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Visitors

Recently we hosted two on-farm meetings. The first was well attended and was in collaboration with the Farmer Network (give them a Google) and had no business being as interesting as it was. It was titled "Dung Beetles" and from 11am until 3pm that was the subject matter. Our speaker was Sally-Ann Spence, (another Google) and she had travelled especially from Suffolk. She is to dung beetles what Stuart Marshall is to the mighty Sheffield United, only more passionate, slightly taller, and not as deaf.

Not many are aware that not only is cow muck an aphrodisiac (like silage effluent) but it is also balm to the soil. Each cowpat is a tiny rainforest of life to microorganisms, bacteria, worms and, of course, dung beetles. They all help keep soil healthy by working cowpats back into the soil, creating humus which increases the soil's ability to store water. Whilst doing all this they are unwittingly part of the food chain.

In order that dung beetles have somewhere to live and work we do not worm our cattle. Worm drenching renders the muck sterile and unsuitable for dung beetle habitation. Muck that has been stored before spreading is also not beetle friendly (I told you it was interesting) and is a very different product to the nice warm, steaming, freshly made cowpat with its delicious, distinctive aroma direct from the four-legged mobile factory.

Whilst she is dropping cowpats everywhere and sustaining life without giving it a second thought, the humble cow is turning grass into food. Remarkable.

The highlight of the day (apart from dinner) was the walk around our cow pasture looking at cowpats that were only a few days old (have I said it was interesting?). The first one Sally-Ann (I feel we are now on first name terms) turned over was laden with dung beetles all hard at work, which was a relief to me, at least someone was.

The second visit was equally interesting in an entirely different way. Arranged by British Wool we welcomed five

Japanese wool buyers who, having bought British wool, wanted to see where it grew. I am not yet fluent in Japanese, and we worked through an interpreter which added to the good nature of the visit.

We had a walk onto Ingleborough to see where the ultimate sustainable fibre grows for free, then, next, we spent half an hour comparing the different wools that we produce. Their enthusiasm and knowledge of all things wool was impressive, and it was a pleasure to welcome them. In case you were wondering, Dalesbred in Japanese is "Deruzubureddo".

In among all this, the autumn sheep sales are upon us and already our gimmer (girl) lambs have been sold and gone to magical faraway places such as Devon.

The dry weather around the country had led to fears of the wealthy southerners not venturing into the north to buy lambs they couldn't feed. I am reminded of my grandad's saying, "it is rain that keeps England a green and pleasant land." Bleak Bank certainly prefers a slightly wetter summer to a dry one, but then don't we all? Luckily, with the recent rain these fears abated, and the buyers arrived with the

optimism that only a plentiful grass supply can provide.

On many upland farms the gimmer sales are seen as a bit of a turning point. Up until now the "creeping overdraft" syndrome has been in charge but, suddenly a BACS payment arrives, overdue invoices are settled and things look a little less bad. This is known as rampant optimism which can get out of hand - serious cases have been known to last up to 12 hours depending on the sale average and the banter in the café.

The farmers from the south talk funny, not proper like what I do. But luckily my recent dealings with the Japanese wool envoys had stood me in good stead, so I was able to smile nicely and wonder where the interpreter had gone...

John Dawson



Dung beetles aplenty

Welcome to the October newsletter

We are grateful to the Clapham Village Store for sponsoring this edition and would like to thank all the businesses that have paid for advertisements - every penny helps to keep us in production.

Everyone is invited to support the newsletter by joining us at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 1st November. Also, we will be holding our AGM on Monday 3rd November. See details of these in our notices on p24.

Finally, do support us by sending us your Christmas greetings for the December edition. See p15 for what to do.

We hope you enjoy this edition.

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Get involved



Even Santa enjoys volunteering at our shop! So much so that he's promised to return on 27th November...

But it takes more than a few elves to keep our shop operating in tip top style. Or as we call them volunteers!

From serving customers and making sandwiches to checking stock and cashing up, there are roles to suit everyone. We really appreciate the skills our volunteers bring – and many of them appreciate the opportunity to learn something new and make new friends. There are other benefits too, as one of our volunteers noted, "when I'm at the shop, my husband enjoys the peace!"

Whether you have an hour a month or two hours a week to spare, we'd love to welcome you into our team.

Interested? Call into the shop for a chat or email info@claphamvillagestore.co.uk

Talking shop ...

We've had a wonderful summer season in the shop. Thank you to everyone who has supported us.

Our tenth anniversary year has been one of celebration and sunshine. Despite the economic climate, the warm weather has kept us buoyant.

The sun brought lots of visitors to Clapham and many of them came into the shop. Without exception, they're surprised at the variety of goodies available and the warm welcome.

Many visitors come in looking for local produce and we are proud to support more than 20 local suppliers. Our pies now come from Drake & Macefield in Settle and are proving a huge hit. We are also stocking a new range of their frozen foods including chilli, cottage pie and beef cobbler.

Another new local supplier is Ginger Art Cards. Designed in Ingleton, we are stocking a range of gorgeous birthday and event cards, mostly featuring animal prints.

If you are a local supplier, please come and have a chat to see if your products could be added to our range.

Please note, on 1st November we will be reverting to our winter hours, which means our weekend closing time will be 1.30pm.

By contrast on Thursday November 27th we'll be open until 7pm for our Christmas Shopping Event. It'll include festive tunes, tasty treats – and of course a visit from Santa. He was so popular last year, we simply had to invite him back again! We hope you'll join us.

See you soon!

Helen and the team

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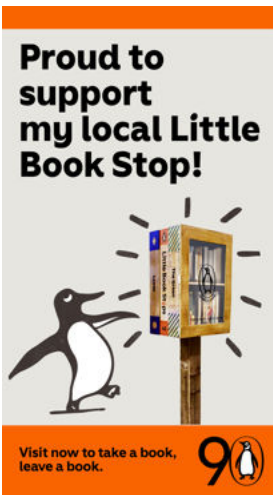
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A 'Little Book Stop' comes to Clapham!



I'm excited to tell you that Clapham is now home to a Penguin Random House 'Little Book Stop.' We are one of just 90 local communities, selected from around a thousand applicants, to receive a Penguin Random House 'Little Book Stop' to celebrate the publisher's 90th anniversary. The Book Stop has been set up between the Old Sawmill Café and the entrance to the Nature Trail, next to the memorial bench.



children and some for adults from authors including Margaret Atwood, Zadie Smith, and Jacqueline Wilson.

