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## Curlew Talk

There was a wonderful turn out for the Curlew Talk held on Tuesday 8th March in the village hall – people had travelled from far and wide to attend including Nidderdale, Hawes, Malham and Slaidburn. Jill Buckler welcomed everybody on behalf of the Clapham Sustainability Group and John Dawson was in fine form as “Master of Ceremonies” introducing the speakers and adding his particular wit and valuable input as a “peasant farmer”.

Mary Colwell, author of “Curlew Moon” and Chair of the Curlew Recovery Project (CRP), gave a talk about her journey in understanding curlews and their serious plight. In the last 20 years nearly 50% have disappeared from the UK due to a mixture of land management (intensification of agriculture, leading to a loss of habitat) and predation. Some areas of Britain have already almost entirely lost them. Professor Russell Wynn, Manager of CRP, continued to put this in context showing how our area is an incredibly important stronghold for curlews not only in the UK but in Europe – we are vital for their future survival.

Hilary McGuire, Conservation Officer, RSPB Forest of Bowland gave a talk on the survey work RSPB have already been doing in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and the need for this data to understand brood productivity. As curlews can live for 20 years or more there is often a misconception that we have lots around here so there is no problem. However, if chicks are not surviving in the numbers required to stabilise the

population, then we will see a massive reduction. Whilst predation is natural it is the amount that is of concern, as are certain agricultural practices. The message was clear from all the speakers: we are so lucky to have these magnificent waders here but if we do not take care of them then we, too, could lose them.

Both Russ Wynn and Hilary McGuire were keen to provide resources and training and to look at ways

their organisations can assist our community. Both hoped any survey work may lead to several farms collaborating in a “Farming in Protected Landscapes” (FiPL) project which could provide funding for interventions to improve numbers in 2023/24.

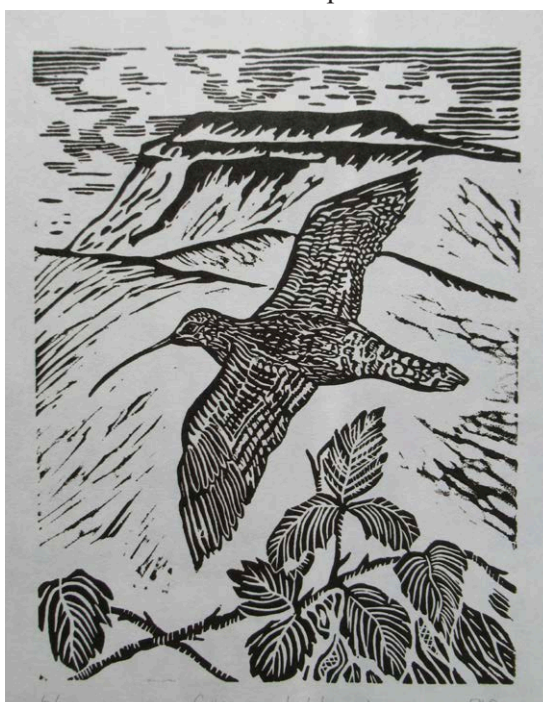
John Dawson gave heartening news that many of the farms along the Old Road have agreed to do an RSPB wader survey this year. This is the vital first step and both John and Hilary asked for volunteers to be trained to help do the survey. The uptake was tremendous, plus two more farms have signed up to join in as well.

It was felt that it was an informative and successful evening, both raising awareness and giving a way forward for the community

to begin to make a difference. Curlews return to us each year to attempt to breed – they are faithful to their breeding ground. The meeting gave us a way to begin to respond to this faith, to ensure curlews remain part of our community.

*Sarah Smith*

*Curlew Conservation, Clapham Sustainability Group*



Curlew over Ingleborough.  
Linocut: Anne Douglas

## Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to the April edition.

This edition is filled with news, articles, notices and pictures about Clapham and the surrounding area.

Thank you to all who have taken time to submit this content, your efforts are much appreciated.

If you would like to contribute in any way to the **June** edition, please do get in touch with news, pictures, views or announcements. Our email address is:

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*The Newsletter Committee*



### June 2022 edition

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## Nature notes

It's that time of year again. I wonder how many of you have ditched your alarm clocks, safe in the knowledge that the dawn chorus will inevitably wake you long before you need to be up and about? March and April are rightly celebrated for the return of colour to our gardens and hedgerows – primroses and plum blossom, daffodils, and blackthorn – but it's their music that really tells us that winter has faded. The robins and wrens, song thrushes and blackbirds have been trilling their hearts out for a few weeks now, all underscored by the increasingly frantic chatter of amorous house sparrows. Soon the blackcaps will bring their intricate melodies to the chorus and, if you have walked up the Nature Trail recently, you may already have heard an early chiffchaff resolutely and repetitively adding his voice to the mix.

Then, of course, we have our curlews; their familiar, much-loved bubbling call offering confirmation that the

year has turned. Many thanks to the Sustainability Group for arranging a second, extremely well attended information-sharing meeting, led by best-selling author and passionate curlew campaigner, Mary Colwell. It was heartening to see just how many of us care about these very welcome spring arrivals to the fields around the village, suggesting that our area can continue to be a nationally significant stronghold for them at a time when other parts of the country have witnessed such a worrying decline.

I know that many of you enjoyed reading *A Curlew Calls*, Mary's account of her travels in search of answers to the plight of the UK's largest wader, and I have no hesitation in recommending her latest offering, *Beak, Tooth and Claw*. This is an equally fascinating, if unavoidably controversial examination of attitudes towards the different predators now thriving in Britain's varied landscapes – and of their impact on our curlews. It's well worth a read.

The springtime return of old acquaintances is always exciting but so too is the unexpected appearance of a stranger. While redstarts are familiar summer visitors, returning year after year to nest in Trow Gill and several other favoured local spots, their charcoal cousin, the black redstart, is far less well-known around these parts. A small, robin-sized bird, it is thought that fewer than a hundred pairs now breed in Britain, almost all of them in urban areas around London and up towards Birmingham, with just tiny numbers getting as far north as Manchester or Sheffield. There is generally

a good spring passage of migrants passing through, mostly seen on the coast, but only about 400 individuals spend the winter in this country and inland sightings are relatively rare.

