he, or she, can crack on. It means the start price can be set nearer the knock down price with less shaking of heads and looks of despair from the buyers. They either have to join in or leave empty handed and they know it.

Anyone who has never been to a sale at the mart in Bentham on this scale should try and experience it. I remember dad telling me years ago that "you've never lived

till you've galloped a heavy horse," and I imagine the main gimmer lamb sale at Bentham on a fast trade is as close as I will get to that feeling. I suspect a ride on "Oblivion" at Alton



Bleak Bank lambs off to pastures new.

nearly out of the rostrum with excitement, the ring is packed with buyers from all over the country, and nearly every farm in the district with lambs to sell is represented. All are hoping for a much-appreciated pay day to make at least a small dent in the overdraft that has been creeping up over the summer. A whole year's work crammed into 10 minutes in the ring. It is considered so important that some have even washed their wellies and attempted a shave. The tiny mart café is flat out as "chicken and ham pie with chips" is consumed by the hundredweight, hardworking neighbours compare lambs, haytimes, the weather, the price of feed, and every kind of agricultural disaster.

I read somewhere recently that the family farm is considered the most trusted part of the food supply chain and as I survey this scene at the mart it comes as no surprise to me. Rough bad-tempered peasants with a cloth cap that could be considered a family heirloom (need to visit Glencroft) absolutely intent on producing the best they can off their farm. The satisfaction of maybe sneaking a fourth prize in the pre-sale show, or an increase, however small, on last year's sale average is reward enough for the family farm and long may it continue to be so.

Of course, there is no outward show of satisfaction if the sale goes well. A neighbour might comment "thy lambs looked well" and the reply would be "aye not so bad", but both will be aware there is probably some unique agricultural crisis unfolding at home

It is also no surprise to me that everyone secretly wants to be a farmer.

John Dawson

Keasden rainfall report

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In memory of Pete Jacobs

Pete Jacobs, my husband, passed away on 22 June 2021. Pete and I enjoyed a good and happy marriage. We laughed a lot and cried sometimes like any other couple. But what a life we had, full of love and fun.

Pete was born in post-war ravaged London in 1948 and was brought up in a happy and loving environment in Wembley, the only child of Joan and Ted Jacobs. Pete wanted to be a Police Officer, but his dad, who was an engineer, persuaded him to take up an apprenticeship in electronics just in case he didn't make it as a policeman or didn't like being one. So, he took up electronics for radio equipment and automatic weapon heads. However, once he had completed his apprenticeship, and worked for a few years in Oxfordshire, his desire to join the Police Force remained constant. So, in 1971 he joined Thames Valley Police, starting as a 'bobby' for a relatively short time before moving onto the CID, the Drug Squad and then the Serious Crime Squad.

His career spanned just over 30 years.

In 1995 I was living in Reading and was also working for Thames Valley Police in their mad, hectic, and very stressful control room. After one particularly hard week of five 12 hour shifts in a row, my Sergeant, Paul, announced he would like to take his team out for a drink to say thank you for all the work we had put in. Paul said that he was meeting a friend in a Reading pub after work. This friend was Pete. I found out later that Pete had absolutely no interest in meeting any women. He had decided that he'd had enough of heartbreak and, when Paul told him that a few of the girls were joining them, he prepared to leave. Nevertheless, Pete saw me come in. Pete ordered me a drink ... and Paul came to our wedding 12 months later!

He used to tell me stories of his early days as a bobby. One time, he was sent out at night to pound the beat. His

Sergeant, according to Pete, was a bit of a tyrant who never bought a round of drinks and always chose the biggest cake when it was someone's birthday. It was a quiet night in Windsor but bitterly cold in the early hours, so Pete made his way to the bakery for a cuppa. They were doing the early morning doughnut making so Pete spent a while thawing out and helping fill the doughnuts with jam. He took some of them back to the station for his colleagues to enjoy before the early shift started, but he had filled one of them with extra, extra, amounts of jam. Of course, the said sergeant took the biggest doughnut and they were still finding jam on the ceiling and walls for months!

On a more serious note, many years later on my birthday, I was dressed up waiting for Pete to come home to take me out for dinner, but he was late. A phone call came through with a message to tell me that Pete had a case of kidnap on his hands - a serious

case with a threat to life. I remember being moved by the fact that although Pete was up against some pretty awful stuff, he still had the space in his head and the love in his heart to get a message through to me.

In 2001, Pete retired from the force, and we moved to the hamlet of Flying Horseshoe. Although I was a 'seasoned southerner' by then, I remained a northern girl through and through and I couldn't wait to move back north. And yet, before settling in, we just had one more decision to make and hence - at a ripper age than normal - we took our gap year. We went backpacking for 12 months, starting out in South Africa and finishing in Los Angeles. Yet, of all the places we visited, Clapham with its lovely, friendly and diverse people remains at the top of our list. Pete called it home: it is still my home - and I'm here to stay!

Marie Lenehan-Jacobs



Thank you

We would like to thank the villagers for all their kindness and help shown to Mavis Leonard with cards, flowers, cakes etc during her illness.

A special thank you to Christine and Martin Wilcox for their care and attention shown to us and also for walking our dog, Danny.

Mavis Leonard & Glenys McMahon

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The Community apple press is available to anyone who wishes to have the loan of it to turn their apple crop into apple juice.

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Sustainability Group

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A sale featuring original arts and crafts work produced by local makers will be held in the Village Hall. Proceeds will be donated to two charities. This follows the highly successful and enjoyable event that was held in September 2019.

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Parish Council news

Parish Council Meeting of 28th September 2021

The Parish Council met on the evening of 28th September 2021 in Clapham Village Hall with three members of the public in attendance.

At the start of the meeting the Council received an informative talk from Paul Brady of the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust explaining the intended work of the Wild Ingleborough Project.

A police report was read to the meeting. This set out details of 38 matters that had required police attention during the period from 27th July to 26th September, 2021. These included domestic concerns, concerns for safety, a road traffic collision, an alleged fraud and an instance of cows attacking walkers causing minor injuries.