Whether local or visiting, you can sit on the bench and browse or take a book away to read. We hope books will be returned or replaced but there is no absolute requirement, and you are free to keep whatever you take. The aim is to encourage reading and share a love of books. If there is nothing in the Book Stop you like, there is

a large book corner in the Parish church which has something for everyone. You can sit in a comfy chair and browse or take away a book to read here too (donations of books and money to the church are always appreciated).

Di Millen

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we should give it a go. After talking it through with Sue Mann, Maria Farrer and others, the application went ahead. I heard the good news by email in July. Penguin Random House has sent us a starter pack of 25 new books, some for

Skipton Foodbank



Thinking about Christmas has started already and the Skipton Food Bank is no exception. To collect and distribute to those in need donations need to be in during November.

So, we are going to start collecting for that at Clapham Village Store now. The box will be in its usual place next to the ice cream

fridge and your donations are, as always, gratefully received.

Of course, they need all the usual items such as tinned meat, cans of fruit, vegetables and baked beans, UHT milk, instant coffee, biscuits, custard, rice pudding and various toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc).

However, they have a special Christmas list too. Last year items on this included:

- Christmas Crackers (to pull)
- Mince Pies with a best before date after 25/12/2025
- Chocolate Selection packs
- Gravy mix
- Christmas Cake Bar
- Toiletries gift boxes for men and women
- Stuffing mix
- Christmas Pudding – larger sizes
- Nice boxes of Christmas biscuits
- Boxes of chocolates (200-300g)

So, it will probably be much the same for this year. They can't take toys or gifts.

Once we have established the final date that Skipton Food Bank need items by, we will take your donations to our friends at Bethel Chapel, and they will get them to Skipton.

Many thanks in anticipation!

Sue Mann

Don't chuck it!



Village newsletters are in demand and sometimes we run out - especially when happy visitors enjoy reading one and isn't it grand that they are interested in our community?

Rather than increase our print run, with the obvious financial and planetary costs, we have a request to readers. If you have finished with your copy and don't want to keep it, don't chuck it in

recycling. Please return it to the boxes in Clapham shop, St James', St Matthew's or Newby Chapel for someone else to enjoy.

Let's give it a try.

Isobel Palmer

Cake stall for St. John's Hospice



A huge thank you to everyone who baked/helped/donated to the cake stall in aid of St. John's Hospice. The total raised of £1,290 was amazing!!

Rosie Hull and Annie Farrer

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Moving upwards and onwards



Hi, I'm Fleur Hudson. Some of you may already know me from popping into your lovely Clapham store, or from village fetes and church events where I may have been exhibiting or selling my photographs, or perhaps you may know me as one of the rowdy Newby lot. I've been asked to write this piece as I've just finished my studies at Settle College Sixth Form, received my results, and

moved into my new accommodation at my chosen University: Northumbria; doing my chosen course: Fashion Communication (producing my own fashion magazines). I'm aware that there aren't many teenagers who live in and around Clapham, so although these few paragraphs will be about how my recently gained achievements have felt as a newly fledged adult, I hope that it will be insightful or at least an interesting read for everyone else.

To the point, I received a C in Product Design, a distinction in Business, and, most importantly, an A* in Photography. As someone who missed some key years of school, I felt I had to work a little harder to achieve the results I desired. It was certainly an uphill struggle, but also the happiest times of my life. People



are the centre of everything, but especially business; Product Design taught me this. In between all the laughter, learning, and, of course, Friday quizzes, there were individuals. These individuals were workers, families, and part of a home. My business A-Level reinforced this. The economy cannot thrive without togetherness, the individuality of a local shop, a small business, or a village celebration. Clapham is the perfect example of togetherness, something I feel privileged to have experienced while completing my studies.

Photography is one of my great loves, ever since I was old enough to pick up the family camera (a small and yet surprisingly heavy piece of equipment), I've been snapping shots of family, friends, and surroundings. My first study was architecture and how it responds to culture, and how people respond to it. I was shown how integrated we are with our spaces, how community spaces are vital for learning and enjoyment. My last study was on love, why we feel the way we do towards our special someone, how this has been portrayed through art since literature began to acknowledge courting, and other mediums captured a slice of a loving gaze. My final piece, which is shown above, showcased this through original photography techniques. It is a mock dark room filled with developed photos of my loved ones. I hope you enjoy viewing it.

To those who are about to go on this journey soon, and those who took the path a while ago, I say education has given me the experience of love (that of my subjects and my friends) and allowed me to carry out my dream of being in the fashion industry. At least I hope so; however, paths change, plans change, and so will I.

Fleur Hudson

Congratulations!



All of us at Glencroft were happy and surprised to be nominated for and win the Yorkshire Post Rural Business of the Year at their Rural Business Awards, held annually in Harrogate. This "recognises a rural business that demonstrates strong growth, sustainability, and a positive contribution to the local economy."

Edward Sexton

A wedding to celebrate



Emily Robinson and Zac Kelly celebrated their marriage at St James' Church on Saturday, 6th September.

Emily, the youngest of the five Robinson girls of Scalemire, met Zac in Sydney, where she has lived and worked for nearly twelve years. Emily recently launched her own business as a digital marketing consultant, while Zac is a general

manager.

Family and friends gathered from near and far, including many who travelled from Australia, to share in the celebrations. Guests enjoyed an Aussie-inspired barbecue on the Robinson family farm, with the reception held in one of the beautifully decorated barns.