It was a special treat then, to see a young male spending a couple of weeks hunting for spiders and wood lice around the window ledges and guttering of Ingleborough Hall at the beginning of February. Tim Hutchinson thinks this is only the second one he has ever seen in the village. Although

black redstarts are a relatively common sight across much of Europe, they are red-listed in the UK – in part because of fierce competition from a much larger native population of robins and also, perhaps, as a result of the widespread gentrification of its preferred urban habitat. There just aren't as many crumbling cityscapes or semi-derelict industrial sites as there used to be in the immediate post-war period when they first arrived here in



Black Redstart.  
Photo: Brian Christian

significant numbers. Climate change might bring about an eventual revival but for now they remain a welcome rarity.

A very different bird but one that is also quite a rare visitor to our region is the magnificent red kite. At the time of writing (mid-March) one has been seen over and around the village on a number of occasions, sometimes quartering low over the ground in search of carrion despite the angry protestations of our local crows! Keep an eye out for that distinctive forked tail as it may well choose to spend some time in the area. Please don't worry, if it does decide to stick around: it certainly won't pose any sort of threat to the newborn lambs we all enjoy seeing in the fields at this time of year. Red kites might look quite fierce but as hunters they are relatively weak and entirely devoid of ambition, much more attracted to worms, mice and dead pheasants than to anything bigger or more difficult to catch; even a healthy rabbit is way out of its league!

If you have news of any other interesting or unusual sightings in the area, please:

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## Parish Council news

The Parish Council met on the evening of **22nd February, 2022** with five members of the public in attendance.

During the public participation session at the start of the meeting members of the public raised issues in connection with building works in the vicinity of The Green, Clapham and funding for the Age UK Clapham Group.

A written police report was received. This set out brief details of ten matters dealt with by the police between 24th January and 19th February, 2022. These included an alleged online theft and several incidents where suspicions had been raised but upon investigation things were found to be in order.

In relation to highways matters, the Council asked the clerk to report to North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) a leaning sign on the B6480 at the A65 junction opposite the road to Bentham. It noted that a blocked drain at the junction of Riverside and Church Avenue, Clapham had been reported to NYCC.

The Annual Parish Meeting was fixed for 22nd March 2022 and the clerk was asked to invite representatives of local groups to attend.

The Council noted that a handrail had been installed in Clapham Churchyard.

It was also noted that amendments to the Parish Emergency Plan are nearing completion. Discussions again took place with regard to the possible purchase of a generator to be kept at the Village Hall with the clerk being asked to carry out further investigations.

An update was received about the Neighbourhood Planning initiative, the meeting being informed that amendments to the draft plan are being made in line with matters identified in the checking process.

The Council was also given an update in relation to climate emergency matters, in particular, details of the uptake of PV panels and air-source heat pumps since the event held by the Sustainability Group in September, 2021 were given.

Councillors were informed of a successful meeting to discuss curlew protection, involving local landowners, farmers and experts. This had recently taken place in Newby.

Arrangements for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were discussed. The Council approved a suggestion of a beacon on the top of Ingleborough to be jointly arranged with Ingleton Parish Council. It also made progress on plans to re-plant Toll Bar Wood and noted that a caterer had been booked to provide food for a tea-party on 5th June, 2022.

Donations were made to Settle Pool and Clapham Park Association (£200 each), the local Citizens Advice Bureau (£100) and the Clapham Digital Equipment Workshop Drop-in (£120).

In relation to planning matters the Council noted two grants of permission by Craven District Council, namely for a development at Keasden Head for a classroom extension to provide sleeping accommodation etc. and for variation of conditions attaching to development at the allotment site on Cross Haw Lane, Clapham.

The Parish Council met on the evening of **22nd March, 2022**. Present, besides Parish Councillors, were Councillors Ireton and Lis of North Yorkshire County Council and Craven District Council respectively, together with eleven members of the public. Two meetings were held on this occasion: the Annual Parish Meeting, followed immediately by the ordinary meeting of the Council.

No Annual Parish Meetings had been held in 2020 or 2021 because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The Chairman's report to the meeting therefore covered the period since the last such meeting in 2019. Reports were also received from the County and District Councillors present, followed by reports from representatives of various groups and organisations active within the parish. In no particular order, the groups represented in person were: the Digital Equipment Workshop Drop-in, Clapham Village Store, The Sustainability Group, Clapham St. James' Church, Clapham cum Newby Village Hall, the Lecture Group, Clapham St. James' Church Bell Ringers, Age UK (Clapham Group), the Ingleborough Estate and Clapham & District Newsletter. Written reports from a National Park Ranger and a representative of the Cave Rescue Organisation were also read to the meeting. More details will appear in the minutes of the meeting which will be published in due course.

At the ordinary meeting, a member of the public raised issues with regard to the noticeboard attached to the Millenium Trust Building. A leaking gutter above the board and the possibility of replacing the board with a weather-proof model are to receive attention.

In relation to highways matters, the clerk was asked to report damaged grit-bins on Keasden Road to North Yorkshire County Council. Arrangements to replace a capping stone on a column on Mafeking Bridge were also made.

The Council noted that highways matters raised at the last meeting had been reported to the relevant authorities and were receiving attention.

There was further discussion with regard to the possible purchase of a defibrillator. The Council noted a quote from a local contractor but asked the clerk to seek further details to facilitate its ultimate decision in the matter.

Plans for the celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee were discussed. The Council noted that Toll Bar Wood had been re-planted just a few days before the meeting. There had been an impressive turn-out of volunteers who had managed to plant somewhere in the order of three hundred trees in under three hours. The Council placed on record its gratitude to those involved.

Also with regard to the Platinum Jubilee, the Council approved plans to purchase a gas beacon as a joint venture with Ingleton Parish Council, this to be lit on Ingleborough on 2nd June, 2022. The time of the tea-party to be held on 5th June, 2022 was fixed at 3pm.