The Council moved on to note that the clerk had written to the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority to request clearer and more abundant signs pointing to the National Park Car Park and that a response had been received indicating that the matter would be considered.

Arising from correspondence from a parishioner, the Council agreed to look into moving a sign asking visitors to use the car park in Clapham to a more visible position and to ask the National Park Authority to consider marking out parking bays in part of the car park. It was also noted that long grass at the Station Road/A65 junction had been reported to North Yorkshire County Council as had an instance of ash die-back on Laithbutts Lane.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved, the Council noting as a matter arising that, in relation to a proposed memorial bench in Newby, a new bench dedicated to Mr R. Monk's memory will replace the old one dedicated to Mr R. Hylton which is now in a poor and unsafe condition. A memorial plaque derived from the old bench will be created and remain publicly visible in Newby. There will also be a separate bench or other suitable memorial installed at Green Close in Mr Hylton's memory.

The Council acknowledged that Julia Unwin had kindly undertaken some voluntary cleaning and restorative work to the bench situated next to the cross in Clapham and asked the clerk to convey its thanks to her.

The clerk was asked to approach a contractor to undertake works to two trees in Clapham churchyard. It was also noted that the contractor engaged to install the handrail in the churchyard expects to be able to carry out the work in November.

In relation to Neighbourhood Planning, Councillor Sheridan informed the meeting that things are going well not least because of the efforts of the team involved. The first focus group held in Keasden had been well attended and two more focus groups (in Clapham and Newby) are scheduled.

Plans to install a defibrillator at Clapham Station are progressing. The machine has now been delivered and is to be passed on to the Community Rail Partnership for installation.

In relation to climate emergency matters, the Council was informed that the Information Exchange event that had taken place in Clapham Village Hall on 11th September 2021 had proved a success. There had been a greater attendance than had been expected. Contributors to the event had put in a great deal of work and the attendance of Julian Smith MP had emphasised the significance of the matters under discussion.

There were a number of planning matters before the Council.

It did not oppose plans to refurbish the existing cottage at Balderstones, Newby Cote and convert an adjoining barn to a dwelling although it expressed concerns over potential damp issues arising from the positioning of a wall, the water supply at Newby Cote and the apparent lack of communication with the owner of a neighbouring property.

The Council did not object to plans for the construction of a storage building at Burn Head Farm, Mewith, a proposed conversion of an agricultural building to a dwelling at Tewitt Hall Farm, Clapham and an application to vary a condition in relation to the re-siting of the allotments on Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

The Council also gave formal approval to proposed tree planting by the Ingleborough Estate adjacent to the A65 and noted that plans for an extension at Giffords, Keasden and for the creation of a timber-waggon turning area and associated developments in the Thwaite Lane/Long Lane and Thwaite Wood areas had been approved by the relevant planning authorities.

The Council briefly discussed what might be done to celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the summer of 2022. Among ideas put forward were the lighting of a beacon and the planting of trees. Councillor David Ireton indicated that he might be able to provide funding towards activities involving the whole community. The matter is to be further considered.

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

Parish Council meetings will generally be on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The remaining meetings in 2021 will take place on the following dates at 7:30pm and should be held in the village hall.

Tuesday 26th October


Tuesday 7th December

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Going to market

An exhibition of photographs of livestock markets, 1970s-Present, by Settle-based photographer John Bentley. John focuses on the human participants and traces the paths from long-gone markets right up to present day auction marts.

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<https://www.thefolly.org.uk/>

5th October-23rd December 2021.

I first photographed a livestock market at Penistone in 1976, wandering in to the somewhat dilapidated brick and tin sheds where cattle were being auctioned. There were plenty of interesting 'characters' to photograph - this was really the end of the era where farmers dressed in characteristic long coats and cloth caps and buying agents dressed in smart waistcoats and trilby hats or bowlers.

Nowadays it's more likely that they'll be dressed in logoed rugby shirts, jeans, and baseball caps.

Over the next ten years I photographed several more markets, unaware that within twenty years many of them would be gone. However, two of the marts have successfully moved to large new edge of town sites (Skipton and Bakewell).

Over the past decade, I've visited many present-day markets to record what they are like in the 21st century.

The exhibition contains a mix of vintage black and white and present era colour photographs, mostly covering markets in Yorkshire, Cumbria, and Derbyshire. The pictures



*Kingsdale farmer Michael Faraday with his Dalesbred sheep, Bentham Auction Mart.
Photo: John Bentley*

record the vibrant goings-on, featuring the buyers, sellers, and onlookers, as well as the market buildings and livestock.

I am currently working on a project to document northern hill farming, which includes photographing farmers at work, agricultural and sheep shows, sheepdog trials and the hill farming landscape through the seasons. Two of my articles on hill farming have also featured in recent editions of 'The Dalesman' magazine.

John Bentley

Keasden community news

Keasden community has held a number of get togethers over the summer months.

In July, a summer walk and barbecue took place, kindly hosted by all at Keasden Head Farm with music provided by Mr. Thomas Parker.

In August, the Revd John Davies led a Forest Church in Reeby's Wood.

In September, Keasden held its Harvest Supper at Hammond Head. Contestants enjoyed a quiz evening which was narrowly won by the "Newbies from not Newby" team.

For future events, such as 'Saints, Sausages & Sparklers' and 'A Song Celebration' - see the notices on page 13.



*Harvest Supper at Hammond Head.
Photo: Ann Sheridan*



Forest Church took place at the end of August.



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Church news

John's notes: The mystery of mastery is that it is achieved through humility

Jeff Bezos, billionaire chairman of Amazon, having already tried space travel, has now decided to pour millions into a company seeking the secret to eternal life. Bezos is convinced that 'death is a problem that can be solved'. He's been quoting Richard Dawkins, that 'Staving off death is a thing that you have to work at. Left to itself – when it dies – the body tends to revert to a state of equilibrium with its environment.' Ashes to ashes, dust to dust is just not acceptable to these men. Having mastered life, or so it seems, now they just want to master death. And there's the American socialite Jocelyn Wildenstein and her penchant for extensive cosmetic surgery to master her looks, and through which she has achieved her great desire: for she now looks like a cat.