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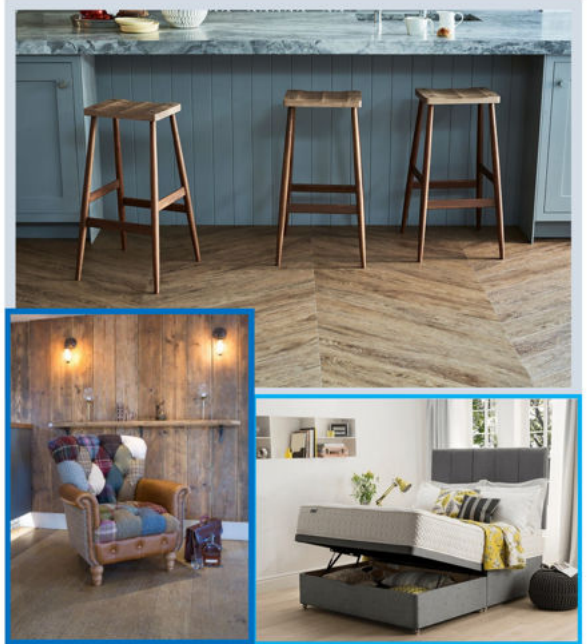


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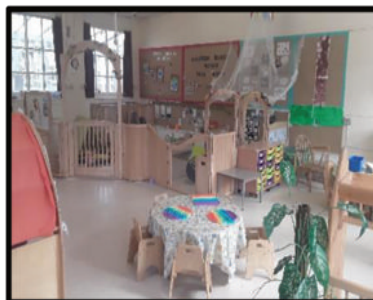
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Church News

John's Notes: Things you can do with a sign of the cross



He went to the crossroad, fell down on his knees - did old Robert Johnson. He asked the Lord above, "Have mercy, save me if you please". There are a lot of things you can do with a sign of the cross. You can make

it a meeting place with the devil or with the Lord, like the blues singers do. You can make it a request for divine assistance in the manner of footballers, arriving on the pitch eyes lifted in petition, genuflecting. You can have it smeared in ash on your forehead to signal the start of your Lenten abstinence or baked onto a hot cross bun when you break that fast. You can put it on a road sign. You can use it to direct people towards medical assistance or to signify a country on a flag. You can buy cross-shaped necklaces in all kinds of designs: I've heard jewellers say that occasionally a shopper may request "one with a little man on it".

In vicar training school they told us that following our ordination - the cathedral service when the bishop says special prayers for us - we would be uniquely empowered by The Church to bestow blessings on people by the simple cross-shaped motion of our hands. Now, I grew up with an understanding of "the priesthood of all believers" so I venture to suggest that *anyone*, with the genuine intention of blessing another, could do it in this way, to the same effect, should they so wish. Which isn't to deny how much I cherish those moments at the end of our services where I'm able to send people out with a blessing, or when I make the cross-sign as a greeting at someone's doorway, or on a baptised child's forehead, or at a hospital bedside, with a family bidding their fond, prayerful, farewells to their loved one about to depart this life.

A sign of a cross can be a sign of welcome - as when it flies above St James' Church tower, the Cross of St George signalling a church which is open for all. It's a sign of the Church of England, that is, a church here to serve everyone on this island, of whatever circumstance in life. For some onlookers this red-cross-on-white may signify this country which they love, whether for its cricket or its creatures, its shipping forecast or its peculiar weather, but mostly because, for them, regardless of its shortcomings (which are legion) it is familiar and it is *home*.

Of course, you can also use the cross as a sign of hostility, as we see it displayed on the gowns of the Klu Klux Klan whilst going about their lynchings, or when painted onto roundabouts in antagonism against a maligned minority group. I suggest that *this cruel inhumanity is the most faithful use of a sign of a cross*, because it is the closest in meaning to the cross's original intention. For in Christianity the original cross was the mechanism for Jesus' execution. In gospel times, crosses were how manipulative political players and aggravated crowds got rid of those they'd demonised.

Three people hung at Calvary that day. Jesus and two condemned companions: were they each a scapegoat of sorts, the fatal violence inflicted on them a convenient way of galvanising the community? In this telling, the sign of the cross is a bloody, horrible, human, thing: this urge to

"exterminate all the brutes", it is "the sin of the world".

Why then would the Christian church turn the cross into a golden icon of temporal glory shining within some of the world's most showy, expensive buildings? Some say because of Roman Emperor Constantine's vision of a cross in the sky, on the night before a big battle, which he won, and his consequent adoption of the motto, "In this sign you shall conquer". Thus, the cross became an emblem of empire, a triumphalist symbol, a justification of state violence; with the notion of self-sacrifice at the heart of Christ's offering on Calvary now commandeered for military purposes.

Another reason why the cross became glorified is that the Church came to see it as a sign of the success of the resurrection. Those necklaces with the little man on them only tell the start of the story. The *empty* crosses tell it all: "He is not here - he is risen!" Thus, the cross becomes the sign of the possibility of redemption - and particularly for those who the world wants to crucify. We see this in bombed-out cities where at the sight of the Red Cross, the injured find cause for hope; we see it on stormy seas where at the sight of the RNLI flag - with the cross at its heart - those who thought themselves lost to the waves know that rescue is at hand.

You can use the sign of the cross for any purpose. Who will use it as a sign of hope? Who will use it as a sign of healing? Who will use it as a sign of grace and of redemption?

Revd John Davies

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Anglican Services

Led by Revd John Davies, except where stated.

October

- 5** Harvest Festival: 9.30 Eldroth & 11.00 Clapham; Evening Easy Church: 6.30 Newby Methodist Church
- 10** 1.30 Austwick School Harvest Festival (all welcome)
- 12** 9.30 Austwick Harvest Festival; 11.00 Keasden Holy Communion
- 19** 9.30 Austwick Holy Communion; 11.00 Clapham Easy Church; 6.30 Eldroth Evening Prayer
- 26** Holy Communion: 9.30 Austwick & 11.00 Clapham; 6.30 Keasden Saints, Sausages & Sparklers

November

- 2** Holy Communion: 9.30 Austwick & 11.00 Clapham; 4.00 Austwick All Saints Service; Evening Easy Church: 6.30 Newby Methodist Church
- 9** Remembrance: 9.30 Austwick, 11.00 Clapham, 2.45 Keasden
- 16** 9.30 Austwick Holy Communion (Revd Ian Greenhalgh); 11.00 Clapham Easy Church (Revd Steve Rathbone); 6.30 Eldroth Taizé (Judith Johnson)
- 23** Holy Communion: 9.30 Austwick (Revd Heinz Toller)
- 30** Holy Communion: 9.30 Austwick & 11.00 Clapham; 4.00 Travelling Crib Launch

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Second Sunday of the month at 11am, and

Fourth Sunday of the month at 2pm.

Macmillan Coffee Morning - Saturday, 11th October 10am - 12noon, "bring a cake, buy a cake"

Harvest Festival - Sunday, 12th October 11am led by Revd Steve Rathbone

For further information contact:

Revd Tim Broughton, Tel: 01729 554006 or

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Worship in the manner of Friends (members of the Religious Society of Friends - Quakers) takes place on:

Sundays: 10.30 am at the Meeting House, Settle (opposite the Victoria Hall),

Sundays: 10.30am at the Calf Cop, Burton Road, Lower Bentham, and

Tuesdays: 12.15pm in Settle for 30 minutes, with soup afterwards.