With regard to the neighbourhood Planning initiative, the Council was informed that a housing needs survey, identified as required by the checking process, was in progress.



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## Parish Council news

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In relation to planning matters, the Council raised no objections to plans for construction of a covered booth-seating area and other developments at the New Inn, Clapham. It felt unable to comment on plans for the construction of an outbuilding and log-store at The Old Manor House, The Green, Clapham because documents showing precise details of the application were not available on Craven District Council's website.

For more information on the work of the Clapham cum Newby Parish Council please click on the Parish Council information link at [www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk](http://www.claphamyorkshire.co.uk).

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be on **Tuesdays 26th April & 24th May 2022** at 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall.

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

### Elections 5th May 2022

Elections for membership of both North Yorkshire County Council and Clapham cum Newby Parish Council are scheduled for Thursday 5th May, 2022.

Notices, giving essential details, have been placed on the Parish Council notice board at the side of Clapham Village Store and full details are available on Craven District Council's website.

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*In Celebration of Her Majesty's*

👑 *Platinum Jubilee* 👑

**Garden Party**

*Hall Garth*

*Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

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The Parish Council has received funds from  
North Yorkshire County Council, via Councillor David Ireton,  
for this tea-party.  
This will, by kind permission, be held at Hall Garth on the early  
afternoon of that date.  
Further details to follow in due course.

## A risky journey?

A resident of Newby and one of the gallant band of people who deliver this newsletter to all corners of the globe - well to Clapham, Newby, Keasden and surrounding areas – I thought I'd let you know that on 11th and 12th June I will be heading to the plains of Cambridgeshire.

I normally only take my life in my hands by crossing the village green to post this renowned publication through people's letterboxes, but I have decided at great personal risk to show our cousins in the South what real men look like in lycra. I will undertake this fearful mission whilst riding my trusty, German designed, 22 gear, carbon fibre steed.

I can regularly be seen rocketing (well pedalling) round the Dales, but I have decided to enter the 'Tour of Cambridgeshire', a 100-mile bike race, organised by the Union Cycliste Internationale (UCI to you and me) who run all the world's professional

bike races including the Tour de France. My goal is to finish in the top handful of riders for my age group (ancient), thus qualifying to ride for Great Britain in the UCI Gran Fondo World Masters event, which is to be held in Trento, Northern Italy in September.

Whilst undertaking this hazardous journey to The Fens, I will be raising money for the Alzheimer's Society (my mother suffered from dementia prior to her death in December 2018).

If you would like to help me by making a donation to this very worthwhile cause, then please visit <https://bit.ly/MMAIz>.

I hope to return from the flat lands safe and sound, to the county

where the landscape has hills, and the beer has a proper head on it. Wish me luck.

*Malcolm Mason*



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## Church news

### John's notes: Who belongs here?

"In September 1938, events were moving to a crisis. Fear and apprehension prevailed throughout the country. News and conversations became concentrated on the single topic of the conflict in Europe: the press and wireless gave us no respite, no peace of mind. ... There seemed no escape from the atmosphere of gloom and despondency, at home and at work and in the streets. But I was fortunate in having a fortnight's holiday due, and I fled the familiar scene. I walked alone from Settle in Ribblesdale to the Roman Wall along the eastern flank of the Pennines, returning down the west side. In the solitude of the wild Pennine hills, I found peace."

So began Alfred Wainwright's introduction to 'A Pennine Journey', published in 1986. "The parallels with our anxious, crisis-ridden contemporary situation seem pronounced," writes Anita Sethi in 'I Belong Here: A Journey Along the Backbone of Britain', published last year, in which she (loosely) follows Wainwright on her own Pennine journey, a walk out of the busy city motivated partly by her love of Northern England's hills and partly to try to process and recover from a terrifying racial attack she had suffered on a train journey from Liverpool to Newcastle.

The crime she had experienced was "a vicious attack on her right to exist in a place on account of her race", (say the book's sleeve notes). "After the event Anita experienced panic attacks and anxiety. A crushing sense of claustrophobia made her long for wide open spaces, to breathe deeply in the great outdoors. She was intent on not letting her experience stop her travelling freely and without fear."

Anita Sethi's reflections on the relationship between landscape, society and healing are profound, and like Blackburn's Wainwright, Manchester-born Sethi also found peace in these hills - and a restored sense of belonging. Having been harangued by her attacker to "Go back to where you're from" she had a healing epiphany at Hull Pot, on the western side of Pen-y-ghent, when she found herself declaring, "This is where I'm from: I'm from the North. The glorious North."

Who belongs and who doesn't - these questions are at the heart of so much conflict the world over. As a clergy friend of mine recently said, "Everything belongs. Everything is sacred. I don't want to have conversations discussing if people are 'in or out'. I never did. The world has become far too scary for the church to be indulging that. That's not the promise of salvation. It's what the promise of salvation saves us from: exclusion and division."

So... those urban walkers, cyclists, runners, caravaners and picnickers, all who breathe the air alongside us on these Pennine streets, hills and footpaths... do we see them as mere 'visitors' to 'our land', to be regarded suspiciously, or as fellow-travellers on life's bumpy road, with stories to tell, in need of succour we might share?

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*Notes from a small vicar: bit.ly/johndavies-talks*

### Anglican Services

#### April

**3rd:** Holy Communions 9.30 Eldroth; 11.00 Clapham.

**10th:** Holy Communions 9.30 Austwick; 11.00 Keasden.

**Maundy Thursday 14th:** 6.30 Eldroth Last Supper

**Good Friday 15th:** 2.00 Austwick Good Friday Devotions

**Easter Day 17th:** Holy Communions: 9.30 Austwick; 9.30 Eldroth; 11.00 Clapham.

Short Easter Service with Easter Egg Hunt: 2.00 Keasden

**24th:** 9.30 Austwick Holy communion & 6:00 Keasden

A Spring Saunter: St Matthew's Church to Wenningside circular walk.