And before this critique of our desire to master our world becomes a mockery of the ultra-rich, let us acknowledge how we all feel this urge: this desire to get on top of our health which drives the keep-fit culture and causes us to fill our medicine shelves with multivitamins; this desire to get on top of our work by putting in ever-longer hours, losing sleep over it, through fear of failure and at risk of ruining our personal relationships; and this desire to be immortal - not in the way that Jeff Bezos wants to, by actually reversing his physical age, but by slapping on Wrinkle Repair Regenerating Cream; or more profoundly, by striving to be admired by our peers and revered by our children, worrying about leaving them something memorable to put on our gravestone.

Now, you might be thinking, hang on, there are good reasons why we want to master our world, to get on top of our lives. Because we all need to find ways to feel safe and secure in this world, to have good relationships, to feel accomplished, to realise our full potential - to live life in its fullness, as the gospel says. None of these desires are wrong, they're fundamental universal human needs.

Though we are grateful to those people who have striven to master an aspect of themselves and succeeded: like the youthful wonder Emma Raducanu for the delight her tremendous tennis has recently brought us. And even Jeff Bezos himself, for mastering the business of home delivery. I am one of the 200 million Amazon Prime subscribers, and I'd find it very hard to be without it.

However, we're discomfited by the idea of 'mastery', where our exercise of it has been destructive of others in the human and non-human world, and ultimately diminishing of ourselves. Consider Bezos' ruthless business practices, for instance. In the views of small competitors elbowed out of existence, employees punished for organising themselves, tax reformers and everyone who's ever been sold a dud by Amazon online, Bezos is already being immortalised in terms he probably would not choose for himself.

As a race humankind has always tried mastering life through domination and control. Only now, after millennia, is patriarchy being challenged. Our recent attempts to master the earth through industrialisation and technology have created a life of unprecedented ease and luxury for some;

but at the cost of a scorched dead earth, overheating seas and increasing numbers of climate refugees.

But doesn't our holy book tell us that we are masters of the earth, shouldn't we embrace this truth rather than avoid it because we find it uncomfortable? Undoubtedly Psalm 8 positions humankind as 'little lower than the angels'. But increasingly biblical scholarship is moving us away from the idea that humankind must aggressively enforce our domination of the earth, towards a view that we should practise our stewardship of the earth in reverence and respect for every other living being we share it with. 'Far from being vertically above the creatures, as Aristotle, the Stoics, and many Christian writers would have us, we are within the created community' writes Edward Echlin.

The mystery of mastery is that it is achieved through humility. This is the underlying message of Genesis' creation stories in which man and woman are tasked with partnering with God in the good work of caring for the earth, as co-creators in life. Remember Jesus saying that 'All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.' The mystery of mastery is that we are given it by God - but that we must practise it humbly, justly, for the good of all with whom we share this life on God's good earth.

John Davies

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Church Services in October and November

Our churches are open every day for individual prayer.

October

3rd	9.30	Eldroth Holy Communion
	11.00	Clapham Holy Communion
10th	9.30	Austwick Harvest Festival
	11.00	Keasden Holy Communion
17th	11.00	Clapham Harvest Festival
	6.30	Eldroth Evening Prayer
24th	9.30	Austwick Benefice Communion
	6.30	Keasden 'Saints, Sausages & Sparklers' (see notice on page 13 for more info)
31st	10.30	Eldroth Messy Church
	6.30	Austwick All Souls Service

November

7th	9.30	Eldroth Holy Communion
	11.00	Clapham Holy Communion
14th	9.30	Austwick Remembrance
	11.00	Clapham Remembrance
	2.00	Keasden Remembrance
21st	11.00	Clapham Benefice Communion
	6.30	Eldroth Taize Service
28th	9.30	Austwick Holy Communion
	7.00	Keasden 'A Song Celebration' (see notice on page 13 for more info)

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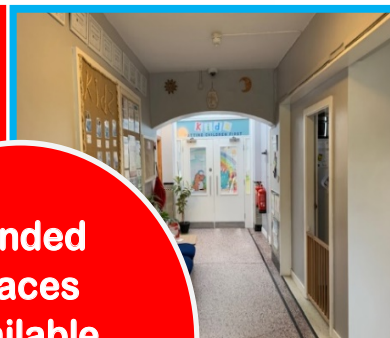


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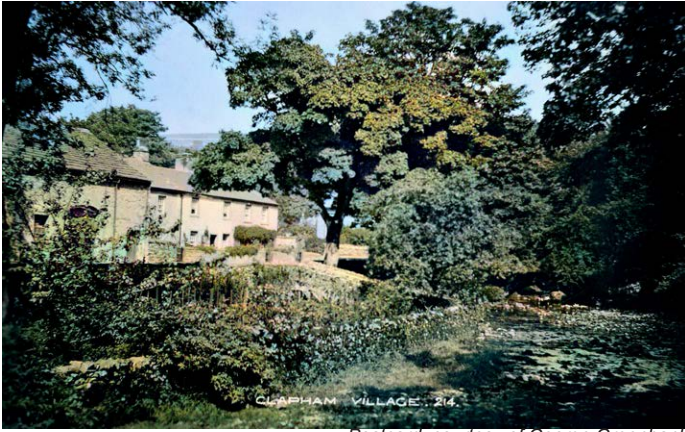
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Then and now



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Some views in the village barely change at all. Both these were taken from the bridge parapet and look out towards Riverside but, whilst one was taken just this week, the earlier one was taken over 100 years earlier, in 1914, on the eve of the Great War. A careful examination of the older picture reveals the barn door still in situ on what is now Barn Cottage. Also, at that time, there were trees beyond the cottages, presumably lost when the properties on what is now Cross Haw Lane began to be developed. The tree

framing the left of the older picture is presumably the one that stood by the bridge and was only felled quite recently.

The developing Neighbourhood Plan makes much of the need to preserve and sustain the village's character and architecture and these two images demonstrate the continuity which it is very much wished to preserve.