For any further information - please go to the website:
<https://settlequakers.org.uk/>

Clapham concert



Flautist Peter Harrison and presenter Julia Elliott entertaining an afternoon audience at St James' Church with their programme of words and music, "Branwell's Flute and Hardy's Hornpipe".

This was the last concert at St James' organised by Liz Mason, who is moving to Annan after many years of service to the church, school and community, for which we are all very grateful.

Revd John Davies



St James' Church

Saturday, 29th November

10 am - 12 noon

Clapham Village Hall

Coffee Morning

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Keasden dates

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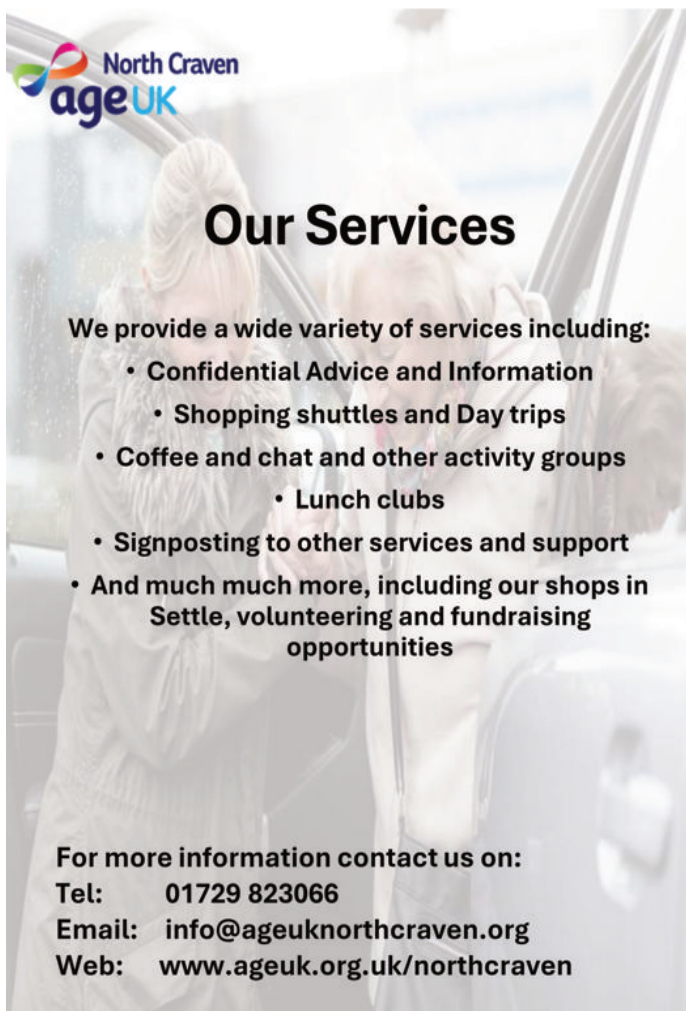
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Unusual visitors



The Red Arrows paid a flying visit – literally – on 5th September, passing over Keasden from their base at RAF Waddington to a display at Prestwick.

Photo: Ann Sheridan & Mike Short



Like buses – you wait for one and then four come at once! A quadruple-headed steam train passed the station on 5th August, with Carnforth's contribution of locos to the Greatest Gathering "Railway 200" celebratory event at Derby all returning together.

Photo: Andy Scott

Get Involved



We're introducing our new **Get Involved** slot with this issue – a chance for you or your organisation to let the community know where voluntary help is needed, whether that be for one-off tasks that need sorting, or for longer term involvement as members of a group, team, committee or similar.

You can see such a request from Clapham Village Store on p3 and another from Craven Wildlife Rescue on p19.

If you have a "vacancy" then just let us know the details and we'll do the rest.

If you're new to the community or find you now have time to take on an additional challenge, then just read-on. It's a great way to get to know folk, find out what's happening, and the chance to get a lot more out of it than you put in!

Clapham Newsletter team
Email: claphamnewsletter@gmail.com

Cash bonanza for Macmillan



Rain, what rain, was the parish response to the bad weather on Saturday September 20. Clapham Village Hall was packed for the annual Macmillan Coffee Morning. It raised £1,415.20, thanks to all the hard work of a small army of bakers and helpers.

Delicious cake, coffees, jams and chutneys were a huge hit, while children enjoyed decorating biscuits and colouring. Team Raffle worked flat out selling tickets to a never-ending queue, so another big thank you for all the prizes donated. Thank you also to the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust who raised £49 on the previous Thursday when a volunteer popped in with more Macmillan cake at their brew time.

Thank you to everybody involved - from posters, to donations, to decorations and furniture removal - an amount like this is only possible with massive support.

Isobel Palmer

New challenges ahead



Congratulations and good luck to all the young people from Clapham-cum-Newby who took their GCSEs this summer and are now taking on new challenges with A Levels and college courses.

Pictured here is Rhea Richardson who passed her A Levels and is now at Manchester University studying History and Politics.

Zoe Richardson

VJ-Day Celebrations



Current and former residents of Flying Horseshoe (in and around Clapham station) celebrated VJ-Day with an outdoor party kindly organised by Sheila Maywood.

Nature notes

Late summer can be a quiet time for keen birdwatchers. The frenzy of the breeding season is over and many of our familiar garden birds are lying low as nervous fledglings tentatively explore their new surroundings and their

A quiet time it may be – generally – but this doesn't mean that there is nothing to see. Changeable early autumn weather can spring some surprises as young, inexperienced birds are blown off course, lose their way, or simply drop in somewhere mid-journey to catch their breath. On a recent trip to Hellifield Flash, Tim Hutchinson spotted a Grey Phalarope, a small Arctic breeding wader very occasionally seen over on the east coast but a real rarity here. The Flash can be quite a hot spot at this time of year. On the same visit, Tim also saw two Ruffs, medium sized, long-necked waders with a slightly droopy bill and reddish orange legs, again more usually seen on the east coast during their migration from Scandinavia to North Africa.

By the time you read this the lull will be over, the first of thousands of Redwings and Fieldfares will have flown in to feast on the hawthorn and rowan berries in the hedgerows, while many smaller birds will be returning to gardens in the village, hoping that we have refilled our feeders to help

them through the winter. Now is the time to give those feeders a thorough cleaning (it's important to do this regularly, preferably using a veterinary disinfectant) to help limit the spread of diseases such as *trichomoniasis* which can be devastating for the finches we love to see in our gardens.

exhausted, scruffy looking parents skulk around out of sight. Earlier in the year they wanted to be noticed. They were looking good in their fresh breeding plumage; they were establishing their territories; they were doing their utmost to attract a mate. Now they are lying low.