#### May

**1st:** Holy Communions 9.30 Eldroth; 11.00 Clapham.

**8th:** Holy Communions 9.30 Austwick; 11.00 Keasden.

**15th:** Holy Communions 9.30 Austwick; 11.00 Clapham.  
6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer

**22nd:** 9.30 Austwick Holy communion followed by Primrose Walk; 7.00 Keasden Lambing Service at the new burial ground

**29th:** 10:30 Eldroth Messy Church for Pentecost

**Advance Notice:** 5th June HM Queen Elizabeth Platinum Jubilee Services: 9.30 Austwick; 11.00 Clapham

Also, each Wednesday: 10.30 Austwick Holy Communion.

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### Methodist Church, The Green, Newby

Services are usually taking place on second Sundays of the month at 11am and fourth Sundays at 2pm. We hold a coffee morning each Thursday 10.30am to 12.00 noon, it's a great way to meet new friends. More details available from the Revd Stephen Caddy - phone: 015242 61257 or by email: Stephen.f.caddy@gmail.com

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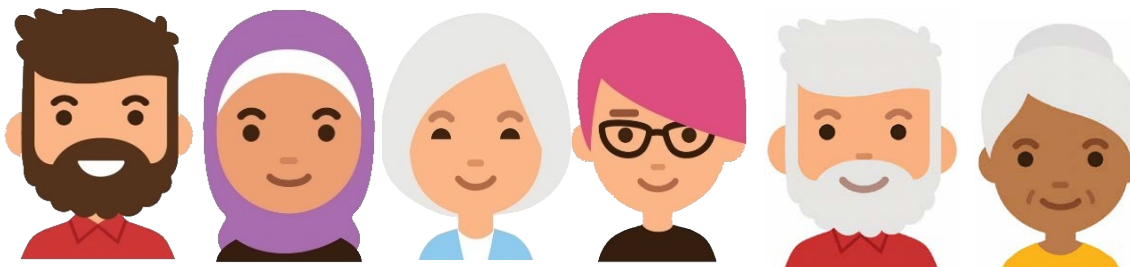
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**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2022, 10.00am-12 noon**  
**in Clapham Village Hall.**

It is more than four years since our last Give and Take. This year will have an added attraction with the presence of **KingSharp**, the Lake District Mobile Sharpening Service (see details below).

A **Give and Take** event provides an opportunity to pass on unwanted items that are **clean and in good condition** but is not a chance to dispose of things which could more appropriately be taken to the Household Waste Recycling Centre in Settle. It's a chance to pick up something you want – FREE – and it's fun, often surprising and rewarding. More details about items which can and cannot be brought will appear on posters and in the June edition of this Newsletter.

A qualified electrician will be present and light refreshments will be available.

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Otherwise, bring them with you on the Saturday.

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## King Leonardo

A one-man show from  
**The Bard in the Yard**  
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**Saturday, April 9th at 7.30pm**



William Shakespeare is stuck. Like, really stuck. He is trying to write a new masterpiece and is under pressure. What's more, his rival Ben Jonson, on top of making the best sourdough bread ever, also has a new play in the works... Not to worry, the Bard has a title already: "The Most Lamentable Comedy of King Leonardo, his Three Daughters and Their Dog". Since he might need a bit more than that, he has decided to pick your brains and make sure this new show is the smash hit it is promising to be.

*"Irresistible" (The Guardian) "Funny and moving, not to mention immersive" (The Independent)*

Programme also includes a short quiz (with some Shakespearean leanings)

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## Then and now



This time, our pair of pictures feature the Manor House at Newby Cote. The building itself is recognisable immediately but, nowadays, a higher hedge obscures much of the ground floor and it wasn't possible to get into exactly the same position as the original photographer when I took the "Now" image in March 2022. The "Then" picture is from a postcard dated 1918 so, as with many of these old black-and-white postcards, just over 100 years separate the two. Within just a few years of 1918, Sidney Farrer became Lord of the Manor on the death of his father, and he chose to live at Newby Cote re-establishing its role as a "Manor" house. It remained

thus until Sidney's death in 1946 when M. Roland Farrer inherited the manor and chose to live back in the village taking Deighton Cottage as his residence.

On a separate note, someone kindly sent me a couple of photographs for future 'Then and Nows' along with their Xmas Greetings money but, sadly, their name wasn't on the packet, so I don't know who to thank! Do get in touch if it was you – by email to [claphamnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:claphamnewsletter@gmail.com) – since I'd love to use one or both but wouldn't wish to do so without proper acknowledgement.

*Andy Scott*

## Scandimoot is back! - April 29th to May 2nd

After fifteen years of music and dance events, most of them held in Clapham at the Village Hall and Ingleborough Hall, Scandimoot was forced to take a break in 2020 and 2021. We managed an online event which we called 'Digimoot' last year, which was very popular and well attended, but we all missed 'the real thing' of meeting live and playing music and dancing together. And we missed being in Clapham very much.

As many of you know by now, we alternate Swedish and Norwegian programmes with our aim of 'Bringing the best of Scandinavian music and dance to the UK'. This year we focus on music from the west of Sweden – an area that borders on Norway and has exciting, dynamic tunes. We'll have workshops for musicians in Ingleborough Hall while the dancers learn the exciting couple dances typical of that musical style. As in previous years we'll have a social evening of 'meet the artists' in the Village Hall on Friday evening and a concert in the church on Monday lunchtime. Clapham residents and locals are cordially invited to both of those. There will also be a public performance (ticketed) in Victoria Hall Settle on Sunday evening.



This year the artists are all in Clapham for their first time, and we can't wait for them to enjoy the beauty of the area and meet the friendly folk! We always try to offer local accommodation to artists and participants, though we're aware that local B&Bs are becoming more scarce. If you could offer a 'bed only no breakfast' one-off accommodation, please let us know. You can contact me via: [patgoodacre@gmail.com](mailto:patgoodacre@gmail.com) or 07967502354.