Thanks again to George Greenbank for the "then" picture which was from one of the old postcards he found in his attic.

Andy Scott

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Special Events, St. Matthew's Church, Keasden

Sunday 24 October 'Saints, Sausages and Sparklers'.

6.30pm: A celebration of light on a dark night. Starting with a brief informal reflective time in church including the lighting of candles to remember loved ones (our 'saints').

7pm: A social time for the whole community involving sausages, sparklers and mulled wine. For all the family; everyone welcome.

Sunday 28 November, 7.00pm 'A Song Celebration'.

Your favourite pieces of music, some recorded, some sung; songs, hymns, and a splash of poetry. Let us know your special song, to include in this celebration. All welcome to share in this occasion. Your ideas and suggestions are very welcome: please contact Revd John.

Methodist Church, The Green, Newby

Services are taking place on second Sundays of the month at 11am and fourth Sundays at 2pm. More details available from the Revd Stephen Caddy - phone: 015242 61257 or by email: Stephen.f.caddy@gmail.com

Bethel Chapel, Cross Haw Lane, Clapham

Sunday services at 11am and 6.30pm. We support Skipton Foodbank - open at the chapel on 4th Saturday of the month from 10am to 12 noon.

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Church news

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Clapham Age UK Group

RESTART of MEETINGS

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Clapham & District Newsletter Group

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Monday 1st November

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A playpark event



Christmas crackers



A mixture of music and fun for all ages at St James's Church, Clapham, 17th December

Dust off your violins, your triangles and your biscuit-tin lids and get ready to celebrate! After a couple of difficult years, and with our school no longer open, we are planning a bit of a knees-up at St James's Church that will give us all a chance, young and old, to get together, to meet our many new residents and to have some fun. The event will have a generally Christmassy/seasonal theme and if you have any ideas for amusing readings or musical contributions - individually or as a group - please email me or accost me in the street. There's bound to be some food and drink involved too! Starting time to be confirmed but will likely be late afternoon or early evening.

No idea how it is all going to work, but it will be Christmas and it will be crackers so what more could we ask for?

Maria Farrer

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The 11th of a different September

Clapham is a happening place. Driving in on Saturday, I was politely brought to a halt by lime-jacketed marshals clearing the road for flash-past competitors crouched over their handlebars in a high-speed cycle race. But I hadn't come for the cycle race; I was heading for the Village Hall and the Sustainability Group's event to share information about greener ways of heating your home, of cherishing your garden, and of taking to the road.

When I joined the little crowd round the door into the hall, Julian Smith, the local MP, was being questioned about what his Government hadn't done. It was hard not to feel that little of the practically positive could be done until the politician left the room. But once he had, it was.

The room itself had been carefully laid out. Round the central spreading of chairs, (several with a friendly underlay of discarded coffee mugs and cake plates from the early-arrivals' elevenses), display tables against the walls invited us to go deeper into ways of drawing wildlife into our gardens, of re-thinking our transport options, of trying different techniques of composting, of discovering valuable uses for local sheep fleece. All of it was carefully designed to draw in the eye and the mind, with little 'how to' drawings, and 'would you' questions, and bright, fact-packed leaflets. Tucked into its own corner was a rather different local resource: the community apple press, waiting, in the care of George Greenbank, to be borrowed by those with a taste for DIY cider. And on the end wall, facing the chairs, was a projection screen and a little arena for the designated speakers.

All but two of these were neighbours and villagers who'd offered to come and share their experience of living with a particular greener solution to household energy provision, and even one of the professionals, it turned out, lived nearby. I think it was this, more than anything else, which gave the event its telling strength. There was anything but a lack of meticulously-researched factual detail given by each speaker, but talking to people who knew them well, they could be as open about the drawbacks as they were about the benefits of their chosen system, could share the unexpected that you only discover when you live with something, (like an Air Source Heat Pump's inevitable raising of bedroom temperature), and with their known and trusted friendliness, they made utterly comfortable a non-stop flow of down-to-earth questions and answers. When David Todd, a professional installer of heat pumps and PV solar panels, in the course of a hugely informative (and at moments enjoyably humorous) account of his work, chose to dismiss photovoltaic roof tiles as 'rubbish', I was suddenly aware of how much we missed by not hearing from a villager who lived under them; such tiles being one of the greener technologies not represented in the room.

I'm sure each speaker could provide a close-up of detail for anyone wanting to follow up a particular energy system; any choice, it became clear, needed to take into account the carbon involved in the technology's production and delivery. Ken Pearce, talking about his family's experience of ten



years of solar panels, had summarised the relevant facts into an immaculate one-sheet hand-out. Tony Horsewill, who followed him to describe life with a retro-fitted Air Source Heat Pump, was in no doubt that its low-energy performance benefitted the planet, but made no secret of its reliance on increasingly high-cost electricity and the difficulty of finding people who could service it. A member of the splendidly-titled Rotters' Group came next, to both depress us with the appalling statistics of food waste, and cheer us with news of a new Waste Recovery Park which sorts mass rubbish into re-usable metal, food to go to an anaerobic digester, and plenty else for incineration into steam that can be turned into electricity.

It was Edward Sexton's turn next, to tell us about the wood pellet boiler installed several years ago by his father. His account was supported by Ellen Bargh who works for a wood pellet company, and who revealed yet another snare for the unwary who might source cheaper wood pellets from Russia or China, only to find they had crumbled by the time they reached British hoppers.

Slick this event was not: a recalcitrant microphone saw to that, but directed by Brian Christian's warm and unobtrusively efficient handling, amply fuelled by the delicious coffee and cake of St James' Church people, and put together with such care and thoughtfulness by Jill Buckler, Maggie McSherry and their team, it became an event that went far wider and deeper than the sum of its parts. If Julian Smith had been able to stay, and able to listen, I think he would have heard a small, rural community, energised more by caring than by cost, doing its level best to contribute to a future we could all be glad about.

Yes: Clapham is a happening place.