At the start of September, it is still possible to see parents feeding their hungry offspring and, although the Swallows are gathering on overhead power lines as they prepare to head south, House Martin nests are still hives of activity with a third brood racing against time to be ready for their own epic trip. Just a week or two later things have changed.

By the time of the autumn equinox, almost all of the fifty bird species that migrate from the UK are beginning to make their way to warmer climes, and the waders that spent the summer in the fields and moors around the village are already settling back into life on the coast.

I'm writing this month's notes on the Isle of Man, where yesterday I counted a huge flock of about two hundred Curlews on one seaweed-strewn shoreline, feeding alongside the Oystercatchers and Redshanks that not so long ago were nesting and raising chicks inland. It's quite possible that some of these birds may even have spent their summer here in the Dales.

The first of our winter visitors may be starting to trickle in from Scandinavia, but most will wait until October before making their move. There's a lull, a quiet time. Nature seems to be drawing breath, readying itself for the darker, colder times to come.



Early autumn - but still feeding young ones. Photo: Brian Christian



Redshank stepping out on the Manx coast. Photo: Brian Christian

Remember, if you have news of any interesting or unusual sightings in the area you can send me an email, or drop a note into 2 Eggshell Lane or simply stop and chat if you see me around the village. Photographs are always welcome, and I do my best to use any that you send in to me. I also post local nature notes on [@bcriverside28.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/bcriverside28.bsky.social)

Brian Christian

Email: bc.riverside28@gmail.com

Neighbourhood Plan – Passed!



On Thursday 18th September 2025, the Clapham-cum-Newby Neighbourhood Plan was passed in a parish wide referendum. Over 91% of votes cast were in favour.

The Neighbourhood Plan gives us a say in how Clapham-cum-Newby Parish develops and:

- Sets out policies on land use, housing and transport
- Protects our green spaces, local amenities and community assets
- Safeguards our heritage and preserves the unique character of the area

The Plan has legal status. It must be considered by local councils and planning inspectors when making planning decisions and so will shape our area’s future.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group



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Thursday 27 November
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A cartoon illustration of Santa Claus, wearing his traditional red suit with white trim, a white beard, and a red hat with a white pom-pom. He is standing with his hands in his pockets.

Christmas greetings

Christmas greetings

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

Jennie & Rick	Annie	David
Sunny Bank	The Beeches	Gildersbank
Dave & Denise	Chris & Tony	Anne & Poppy
1 The Green	Long Barn	Dalesview
Sheila	Jill, Iain, Chloe & Emily	Mrs Betty Lovett & family
Flying Horseshoe Cottages	Old Manor House, The Green	Kirkdale

Getting ready for Christmas? Let us help you. You can save time and money by sending a simple Christmas greeting via the newsletter instead of sending expensive Christmas cards. In the December edition we’ll publish a page of greetings, similar to the extract shown above.

If you’d like yours to be included, please make sure we have your completed coupon by **Friday 14th 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 1st November**.
- Or you can complete the coupon printed below and pop it in an envelope marked ‘Newsletter Christmas Greetings’ along with your cash and leave it in the collection box at the Village Shop. The box will be available from Wednesday 1st October until Friday 14th November.
- Or you can email your name and the address details to be used with the subject line ‘Christmas Greetings’ to: claphamnewsletter@gmail.com and pay £5 online. Our bank details are a/c name: Clapham & District Newsletter, a/c no: 43740218, sort code: 20-98-98. Please use your surname as your reference.

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Thank you for your support!

The Newsletter Team

Christmas Greetings

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Then and Now



This view of St James' Church – dating back to the 1920's – shows the War Memorial in its original position at the head of Church Avenue.

It was erected to honour those who had fallen in the Great War though their names were inscribed on a tablet set in the wall of the North Aisle of the church itself.

The War Memorial was later moved into the churchyard where it remains to this day.



Other changes between the images can be made out: from the new notice board beside the gate to the grit bin on the verge. Closer inspection reveals the change in the roofline too with the removal of the battlements which, I understand, had been added in 1814. On the older image, we can also see across to the buildings beyond the beck – they were still visible as late as 2011 so much of the tree canopy obscuring the background must be fairly recent.

Andy Scott

Eyes on the skies

Friends of the Dales launches a major campaign on Tuesday 21 October with an online event featuring talks and a panel discussion.

The Eyes on the Skies campaign speaks up about the illegal killing of birds of prey in the Yorkshire Dales - one of the UK's black spots for this criminal activity.



*Peregrine Falcon – just one of our persecuted raptors.
Photo: Dave Dimmock*

This free online event, starting at **5.30pm on Tuesday 21 October**, offers a chance to:

- Learn about the vital role birds of prey play in the Yorkshire Dales ecosystem.
- Hear from leading experts about the scale and impact of their persecution.
- Find out the ways in which you can speak up for birds of prey and support the campaign.

Sign up and join this event at:

www.friendsofthedales.org.uk/events

Friends of the Dales is a registered charity set up in 1981 which works to protect and enhance the Yorkshire Dales and encourages everyone, from all backgrounds, to value and enjoy this special area.

We are the only membership and campaigning charity for the Dales! Our campaigning work is driven by our policies which are created by our volunteer Policy & Planning Committee. We campaign on a wide range of environmental and social issues that affect the biodiversity and landscape of the Dales and the well-being of local communities. We continue to actively campaign and lobby for sustainable transport since setting up Dalesbus in 2007. Other notable campaigns have included raising awareness nationally and locally of the toxic legacy of planting trees with plastic guards and the importance of adapting cutting regimes on rural verges to allow wildflowers to proliferate.

To find out more visit: www.friendsofthedales.org.uk

Victoria Benn

Village Store - Community Fund



We have £353 in the shop Community Fund, and we are seeking applications from local groups for a share of this. Qualifying projects should have a social, environmental or charitable purpose that would benefit the community of Clapham-cum-Newby and Keasden.

HOW TO APPLY: The full policy and an application form are available to download from the shop website (see <https://claphamvillagestore.co.uk/community-fund>). If you would like to discuss your project with a member of the Management Committee before applying, please contact the Secretary at cosec.cvs@gmail.com or ask in the shop.