*Pat Goodacre*

### A Spring Saunter

A circular walk to  
Wenningside led by  
Graham Taylor starting at  
St. Matthew's Church  
Keasden  
**Sunday 24th April,  
6.00pm**



### Lambing Service

A celebration of lambing  
St. Matthew's Churchyard  
Keasden  
**Sunday 22nd May,  
7.00pm**

## Community tree planting



On a bright sunny Saturday morning at the end of March, an impressive band of volunteers, armed with spades, secateurs, and plenty of enthusiasm, joined together at Toll Bar to plant a community woodland in commemoration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. It was a fantastic community effort by people of all ages. More than three hundred trees, including maple, cherry, hornbeam, lime, oak and sycamore were planted with lots of good cheer and some impressive digging.

A huge thank you to the members of the Parish Council for their initiative and sponsorship and to all those involved in the planning and organisation. But the biggest thanks of all to the tree planters and those who provided delicious refreshments to keep everyone going. And, of course, to Queen Elizabeth for her unstinting dedication over 70 years. She must have planted a few trees in her time!

*Maria Farrer*

## CLAPHAM LECTURE GROUP AGM

Village Hall  
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With guest speaker Pete Collins  
"Nightscape photography in the Yorkshire Dales"



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Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm in the hall

## Support for Ukraine



If you have not already done so and you would like to offer your financial support - please go to the website of the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC). There you can make a donation to the DEC Ukrainian appeal.

<https://donation.dec.org.uk/ukraine-humanitarian-appeal>  
Thank you.

## Clapham and Austwick Homes for Ukrainians



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that nowadays items  
will need to be labelled individually and list all  
ingredients.



## Events to support Ukraine

On Saturday 19th March, an invitation was kindly extended from the Austwick Community to join them at a meeting to find out more about supporting or providing a home for Ukrainians displaced by war. Chaired by Colin Renwick and John Davies, the meeting opened with a minute's silence to allow us to reflect on current events in Ukraine.

Colin then provided valuable information on key organisations for those interested in offering space in their homes or supporting in other ways.

Tony Walker, with close links to Ukraine, spoke movingly and pragmatically from a very personal perspective, outlining the ways in which we can help. Paul Kelly outlined his own experience of housing Syrian Refugees in Settle and some of the important considerations in terms of the practical, social and emotional needs of refugees and the commitment of hosting.

During break-out community groups, more detailed discussions took place. In the short term, the focus needs to be on urgent fundraising and offering the possibility of a safe, normal, stable place for those fleeing war. All community groups expressed commitment to take this forward. There will be further meetings in Clapham in the near future.

If you would like to be involved in any way, please see a new Facebook group [https://bit.ly/FB\\_Ukraine](https://bit.ly/FB_Ukraine) and/or sign up for email updates <https://bit.ly/Ukraine-email-signup>

*Maria Farrer*



*Tony Walker playing the Ukraine national anthem*

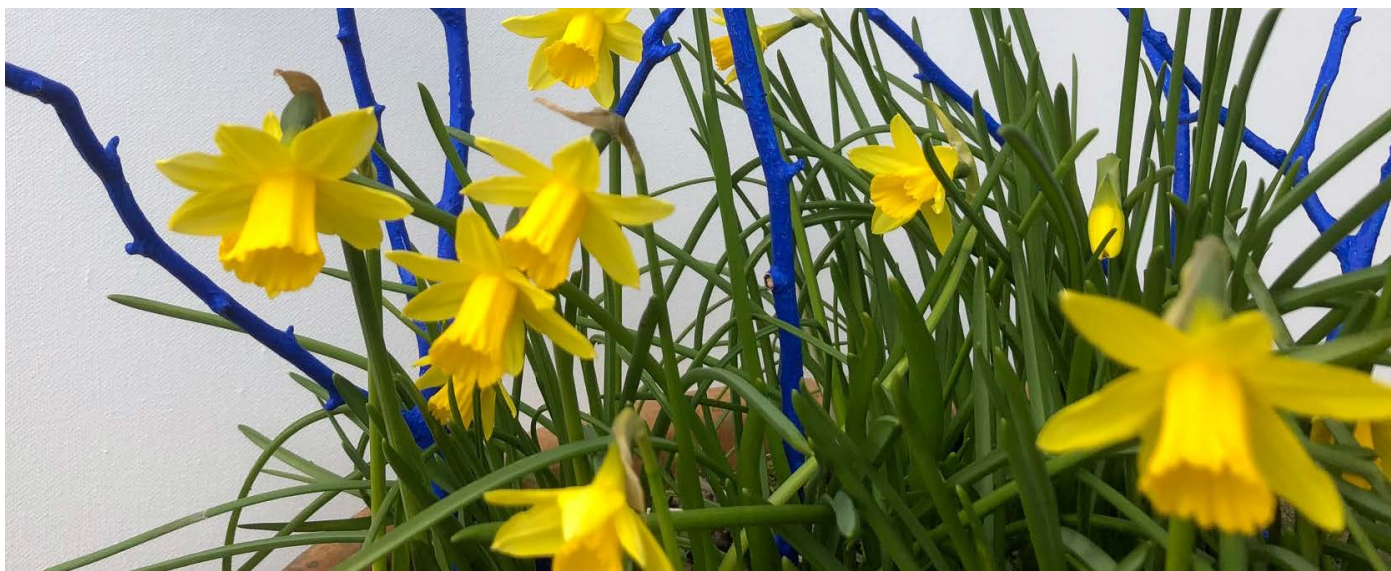
Just as this issue was going to press, the Village Hall was pleased to host a day of events in support of the plight of the people of Ukraine. St. James' Church ran a very successful and well attended coffee morning on Saturday 26th March which was followed

by a popular cabaret-style evening of live music to suit all tastes organised by the hall committee.

Both the events were drop-ins, with free entry and the opportunity to leave donations all of which will go to the Disasters Emergency Committee's appeal. At both events, Clapham resident Tony Walker (who has family connections in Ukraine) gave a personal account of the plight of those caught up in the crisis and what the support of events such as these means to them. Monies are still being collected in for the two events, but at the time of writing we have jointly raised more than £4000.