Wendy Jennings

Playpark table top sale

The park committee would like to thank everyone for their support for the House-to-House Table Top Sale - we raised over £500 towards the park!

As always Clapham did not disappoint. Without the support from our locals we would not be able to maintain the upkeep of the park. Thanks again.

Amy North-Johnson
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Light entertainment

As many readers will know, we've had a wordsearch in each of our recent issues to help get everyone through the various lockdowns etc. However, now that social restrictions are easing, we've decided to call an end to these with the final one being won by Martin Roxburgh in a truly remarkable time (we hadn't even got the printed copies back from the printer when he sent in his solution, having found the new issue on the village website!) For all those who had a go - thank you for your submissions and the answers to it are printed below.

From the next issue, we hope to have a half-page "puzzle section" - format still to be decided - but we're looking for a volunteer to put this together for us so we can concentrate on the editorial stuff. If you'd like to have a go just drop me a line - claphamnewsletter@gmail.com.

As an interim, Stuart Marshall has kindly put this short 'Links' quiz together, with the answers to be found at the foot of page 25. Thanks for stepping in Stuart!

Andy Scott

Links

Find a one-word connection for each of the following pairs or groups:

1. A Dales village and the consequence of bumping the gate post in your car.
2. A Dales market town and a wooden seat.
3. A Dales village and applause for cooked meat.
4. A Jane Austen novel and the victory at Flushing Meadows.
5. Tower, foot and bascule.
6. An English prime minister and an American president.
7. A European capital and Helen of Troy.
8. A supermarket and The Salvation Army.
9. Box, chestnut and fly.
10. Derby, court and coronation.

Stuart Marshall

August wordsearch answers

Barn owl, blackbird, blue tit, bullfinch, buzzard, carrion crow, chaffinch, chiffchaff, curlew, dipper, fieldfare, garden warbler, goldfinch, great tit, grey heron, grey wagtail, house martin, house sparrow, jackdaw, kestrel, kingfisher, lapwing, long tailed tit, mallard, mistle thrush, nuthatch, oystercatcher, pheasant, redpoll, redwing, robin, rook, siskin, song thrush, sparrowhawk, swallow, swift, tawny owl, willow warbler, wren

Thank you very much

A big thank you to all who supported this year's Macmillan coffee mornings held at the end of September in Clapham and Newby. So far these events have raised just over £1,600.

A fuller report will be in the December newsletter. We are very grateful for such wonderful support.

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Steam update

A sure sign that the main summer steam season is drawing to a close is the end of the Scarborough Spa Express outings. Although these excursions start out from Carnforth, the steam loco only runs the York to Scarborough, and return, legs of the trip which means that it is stabled at York for the duration. Latterly, this has been ex Southern Region Merchant Navy Class loco 35018 *British India Line* and the loco returned to Carnforth through Clapham on Fri 17th Sept. Perhaps, it will return before the month's end since the Lune Valleys Trust excursion is booked to pass the station on Sept 25th just as this issue is at about to go to press.

Other steam services are continuing however, especially on the Settle to Carlisle. On Monday 4th October, one such excursion will also include a trip around the Cumbrian Coast whilst later that same week, on Thursday 7th, 6201 *Princess Elizabeth* is booked to haul a tour from Coventry and, on Saturday 9th, there is one from London Euston. Towards the end of the month, there are four tours featuring both 60103 *Flying Scotsman* and 60163 *Tornado*, promoted by the A1

Steam Trust and with Carlisle as their ultimate destination. It's not yet clear if the trains are to be double headed but I suspect that this will be a case of one engine rostered for the outward leg and the other for the return one. Details of routes and timings are yet to be published but it is to be hoped that they will pass close by.

Finally, regular readers will be aware that I am following the projects to build, from scratch, examples of important steam loco classes that have not survived into preservation. Of particular interest to us - since the original class of locos were frequent visitors to Clapham

- is the attempt to build a new LMS Patriot class engine, to be known as *The Unknown Warrior*. Sadly, this project has had another major setback when it was discovered that there were defects in all six driving wheels meaning that these will now have to be replaced. It probably means another round of fundraising and further delays to the date when the engine is ready to enter service.

Andy Scott



30185 *British India Line* negotiates the curves by Lawsings
Photo: Andy Scott

A different sort of bat box



On a very wet morning in August, we found this little bat, half drowned, on the path outside the estate office. At first we thought it was dead, but on closer inspection, noticed its head moving slightly. After a brief consultation with google, we picked it up with a cloth, brought it into the warm, popped it in an egg box with some water and left it to dry out. My nephews

nicknamed him (though it might have been a 'her') Reggie.

Later that day, after a good sleep, Reggie decided it was time to emerge from his egg box of his own accord. We placed him in a shed close to where we had discovered him, leaving the door open. Later that evening, after checking every corner of the shed, we can happily report that he had fully recovered and left.

So I think we can call that a good outcome, though I had never thought we would be swapping our bat boxes for egg boxes! We wish Reggie all the best and hope to see him in the night sky.

Maria Farrer

Christmas greetings

In the December issue we'll be publishing a page of Christmas Greetings. If you'd like yours to be included, please make sure we have your completed coupon by **Saturday 20 November**. It will cost you £5 - which will help continue to fund the newsletter production! You can complete a coupon at our Newsletter Coffee Morning on Saturday 30 October, or you can use the coupon printed below.

If you cannot attend our Coffee Morning - 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:

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Nature notes

Anne: Didst thou not kill this king?

Richard: I grant you.

*Anne: Dost grant me, hedgehog? Then God grant me too
Thou may be damned for that wicked deed.*

As this famous exchange between Lady Anne and the future Richard III suggests, it seems that Shakespeare – like many of his contemporaries – held a low opinion of the snuffling night visitor that today commands such a special place in our affections. In fact, about 25 years before Shakespeare penned his character assassination of the hunchback king, Queen Elizabeth had placed a bounty of twopence on hedgehogs, placing them higher on the vermin scale than wildcats and weasels, and triggering hundreds of years of quite relentless persecution.