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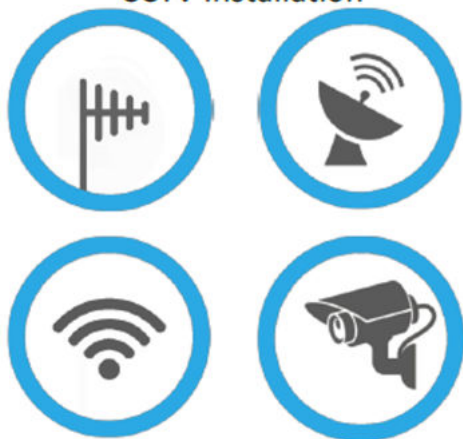
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Despite the common misconception that tennis in England is a summer game, played on grass, mainly in south-west London, the tennis players in this part of the country enjoy their racquet sport all year round, and love to get outdoors on those cold bright winter days.

Austwick Tennis Club, whose members come from an area from Bentham to Hellifield, and

all the towns and villages in between, has recently had its two main courts resurfaced, with grants from the Clapham-based Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, among others, and is keen to encourage new members to join, whether beginners, or returning to the sport after a break.

The courts were re-opened this summer by Patrick Grant, the Great British Sewing Bee judge and local resident, who enjoys tennis. The club is now preparing for its winter season with matches against other teams in the Lancaster and Morecambe League. Social tennis sessions run throughout the year, on Monday, Friday and Sunday mornings and Thursday lunchtimes and the courts are also available for non-members to hire when not in use by the club. In the summer we organise evening coaching sessions. There is a lot more about the club on our recently updated website given below.

The photograph shows (left to right) Jenny Thistlethwaite of the Craven Trust, Tennis Club Chair Robert Bellfield, Patrick Grant, and Fiona Ross of the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust.

Mike Smith

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/AustwickTennisClub>

New trustees?



Craven Wildlife Rescue is inviting applications for three new Trustees in the run-up to a very exciting chapter in its development. "We care for nearly 500 animals each year," says Penny Hunt, Co-founder, "Our patients are varied and beautiful - owls, hedgehogs, swans, otters, birds of prey, to name a few.

"We've developed our animal care facilities within the rescue hospital and expanded the network of agencies, mentors, and experts that we work with. We need to expand our facilities, whether at our current site or elsewhere, and there's a huge opportunity for us to expand our education activities. We are inviting new Trustees onto our Board to help us achieve our vision for the future."

Craven Wildlife Rescue is looking for Trustees with the following areas of expertise:

- Veterinary practice or animal care
- Events organisation and fundraising
- Business and legal
- Architecture
- Technology

In July, Patrick Grant, best-known for his role as a judge on the BBC show *The Great British Sewing Bee*, was appointed the Rescue's first Patron.

Interested applicants should send a covering letter and details of their experience to the Board of Trustees, by email (cravenwildliferescue@gmail.com). The closing date is Friday 31 October 2025.

Jill Franklin

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Settle Orchestra 2025-26 season

Settle Orchestra are looking forward to another enjoyable season, including a further collaboration with Langcliffe Singers after our very successful performance of Brahms' Requiem in 2023. The conductor for this season will be Andre Chan, another graduate student of the Masters course at Manchester's Royal Northern College of Music. A native of Hong Kong, Andre has already assisted various world-class orchestras like the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic and the BBC Philharmonic, and also conducted the Hallé, Manchester Camerata, and MAV Symphony (Budapest) in masterclasses. He is excited to be bringing the music close to his heart to audiences in the Yorkshire Dales.

For the joint concert Andre has chosen Beethoven's Mass in C, a wonderfully tender and personal interpretation of the Latin mass which is not performed nearly as often as it should be. Other highlights for the year



include Dvorak's lyrical and nostalgic cello concerto, with the orchestra's own Bob Buller as soloist, and a French-inspired concert with music by Debussy, Ravel, Poulenc – and Mozart. (OK, so Mozart wasn't French, but he had a happy association with Paris, and we are playing his Paris Symphony!)

We always welcome applications to join the orchestra, especially from younger players and from string and brass players. We would also be very interested to hear from any composers who would like to write music for the orchestra.

We give two concerts each term, one in Settle and one in Skipton; this year the dates are 22 and 29 November 2025 and 21 and 29 March and 20 and 27 June 2026.

Full details are on our website, <http://www.settleorchestra.org.uk/>.

Do please come and support us and keep music live in the Dales!

Jill Gates

Clapham Lecture Group

2025 AUTUMN SERIES PROGRAMME

Clapham-cum-Newby Village Hall, Tuesday Evenings

Sep 16 th	Richard Handscombe	Behind the Scenes with the Yorkshire Air Ambulance
Sep 23 rd	Richard Peterson	Overground & Underground: The Archaeological Caves of Ingleborough Common
Sep 30 th	Rowena Moir	Nidderdale: The Glistening Dale
Oct 7 th	Colin Penny	Historical Graffiti – The Writing is on the Wall
Oct 14 th	Francis Hickenbottom	An Introduction to Fungi and their Identification
Oct 21 st	HALF TERM	
Oct 28 th	Sarah Lister	Migration in Craven
Nov 4 th	Iain Crossley	An Introduction to the River Wenning Group
Nov 11 th	Caitlin Greenwood	The Horner Collection of Historic Photographs
Nov 18 th	Neil Hanson	Inn and Out at the Top – Tales from Britain's Highest Inn
Nov 25 th	Adrian Tayler	George Hudson – Railway King or Rogue?

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Parish Council news

The Parish Council met on the evening of **17th September 2025** and were joined by Cllr David Ireton from North Yorkshire Council (NYC), the Sustainability Group Representative and 3 members of the public.

The meeting began with a discussion about the newly resurfaced Keasden Road. Whilst the improvement to the surface was appreciated by all (and evidently the increased number of cyclists who had recently passed that way) the issue of the steep drop-off from the tarmac to the verge was raised. This coupled with the fact that the one identifiable passing place between the station and the crossroads had not been resurfaced does mean care should be taken when using the road; especially given the number of vehicles that have encountered difficulties on the verges recently. The matter has been raised with the NYC Highways department, but in the meantime care should be taken.