Many thanks to you all for your generous support on such a successful and enjoyable day.

*Village Hall Committee*



*Photo: Annie Farrer*



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## Mobile Rural Watch

By March, the Settle Ingleton Bentham Mobile Rural Watch had been helping to protect the rural communities in the area for the last two and a half years. Formed by volunteers in September 2019 and recognised as the only police-approved Rural Watch Group covering the eight Craven District Council Wards of Bentham, Hellifield & Long Preston, Ingleton & Clapham, Pen-y-ghent and Settle & Ribblesbanks, the volunteers act as the eyes and ears for the police, communicating directly with them via a WhatsApp Group. Members report directly to the police on any suspicious activity they see day or night and can take part in joint Police and Rural Watch Patrols throughout the area. The group is making a real difference to rural crime in our local communities; we have been instrumental in passing on key information about suspicious activity to North Yorkshire Police, which has led to several arrests and recovery of stolen property.

A Steering Group, made up of members and a Police Sergeant, runs the group which now has an office at Ingleton Police Station. Each member going out on a night patrol is equipped with a kit bag of essential equipment. For safety reasons, another member working from home monitors each night patrol. These monitors follow and track, via computer, the movement of members and are in constant radio contact, ready to respond to any request to report or record any suspicious or unusual activity to the police. We do not need to monitor members travelling around during the day as they are at less risk, and they can report directly to police via the WhatsApp Group on anything suspicious.

We work to a police-approved Code of Conduct and had permission to continue to patrol throughout the lockdown period when, instead of working in pairs, the majority of members patrolled solo. Our area is a large one and we are now seeking to recruit more volunteers. We would especially like to hear from anyone from the farming community, as farms are often the target of the travelling criminals, but anyone over eighteen with good local knowledge, a mobile phone, and preferably a car, can join.

Anyone wishing to join our voluntary group would have to abide by the Code of Conduct, our policies in respect of radio and WhatsApp communications and complying with the Data Protection Act. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining the Settle Ingleton Bentham Group, the Bowland Group or a group in the Upper Wharfedale or South Craven area then please email for more information.

*Leigh Marshall  
leigh@localwatch.co.uk*

*Rural Watch Supervisor R8353 Coordinator;  
Settle Ingleton & Bentham Mobile Rural Watch*

## Keasden rainfall report

	2021	2022
January	13" or 33cm	4¼" or 10.795cm
February	8¼" or 20.955cm	11¾" or 29.845cm

## Shop volunteering

Nearly all of our staff are volunteers who provide an outstanding service, helping with the smooth running of every aspect of shop life from buildings maintenance and gardening through to helping in the shop itself (and much in between).

New volunteers are always welcome and for those new to the village it is a great way to meet people.

No experience is necessary as training and support is provided. All we ask is enthusiasm, a good sense of humour and a few spare hours whether that's each week or less frequently.

If you are interested, then please speak to Helen in the shop or contact Sue Mann 015242 51792 / 07456 855749 (suemann.wyvern51@gmail.com) or Lynda Christian 07770 749391 (Lyndachristian2016@gmail.com) for more information.

*Harriet Naden*

## Update on the Street Fair

After much thoughtful discussion it has been decided that St. James Church will no longer organise a Street Fair in its previous format. This has been a difficult decision to take after nearly 40 years because the event has played such a significant role in the village calendar and has been much enjoyed over the years by residents and visitors alike. Furthermore, it provided a valuable contribution to church funds! However, the forced interval imposed by COVID has made us rethink what we are able to do as a group and we now feel that an event on this scale is beyond us.

However, we haven't just rolled over and we are planning an event and activities to be based on the church and churchyard on the usual Street Fair day – this year, Saturday, July 23rd. We'll let you have more information about what to expect as our plans develop.

*Sue Mann*

## Craft and Chat felting workshop



The craft and chat group held their first workshop on 17th March. Pam Smith very kindly gave a demonstration of how to do 2D felting, then each member of the group had a go themselves. It was an enjoyable and relaxing way to spend the afternoon, and everyone was able to go home with a piece of felt art that they had created themselves. A follow up session is planned where some more advanced felting techniques are tackled.

*Chris Horsewill*

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## Steam update

The 2022 season for steam-hauled rail-tours began to get properly underway during March with trips over the Settle and Carlisle line amongst those offered. One such tour on Saturday 12th was hauled by 6233 *Duchess of Sutherland*, that loco's first return to the S & C for many years. With excellent weather, it brought out a fair few "spotters" and many were able to capture excellent photos as the engine worked hard on the climb up the "Long Drag".

More frequent tours along this line are scheduled from April onwards, there being something to see on most Saturdays, and the first of this season's mid-week "Fellsman" specials is scheduled to run on Wednesday 18th

May. We hope some of these tours will see light engine movements through Clapham station as locomotives travel to or from Hellifield to take up their charges.

We have already seen one recent steam movement through the station when 46100 *Royal Scot* passed through on Friday 4th March. This engine was travelling from the

East Lancashire Railway to Keighley where she was to be a guest loco during the Worth Railway's Steam Gala weekend. Following the gala, she returned to her usual base in Derbyshire



46100 *Royal Scot* passed through the station on March 4th approaching the overbridge near Laneside. Photo: Andy Scott

One regular engine that we will see less of this season is 45699 *Galatea*. Over the last couple of years, this engine has often run under the numbers and names of other members of her class, initially 45562 *Alberta* and, more latterly, 45627 *Sierra Leone*. She has been withdrawn from service for this season in order to go through an overhaul, with her place in the "Carnforth Pool" now taken by 34067 *Tangmere*.

At the time of writing the only passenger-carrying 'steamer' scheduled to pass through Clapham will be this year's Lune Rivers Trust special. This is scheduled for Saturday 24th September but watch this space as news of other tours may well come through in the interim.