Towards the end of the 17th and over the first part of the 18th Century, bounties were paid out on almost half a million hedgehog heads and, in the mistaken belief that hedgehogs were rapacious egg thieves, the increasing popularity of pheasant shooting in the early 19th Century gave rise to specialist hunts in which dogs would regularly flush and kill more than thirty animals a night.

Desperately needed rehabilitation eventually came in 1905 in the form of a twinkly-eyed, cottage-dwelling washerwoman. Beatrix Potter's Mrs Tiggy-Winkle brought about a remarkable transformation in the public's perception of this much-maligned creature that, thankfully, persists to this day.

We can count ourselves fortunate that here in our part of the Dales we are well-placed to come across Britain's only native spiny mammal, especially at this time of year when they forage far and wide to put on weight before hibernation. Their surprisingly long legs can carry them more than a mile each night in search of beetles, worms, and slugs – and the occasional bowl of hedgehog pellets or meaty cat food left out for them by friendly neighbours. During daylight hours they curl up in a sheltered spot to sleep, sometimes making use of man-made hedgehog houses, or safe spaces under sheds or log piles. If you are lucky enough to have one in your garden, be aware that it may not be the familiar friend that you think it is: hedgehogs like to move around quite frequently, and it could well be that the one using your hedgehog house today is not the same one who slept there yesterday.

Hedgehogs are solitary by nature and do not pair bond to raise young. The sow is solely responsible for the raising of the hoglets – usually between five and seven of them - and

the boar is unlikely to be seen again after mating. Once the hoglets leave the nest at around six weeks and at ten times their birth weight they will separate, although late autumn juveniles who are less well equipped to survive on their own may stay together throughout the first winter hibernation period.

Hedgehogs are not territorial, but they do tend to follow a regular routine, visiting the same gardens and favoured foraging patches at roughly the same time each night. They will generally tolerate other hedgehogs, showing aggression only during the mating season; although I have seen some fairly physical pushing and shoving when two boars arrive at a feeding bowl at the same time – especially at this time of year when food is so important to them.



One of our regular nocturnal visitors

Photo: Brian Christian

ancestors who would have witnessed the demise of the dinosaurs and shared the earth with sabre-toothed tigers and woolly mammoths.

They are clearly resilient and adaptable but that doesn't mean that they don't need our help to combat the many perils of life in the 21st Century. Loss of habitat, particularly the destruction of the hedgerows that gave them their name, the widespread use of pesticides and slug pellets, the decline in insect populations and the rapid rise of the motorcar have all been significant factors in an alarming fall in the number of hedgehogs across the UK. It is difficult to monitor the figures with any accuracy, but most official estimates suggest that the rural population has halved since 2000 while in urban areas it may be down by a third. Hedgehogs can live for ten years or even more but today only half of them make it through their first winter and their average lifespan is less than three years.

If you would like to know how you can help these charismatic little creatures a good starting point might be this useful fact sheet from the British Hedgehog Preservation Society https://bit.ly/hedgehog_facts

And if you are lucky enough to have an encounter with one, please take the time to log your sighting here on The Big Hedgehog Map https://bit.ly/hedgehog_map

Brian Christian

Walking Group



Our walking group grew out of a conversation between Chris Horsewill and myself. We put a notice in the Newsletter and, encouraged by the response, arranged our first walk in October 2019.

We now meet on the 2nd Thursday and the 4th Friday of each month for walks of around 5 to 8 miles: sometimes more, sometimes less. Anyone can suggest a route and would generally take the lead on that walk.

Judicious planning may allow a cafe stop to be incorporated into a walk but if not, a refreshment stop is often included, weather permitting of course. An arrangement to walk can

mean setting off in inclement weather when perhaps in other circumstances second thoughts might well have prevailed. So, a good discipline. All our walks have been in the local area, often starting from Clapham, although we actually left Yorkshire once to venture as far as Barbon.



On our expeditions I have listened to my fellow walkers, some of whom have much local knowledge: history, geology, farming, flora and fauna... The fauna, however, are probably well aware of our approach and have had time to conceal themselves. I might not remember it all but it adds a depth to a walk that enhances appreciation of this wonderful landscape. It can also give time to catch our breath, something I appreciate.

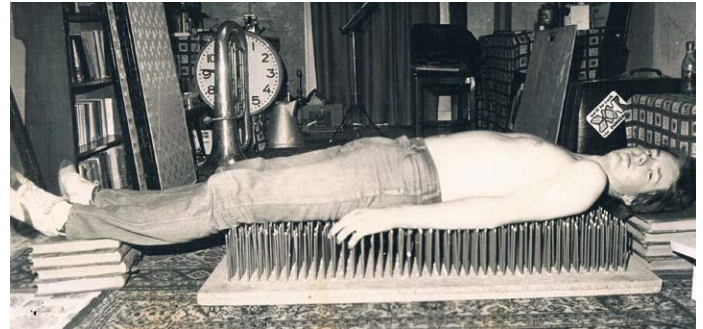
We are a supportive group and the walks have a social element that has felt particularly beneficial after the months of lockdowns and degrees of isolation. For me, our first walk in May of this year augured a return to something more normal and convivial. It felt safer too in those early months to be meeting outside.

Please contact Chris Horsewill (07771 621016) or Anne Douglas (07472 165429) if you are interested.

Anne Douglas

Vicar takes to his bed of nails

An appeal appeared in the August 2021 issue of the Newsletter, asking whether anyone knew the date of a photograph which used to hang in Clapham Village Hall.



Local enquiries among older readers established that the young man was Michael Winstone, the son of the one-time vicar of Clapham Revd Peter Winstone. Gratifyingly we received a couple of extremely helpful replies.

As a result we now know that the photograph was taken on Easter Monday 20 April 1981. Michael was 18 years old at the time and lay on his bed of nails for 5 hours to raise money for the village hall. He had perhaps been inspired by his father, who had performed the same powerful stunt years before to raise funds for Clapham church.