The Council thanked whoever cleared the overgrown area by the first bench coming out of the village on the Old Road. The bench slat that needs replacing will be done as soon as possible. The Council would also like to thank Rose Whittaker and team for clearing the ginnel between Riverside and Cross Haw Lane; your efforts are very much appreciated by everyone who uses the path.

The Sustainability Group representative advised the Council that:

- 35 letters had been sent to local businesses regarding funding for the 2026 Curlew Cluster along with numerous grant applications. Should adequate funding be secured the plan is to have a Field Worker for the season.
- Customers of Octopus can request a change in the Comms Hub to cellular to allow ½ hourly billing.
- The Group is looking to set up a website.
- There is the possibility of having a container to enable recycling of medication blister packs in Clapham village (potentially located in the church). This would cost in the region £95 per container and the Council was asked to consider funding the first container. This request to be considered at the next meeting.
- The next Give and Take event will be held on 18th October.

Following advice, the Council agreed that the Clerk should obtain a new “@gov.uk” email address to ensure full compliance with governance standards. The application has been made and the new email address will be advised when operational.

The Council has been informed by the party applying for planning permission for a solar array at Newby Cote that the application had been withdrawn. Given the unclear communications from Yorkshire Dales National Park regarding the desirability of green energy solutions, the Council has asked for a planning officer to attend a future Parish Council meeting to explain the policy more fully. Information about such attendance will be added to the relevant meeting agenda.

Parish Council meetings are generally held in Clapham Village Hall at 7.30pm on the 3rd Wednesday of each month, with no meetings in either August or November.

The next meetings of the Parish Council will be Wednesday 15th October and Wednesday 10th December.

The Clerk and Responsible Financial Officer, Steve Culver, can be contacted:

Tel: 015242 51862 or

Email: parishclerk.claphamcumnewby@gmail.com

Goodbye to Clapham

I first heard about Clapham when I met my husband, David. He described this quaint little village in Yorkshire that his family had a connection to. It seemed like a complicated arrangement, and I didn't really understand it. All I knew was that members of our extended family descended upon it on a regular basis, and it sounded idyllic. We always planned to visit one day, but we never expected to find that rare mix of natural beauty and small village charm that would make leaving feel impossible.

When we arrived in February 2020, Clapham was meant to be one stop of many on our round-the-world adventure. Little did we know that those weeks would become months as the pandemic hit and we were stuck. Unable to keep travelling and unable to go home, we moved into Hall Garth Cottage and joined the Farrer “bubble” - nothing like a pandemic to help you get to know your distant cousins! We will forever be grateful that our boys got to spend those lockdown months climbing trees, playing in the park, and exploring every trail. For a family that loved to travel, having to stay in one place should have been hard, but we were happy just to be in Clapham and properly get to know that place that we had one daydreamed of visiting. It wasn't the adventure we had planned, but it was an adventure all the same - and we loved every minute.

Clapham provided a safe port in a storm. At a time of global crisis and uncertainty, a quiet, unassuming village in the Yorkshire Dales wrapped us up, took us in and said “you're welcome here, stay as long as you like,” in a way no other place ever has. So we stayed, we made a home, we built a business, and got stuck in: life was grand, and we felt like we really belonged here as part of this very special community. But then, the world opened up again and David was made an offer he couldn't refuse in Dubai - the ever-exciting life of a pilot threw a new adventure our way. Very reluctantly we say “ta'ra” to Clapham, but we very much hope to come home again one day.

While it's undeniably a beautiful part of the world, Clapham is special for so much more than that. There's a comfort that comes from knowing you can find everything you need within a short walk, and that there will always be someone to chat to - whether you're in the garden or out on a walk. Always a cup of tea, or something stronger, when you need it. A warm hug, or a bracing walk with the dogs. It really is quite difficult to get anything done when you think about it! We consider ourselves incredibly lucky to have been caretakers of Greenbank for the last five years, and to have been trusted with “Elga's Garden” (with a lot of help from Kirsty Rothwell) was a great privilege. The friends we made through the boys' time at Casterton Prep and Giggleswick, yoga classes in the park and village hall, and our time at Swallows Nest, will be friends for life - and are always welcome to visit us in Dubai. What we came here looking for, that connection to family and history, we found in spades, and our time spent with Philip, Maria, their wonderful daughters, and of course, cousin Annie, meant more to us than we can ever put into words. The kindness and generosity and support of the people in this village make it truly unique, and that's coming from a family who have lived in a lot of places!

We have a saying as expats, when we're feeling homesick for a place - “how lucky we were to have lived somewhere that was so hard to leave.” Yes, how lucky we were to have called Clapham home. It's truly been the hardest place to leave yet. Thank you all, for everything.

Brooke & David Chenoweth

B&W Funerals

(Brown & Whittaker)

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Our Hill

A few issues ago, I wrote a piece called “Our Road”. This was well received, and I was encouraged to write more along the same lines. Readers told me they liked looking at the old map I included – matching place names from the past with those in use today. Did anyone spot the “elephant in the room” though – the height shown for Ingleborough? This, then, is “Our Hill” – Ingleborough – again told through the maps that have depicted it.

Until the late 17th Century, Ingleborough was widely thought to be the highest mountain in England. It could be seen from well out to sea - from beyond the Isle of Man on a good day - so surely it must be. Indeed, it was thought to be “one mile high”. There was an old saying – “*Inglebro, Pendle and Pennigent are the three highest hills twixt Scotland and Trent.*” But until the heights of the hills were actually measured by later map makers, Ingleborough kept its title despite its near neighbour, Whernside, being some 25 feet higher!

Just as with roads, early maps didn’t really show individual mountains. They used hill-like symbols to tell travellers that they would be in hilly country, but they were very generic and didn’t represent actual peaks. As ever, there is an exception that breaks the rule: Matthew Paris created a map of Britain in about 1250 which, although a poor rendition by modern standards (it shows north Wales as adjacent to Scotland for example) it does depict and name a single mountain: Snowdon.

Some 300 years later, three things came together to drive a golden era of map-making. Two were technological advances whilst the last was somewhat more mundane. The first was the refinement of surveying techniques and equipment, combining those of military engineers with the tools of the maritime navigators. The second was the development of printing and, in particular, of the skills required to etch the large copper plates that could reproduce complex drawings. The third – the mundane one - was the desire to increase the efficiency of tax collectors. By providing accurate maps it would remove their excuse that they didn’t properly know for which areas they were responsible! This is one of the reasons early maps tended to be county-based, rather than the continuous-sheet-format that we know today.