Andy Scott

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## Common interests

At Bleak Bank we have always had a good working relationship with the Yorkshire Dales National Park (YDNP). Apart from the occasional tiff over planning issues which, as Brian Clough said, “we discuss and then decide I am right”, we get along very well. For instance, I like the way their head of land management makes it to at least one of our Ingleborough gathering expeditions and spends much of his day helping out, chatting to shepherds and generally enjoying the day. It also gives him an agricultural insight into dodgy language and how we work together to keep sheep on a common fell.

At our annual shepherds’ meeting, the local YDNP ranger pops along to update the peasant farmers on any work they have planned such as footpath maintenance. Usually, we are able to plan the work for a time when sheep are off the fell, which saves everyone bother bearing in mind footpath repair work often involves a helicopter. It also gives the ranger an opportunity to hear any concerns the graziers may have such as “why hasn’t he brought biscuits to the meeting?”

So, a few weeks ago, we were happy to oblige when we were invited, by the YDNP, to host a meeting to which they had invited Tony Juniper OBE and his surprisingly large, and probably well-paid, entourage. Mr Juniper (OBE) is chairman of Natural England and as such has the ear of government as well as his hands on various levers of power. The good people from the National Park felt it would be helpful for him to visit an upland farm to demonstrate how YDNP works with local peasant farmers in managing a common such as Ingleborough for the benefit of all, which is where we, as the token peasant farmers, came in.

I had very strict instructions from YDNP to be on my best behaviour. For instance, I was not allowed, however tempted, to ask Mr Juniper (OBE) to justify his salary of £175,000 (almost as much as a vet or auctioneer.)

We gave our welcome visitors coffee, ginger biscuits and a slideshow which gave them an understanding of how a sheep gathering day works but without the usual bad language. We explained how farming neighbours work together and alongside the National Park to help manage the common. We also explained how important cultural heritage is, such as hefted flocks and the importance of common grazing to the family farm.

We had a walk up part of Ingleborough where the National Park officers explained some of the geology which exists over the 3500-acre mountain. We examined the limestone pavements in some detail as they are considered some of the finest in Europe. Limestone pavements are made up of clints (rocks that stick up) and grikes (channels between the rocks). Some of the plants that grow in the grikes are quite rare, baneberry, wall rue and limestone fern being some examples.

On another part of Ingleborough, the blanket bog is equally as important as limestone pavement and yet entirely different. Here we might not only lose a wellie as it is sucked

off into the peat but see plants such as bog asphodel which is known locally as ‘bog bastard’.

The National Park officers also explained some of the challenges they face, including very well-worn footpaths, which often require maintenance, or unchaperoned dogs accidentally flushing ground-nesting birds such as curlew and lapwing from their nests or sheep from their heft.

Finally, we had a late lunch and a much needed warm up in the community centre at Ingleton along with a general debrief. Tony Juniper (OBE) said he had learnt much from an informative and enjoyable day. I was pleased that the YDNP had gone to the trouble to organise the day and also that Mr Juniper (OBE) and his surprisingly large entourage had found the time and made the effort to come north and see for themselves what goes on.

I hope we were able to give the visiting party a little more understanding of the effort and knowledge that goes into helping manage a common, they certainly asked the right questions. The old agricultural saying “tha’ can’t teach experience” comes to mind. At least now when decisions are being made at government level Mr Juniper (OBE) has a little more understanding of what goes on and how he can help.

We parted as friends as he was driven away to catch the 3.30 train to that London which, I believe, is somewhere south of Lancaster. I never did ask him about his salary...

We are about to hurl ourselves once more into the carnage of lambing time and the cupboard is stocked with various aids such as lamb scour powders, cream eggs and lubricant. In my lambing experience you cannot have too many cream eggs or too much lubricant...

Happy lambing everyone.

John Dawson



Tony Juniper (OBE) - the one with the binoculars

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## West Riding Classic



experience on static bikes. The film, with an original soundtrack, was shot by members of the Goma Cycling and edited by ourselves and Theatre in the Mill in Bradford. Originally this was intended to be a standalone short film. However, the club continued to grow, continued to have adventures and disasters - such as the volcano! - and to keep filming. We have now committed to keep working with Goma CC up until 2025 when the World Championships are held in Rwanda. Rwanda is just a few miles from Goma.

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We were gutted not to run the event during the pandemic years but we're super excited to be back this spring. We've pushed the ride back to May so there'll be no snow this year, but we may have sunshine! We've also moved it to a Sunday which we hope will make it more accessible for people.

There are descriptions, elevations, and profiles of the three routes – and the official cheeky shortcut, see:

[www.theopenwheel.com/wrc](http://www.theopenwheel.com/wrc)

*Maggie McSherry*



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## Saint James' Church



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## Village hall news

The next open event in the Village Hall is a touring production on April 9th at 7.30pm called King Leonardo. It's being put on by The Bard in the Yard theatre company and has had some great reviews. To make it even better, the performance will be followed by a Stuart Marshall Quiz (see separate advert elsewhere in this newsletter). Other events for later in the year are in the early stages of planning.

We are currently in discussion with the Parish Council regarding the hall becoming an emergency hub for the community. Meantime, if we have another widespread power failure, we will endeavour to open up the hall so that people can meet up, access the internet, re-charge mobile phones and make themselves hot drinks. Our contact details are displayed on the hall's outdoor noticeboard on Cross Haw Lane.

In the background, the committee is hard at work ensuring that the hall keeps abreast of legal requirements and opportunities. Part of this is to try to widen the representation on the committee by inviting involvement from other community groups across Clapham, Newby, and Keasden, so that they can have a say in how the hall is run. We are planning to approach each local community group, asking for someone to represent that group on the village hall committee. Our next committee meeting is on 27th April in the village hall at 7.00pm and if you would like to attend as an observer you will be most welcome.

As a gentle reminder, could we please ask all hall users not to park in the area beyond the cobbled yard as it is private land. There is very limited space near the main entrance, and this should be reserved for disabled users and those with items to unload. Easy access is required to the rear private car park and therefore parking for hall users should be on Cross Haw Lane.