The Revd Peter Winstone MA, a former Oxford lawyer, was vicar of Clapham from 1967 'til 1984. He was keen on fund raising, regarded life as an assault course and was looking for something different when he came up with the idea of lying on a bed of nails as the Indian fakirs of yesteryear used to do. He borrowed a bed of nails from a South Yorkshire maggot farm (why maggot farm?) and took to his new bed one day in May 1973. He lay there for 12 hours, raised a goodly sum for his churches and became an overnight celebrity, appearing on Look North before returning the bed.

This triggered a stream of interest from the American media. The vicar persuaded them to pay for a new bed of nails, made by George Mason, and to contribute generously to local churches in return for his story. But George placed the nails further apart than the maggot farmer had done, making the bed more painful to lie on. It was this more painful bed which appeared in Michael's photograph in the Yorkshire Post of Easter Tuesday 1981. Michael tells us that the bed was consigned to the flames in 1995 when Revd Peter Winstone retired.

Stephen Dawson tells us that Revd Winstone once appeared in a pink negligee, on another occasion in full make-up and a loincloth, in his commitment to raising cash for good causes. He was also involved, with Jean Claughton, in starting the annual Clapham Street Market. We must remember these good folk.

With grateful thanks to Michael Winstone and Stephen Dawson.

Ken Pearce

The Newsletter group were made aware of the death of the Revd Peter Winstone and an obituary appears opposite.

Peter Winstone (20 July 1930 to 17 October 2019)

Many readers will remember Peter Winstone who was mentioned in the August newsletter and died in 2019 aged 89. Peter was Vicar of Clapham with Newby & Keasden between 1967 and 1984. Peter taught RE in Clapham School, served on the Parish Council, and, with Jean Claughton, established the annual street market, now the street fair. Here is part of the tribute from his son and daughter Mike and Jan for Peter's funeral in Chichester on 14th November:

"Dad wasn't keen on eulogies. However, we felt that it wouldn't be right to say nothing – and Dad would be the first to admit that he didn't always follow what his father said.

When we were growing up, Dad's heroes were Martin Luther King, the Ugandan bishops Janani Luwum and Festo Kivengere, who stood up to Idi Amin, and Saint Oscar Romero – men of faith who spoke out when they saw something wasn't right. You knew if Dad admired someone. Posters went up in church.

Given the people he looked up to, you won't be surprised to hear that he believed life was an assault course. He himself faced many trials, none more than his illness, but for him – and his heroes - Christianity wasn't about having an easy life. It was about speaking up, doing the right thing, and above all the hope of the resurrection.

Dad was a good parish priest. He took the view that everyone was entitled to practical support as well as prayers, whether they were churchgoers, nominal Anglicans, other denominations, other faiths or fully paid-up atheists. He was proud of visiting every house in his parishes, and frequently took up the cudgels on his parishioners' behalf. Civil servants must have remembered his calls, expecting a bumbling vicar and getting the Oxford lawyer!

At Clapham, fund raising was radical. We had the bed of nails lie-in, then the Male Mannequin Parade – where the vicar appeared in a pink negligee, and finally, the memorable appearance of the Reverend Peter J Winstone MA in full makeup and loin cloth – with the bed of nails for support.

In his last parish, somewhat to everyone's relief, he returned to successfully extracting money from government agencies and wealthy parishioners, as well as organising endless (respectable) fund raising events.

Any clergyman will tell you that a church isn't a building it is the people in it. Dad built and grew congregations in all his parishes, setting up children's clubs, youth clubs, Bible classes, study groups and friends' societies. This was both

an opportunity for, and the result of, his talent as a preacher and teacher.

Dad's text for his final sermon as a parish priest was John 12:21 – "Sir, we would see Jesus". This was the whole point of everything he did. He appreciated that not everyone would see the blinding light on the Road to Damascus, as he had. People needed looking after, and if this meant falling out with the powers that be, then so be it. His flock needed churches to meet in and growing congregations to be part of. They needed to understand the Gospels, and above all the hope of the resurrection. Dad spent close to 70 years helping people to see Jesus. He has now seen him face to face himself.

Dad always said his favourite place was Jerusalem, and he knew that the Hebrew name, *Yerushaliyim*, is plural. There are two cities. – earthly Jerusalem and heavenly Jerusalem.

So, the right thing to say at the end is *Shalom chaver – lihanot yerushaliyim* Peace be with you friend – enjoy Jerusalem."

Stephen Dawson

Craft and Chat

We are pleased to announce that the craft group (formerly known as Knit and Natter) has returned to the Village Hall for regular sessions on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 2pm – 4pm. It will be a chance for anyone to bring along their projects to the main hall, meet up with like-minded crafters and perhaps learn a new skill.

This informal group is not restricted to knitting as we are hoping to look at all wool-related crafts as well as needlework or other sewing projects.

For added interest, on some afternoons, it is hoped that we can also arrange demonstrations and talks from outside crafters with different skills. The charge is £3 per session to cover costs and any surplus will be collected over the weeks and donated to a nominated charity. All welcome.

For more information, please contact Chris Horsewill (015242 51716) or myself (015242 51749).

Angie Martin

Answers to Links (page 19)

1. Dent, 2. Settle, 3. Clapham, 4. Emma, 5. Bridge, 6. Johnson, 7. Paris, 8. Booth, 9. Horse, 10. Crown.

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Museum of North Craven Life

Lectures

From Traveller's Tales to Triangulation: The Early Exploration of the Holy Land by the Palestine Exploration Fund: 8th October 2021 at 19:30pm, held at Giggleswick School Memorial Library.

Why Argentina?: 22nd October 2021 at 19:30pm and held at Giggleswick School Memorial Library. It focuses on the Morrison Family's investments in Argentina and the development of the Central Argentine Railway.

The Making of Walter Morrison: Family, Wealth, Education, Travel, Radicalism and Public Service: 19th November 2021 at 19:30pm and held at Giggleswick School Memorial Library.

The Influence of John Ruskin on the Morrison Funded 1880 Restoration of St Michael's Church: 3rd December 2021 at 19:30pm and held at Giggleswick School Chapel.