*Angie Martin,  
Village Hall Secretary*

## New handrail



As you walk up by the church you might have noticed that a splendid new handrail has been installed in the churchyard. Those of you who know the path up to the main door will be aware that, in certain conditions, it can be very slippery. So, the Parish Council and Parochial Church Council decided that it was time to instal the rail to help on those days. The challenge was to get something which served that purpose without detracting from the churchyard itself. The finished product does just that as the picture shows.

*Sue Mann*

## 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

### Parish Council

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

### Age UK

Wednesdays 10.30am  
(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

### Clapham DEW Drop-In

Digital Equipment Workshop/computer support group  
Wednesdays 7pm  
(1st Wed of the month)  
Andy Scott 015242 51749  
claphamdewdropin@gmail.com

### Clapham with Horton WI

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

### Yoga

Thursdays and Fridays  
Contact Brooke for session timings  
Brooke Chenoweth  
yoga@braveenterprise.com

### Tai Chi

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

### Craft & Chat

Thursdays 2pm - 4pm  
(1st & 3rd Thurs of the month)  
Chris Horsewill 015242 51716  
ajhnottm@gmail.com

### Sustainability Group

Thursdays 7.30pm onwards  
(3<sup>rd</sup> or 4th Thurs of the month)  
Jill Buckler  
jillbuckler@me.com

## The journey home

Now in the autumn of 2021 we have resumed our pre-lockdown routine, going home by train from King's Cross to Leeds with a wheelchair at both ends. It's an exemplary service, friendly, cheerful and sometimes hair-raising, they push you at such a rate. Today unaccountably there is a life-size dinosaur in the booking hall at Leeds, thrashing its tail and emitting great belches of prehistoric dyspepsia. Lunch follows just outside the station at Sous Le Nez, a cosy brasserie on Quebec Street where we have been coming now for ten years, and which happily has survived its enforced closure. Table 25. Fish and chips invariably. In and out in 45 minutes, after which we drive north and home.

It's always said of Leeds that it's easy to get out of, not much of a compliment though it's true, and I've been doing it half my life. In my TV play *Sunset Across the Bay* (1975), a couple retiring from Leeds to Morecambe wave the city goodbye saying, 'Bye bye, mucky Leeds.' True in 1975, it wouldn't be true today when, though too much has been demolished, at least it's clean with green fields on the horizon where once were back-to-backs.

These days it's Rupert who does the driving and like Guermantes and Combray (though not) there's a choice of routes, with Burley Road above Kirkstall the current favourite. On the left across the valley is the spire of St Bartholomew's where my parents were married, and further along the tower of Christ Church where I went to what was then called 'little school'. But now we must turn off up St Anne's Lane, a slightly awkward thoroughfare which only just takes the passage of two cars. Today someone (possibly having had a scrape) has fixed a neat cyclostyled notice to a lamppost: 'Stupid thin road.' It's the choice of 'thin' rather than 'narrow' that makes it droll.

We now cross Headingley Lane, heavily parked if the Rhinos are playing a match, and go up Queenswood Drive past a parade of shops that includes the salon Scissor's Palace. There's also a second-hand furniture shop which, lacking the verbal ingenuity peculiar to hairdressers, is called 'Take Another Look', but which often has its stock outside on display. We have a fantasy that one day we will see a William Kent chair or something by Chippendale but in all the years we've been coming by we've never stopped to find out.

On we go, turning right into Spen Lane past the house once lived in by Mr Fletcher, the music master at my school who was an early fan of Sibelius and was once invited to Finland to meet him, only the Council wouldn't give him time off. Then down West Park Drive where somewhere lived Tolkien, the house nowadays not perhaps quite the place of pilgrimage it once was. This brings us to Otley Road

and past the site of my school, Leeds Modern, and a casualty of Leeds's passion for demolition, its replacement not unlike a small provincial airport. This is the ring road with beyond it the genteel suburb of Lawnswood, with its crematorium where I used to work as a student (though only as a gardener not a stoker). Beyond Lawnswood in theory ... and until recently in fact ... is the Green Belt, now sadly nibbled away so that from Lawnswood to Bramhope is virtually built over. Bramhope is the home of the Brownlee brothers, the Olympic medallists (with a pub named after them) and once (and maybe still) Saddam Hussein's sister (with no pub). It's here, though, just round the corner, that one gets the first hint of Wharfedale and the beginning of the dales.

In the old days, this journey was much more stop and go than it is today, as it was enlivened by a succession

of junk and antique shops. There was never much in Otley, though that did have a pub named after me, if only for a month. Ilkley had two or three good shops where one could get the odd bargain but now long gone. It was in Ilkley in 1984 that we filmed *A Private Function*, and the butcher's shop in Ben Rhydding where, in the film, the butcher (Don Estelle) was had up for selling horse meat is still a butcher's today, though presumably with superior produce.

In season the A65 is a busy road, some of the traffic headed to Burnsall and Upper Wharfedale, the rest of it en route for the Lake District. Out of season or in the evening we sometimes turn off to Bolton Abbey. Another location for *A Private Function*. Empty in winter, on a summer evening one may catch a heron fishing by the stepping stones. Then on to Draughton where much more recently there would be a vase of flowers always fresh, marking the place of an accident and which Mike Harding made into a poem and was my inspiration for the monologue *The Shrine* in last year's *Talking Heads*. Round Skipton and through Gargrave (with two antique shops still), and at Conistone Cold we cross John Carr's bridge over the infant River Aire, coming down from Malham still as bright and fresh as it is in *The Water Babies*. The first sight of Ingleborough is always memorable though, in the fifty years I've lived here, the only time I've climbed it was as a soldier on Coronation leave in 1953. If it's dark and with no street lights, the first thing one notices getting home are the stars and how high the beck. My parents first came here from Leeds in 1966 and were very happy and are still remembered. 'I don't care how celebrated you are' Mr Redhead the coalman said. 'You'll never be a patch on your dad.'

*Alan Bennett*