(Online only) Rinse and Repeat: Christian Evolution and Kingsley's 'The Water Babies': Online lecture on 5th November 2021

Tickets for the lectures can be:

booked online at

<https://the-folly.arttickets.org.uk>

or in person at The Museum of North Craven Life front desk in The Folly at Settle.

In-person tickets are £7 and online ones are £5.

Errol-Graham Harsley

Village hall news



The committee would like to thank those who filled in the questionnaire in the last issue. It was a very helpful exercise for us to see what the community would like from the hall,

and in the coming months we hope to address some of those suggestions. All the responses were put into a hat from which one form was drawn, and we're pleased to announce that Zoe Richardson was the prize-winner.

We have now updated our 'Regular Events' poster. (See p27). This is also displayed inside the hall and on the outside noticeboard on Cross Haw Lane. Take a look and see if you would like to join any of the groups. I'm sure this programme of regular events will evolve over time. There are also notices elsewhere in this issue promoting some of the activities which are now recommencing post Covid and keen to build up support.

The next meeting of the hall committee is our Annual General Meeting to which everyone in the community is welcome. It will take place in the hall at 7pm on Wednesday 20th October. If you are free that evening, please do attend and help shape the future of your Village Hall.

Angie Martin

Settle swims against the tide

Pool redevelopment gets underway

Work on the long-anticipated redevelopment of Settle Area Swimming Pool, which serves this part of the Dales, is now underway. And in a move that will delight regular users, it is hoped to keep the pool open at least on a limited basis for most of the planned 42-week project.

The £800,000 scheme involves the creation of a flexible dry-side area, suitable for health and wellbeing activities, including exercise classes and events. The changing facilities will be modernised, based on a cubicle and locker model – with additional facilities for families and disabled users. There will also be new shower and toilet facilities. The reception area will also be extended with catering and a viewing area.

The work is being financed partly as a result of funds built up over the years by the pool and its friends' organisation. There have also been major grants from a national sports body and Craven District Council as well as smaller grants and loans from other funding bodies.

One source of funding for the pool over many years has been through the paper recycling scheme, however in recent years income has fallen as a result of the ending of North Yorkshire County Council recycling credits scheme and subsequent drop in world paper prices. The scheme was suspended at the start of the Covid lockdown, and it

had been hoped to start again but a lack of volunteers has made that impractical.

But whilst income from that source is no longer available the pool charity shop opened in 2017 has more than made up for the loss and is now generating income of up to £50,000 a year and as such is helping secure the long-term future of the pool.

Follow progress of the redevelopment on settlewimmingpool.co.uk which will also have details of opening hours and sessions.

*Mike Smith,
Settle Area Swimming Pool*

Clapham cum Newby Village Hall

AGM

**7pm Wednesday 20th October
in the main hall**

Everyone welcome!

Clapham Lecture Group

On Tuesday 14 September, Clapham Lecture Group held its first meeting since December 2019, having had activities suspended for 2020 because of Covid. Now the Group is up and running again. A programme of lectures has been arranged on an interesting variety of topics. Further details are listed below.

The Group meets at 7.00pm on Tuesday evenings, from September to December, in Clapham village hall. Membership is by subscription - £50 - which includes free entry to all lectures. Non-members may attend individual lectures (to a maximum of three per season) at £7 per lecture.

The recent village hall questionnaire revealed that talks and lectures are one of the activities people most want to see in the hall – so this is their ideal opportunity. All welcome.

The group has been running in one guise or another since 1959, for many years meeting in Clapham Primary School under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association.

Topics covered have ranged from 'Everyday Life in Clapham Parish 1900-1935', 'Wildlife Through the Year' and 'Railways and Canals of the Yorkshire Dales' to 'Astrophysics', 'Quantum Physics for the Uninitiated' and 'Islam – An Historical & World View'.

There has been – and still is – something for everyone.

Ken Pearce

Autumn 2021 programme

5th October	Dr Ian Saunders: 'Scotch Whisky – The Water of Life'
12th October	Dr Ian Saunders: 'The Red Summer of 1919'
19th October	Brian Rycroft: 'Challenge in the Dales – global warming and Brexit'
26th October	- No lecture -
2nd November	Colin Price: 'Farming in the Dales'
9th November	John Dawson: '(Peasant?) Farming in the Dales'
16th November	Peter Logan: 'St Helena & Napoleon's Exile'
23rd November	Peter Logan: 'Easter Island and the real Robinson Crusoe's Island'
30th November	Martin Lunn: 'Space in the 1960s'
7th December	- No lecture -
14th December	Peter Logan: 'Scott and Shackleton in the Antarctic'

*Jeanne Carr,
Lecture Group Secretary*

Village hall regular events

Bowls

Mondays 1.30pm - 4pm
Jackie & David Kingsley
015242 51240
jackieanddavid@yahoo.com

Clapham & Austwick Guides & Brownies

Mondays
5pm - 6.30pm Brownies
6.30pm - 8pm Guides
Karen Fielding
07748 164409
claphamandaustwickguides@hotmail.com

Lecture Group

Autumn Tuesdays 7pm - 9pm
(Except 4th Tue of the month)
Jeanne Carr
jmcarr41@btinternet.com

Parish Council

Tuesdays 7.30pm
(4th Tue of the month)
Nigel Harrison
015242 51165
njhar@gmail.com

Clapham with Horton WI

Wednesdays 7pm
(2nd Wed of the month)
Lorraine Wildman
015242 51219

Age UK

Wednesdays 11am
(1st Wed of the month)
Brenda Pearce
015242 51816
kenpearcela2@gmail.com

Clapham Art Group

Wednesdays (mornings)
Linda Clemence
01729 823767
linda.clemence@googlemail.com

Yoga

Wednesdays 6pm - 7pm
Thursdays 7pm - 8pm
Fridays 10am - 11am
Brooke Chenoweth
yoga@braveenterprise.com

Tai Chi

Thursdays 9am - 10.30am
Tony Bennet
taichigigongteacher@gmail.com

Craft & Chat

Thursdays 2pm - 4pm
(1st & 3rd Thu of the month)
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