Thus it was that John Rudd, a Yorkshireman, cleric and amateur cartographer, was given a two-year sabbatical from his duties at Durham Cathedral to “*travayle by his own sight to view and considere divers parts of our ... Realm*” at the express orders of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth I with a view to creating the necessary maps. He took on, as an assistant, another Yorkshireman named Christopher Saxton and, in an example of the “apprentice outshining his master”, it was Saxton who went on to complete the commission.

Saxton began his work in 1574, starting with Norfolk, and his map of our area was completed, etched, and had its first proof printed in 1577. Each proof was presented to Lord Burghley, the queen’s chief advisor, for approval. Within two years, the whole country had been completed, and the set of maps were published, in atlas form, in 1579.

Saxton’s map of the West Riding showed no roads but did show all the main settlements, rivers, bridges, forests, and private parks. It used the old convention of symbols for hilly areas, but selected major hills are named. In our area, these include “Cam hill”, “Pemmygent hill”, “Whelpstone hill” and “Ingleboro hill”. No heights are given, but this is

probably the earliest map to show and name Ingleborough.

Saxton’s maps were adopted and adapted by several publishers, including Camden, in his atlas of 1607, by John Speed in his of 1611, and Joan Bleau in 1662. But the problem with all atlases of county maps was that each plate had to fit on a page, and as the counties were all of different sizes, each was drawn to a different scale.

Saxton had already realised the limitations of this, so he redrew all his maps to a common scale and in a series of continuous sheets (much like the OS maps of today) to create his “wall map” of 1583.

So, in one form or another, Saxton’s country-wide maps served for over 200 years and only began to be superseded in 1794 when John Cary was commissioned by the Postmaster General to resurvey the country to include roads on the maps. However, this was at the expense of many other features, so many smaller towns and settlements, along with most of the hills and mountains, were ignored in the maps that Cary produced. In the meantime, however, Thomas Jeffreys had surveyed and published his own map of Yorkshire in 1775: Ingleborough is shown in some detail, and its height is given as 1760 yards simply repeating its reputation as being “one mile high”. Hence the “elephant in the room” I mentioned at the start of this piece.

By Jeffreys’ time it had been realised that Whernside was slightly higher than Ingleborough. Writing in 1786, Thomas Hurtle, schoolmaster of Malham, noted “*To the right of the road leading (westwards) from Settle...you have a fine view of the enormous mountain INGLEBOROUGH, which next to Whernside, is the highest in South Britain.*” It almost reads as if the “*next to Whernside*” bit is an afterthought.

Towards the end of the 18th Century, the first steps were being taken towards the full and accurate mapping that we know now as the Ordnance Survey. From a base line in Hounslow (now obliterated by Heathrow Airport), the whole of Great Britain and Ireland were “triangulated”, leading to the precise measurement of distances between key landmarks and vantage points. From these, the rest of the survey could be completed with accuracy.

Before the first OS maps were published, there was still scope for private map makers. In 1823, J Bingley and H Teesdale produced a new map of Yorkshire based on a wholly new survey. Ingleborough, Whernside and Penygant (sic) are all shown but without any heights. In 1836, Thomas Moule produced an atlas of county maps, but these are inconsistent as some sheets name some of the hills whereas others do not. A year later, in 1840, J Pigot and Co. produced their version – but, again, Ingleborough was not indicated. Moule’s atlas does, however, contain a title page showing a “*Comparative View of the Principal*”

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Joan Bleau's map of 1662, itself a copy of the one surveyed and printed by Saxton some 80 years previously.

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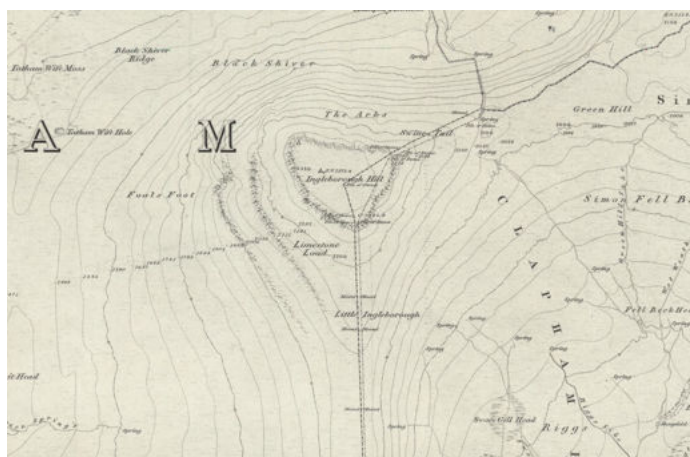
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The AGM will be followed by
a Newsletter Team Meeting

Our Hill *continued*

Hills of Great Britain". Ingleborough (2362ft), Whernside (2384ft) and Pen-y-ghent (2270ft) are all included. Since the heights given are not too dissimilar to those known today, it suggests that they must have been measured fairly accurately by that date. The profiles depicted for them are somewhat fanciful, however, and the plate does contain some glaring inaccuracies – Ben Nevis is shown as taking second place to Ben Macdhui, whilst Ronas Hill on Shetland is reckoned at a staggering 4000ft!

Whilst the first one-inch OS map (of Kent) was published in 1801, it took over 40 years for the surveyors to reach the northernmost counties, mostly as a result of the desire for more accuracy. Ingleborough was surveyed at six-inches to the mile between 1846 and 1848 by Lt Barlow of the Royal Engineers and contoured in 1851 by Capt Yolland of the same regiment. It was published on 31 December 1851. The one-inch map of the same area (reduced from the larger scale survey, but with the hills shaded rather than contoured) was published in February 1860. Ingleborough had been measured at a height of 2373 feet and this was shown on the maps of both scales.



Extract from the first Ordnance Survey map to depict Ingleborough, surveyed at 6" to the mile and published in 1851.

In 1935, the process of triangulation was started again. This time, the prominent landmarks and vantage points were to be equipped with permanent survey stations – the concrete and stone "trig points" which still adorn many of our hills to this day. At the same time, the metric national grid reference system was established, and the new base survey was done to a metric scale of 1:25000. Although the war got in the way of the surveying and publication, when the "seventh series" came out, there on the new grid, Ingleborough could be found at SD741745: and its height was still recorded as 2373 feet.

In the 1970s the Ordnance Survey switched to metric, with the 1:50000 maps replacing the old one-inch maps and the heights of mountains given in meters. Ingleborough was now 723m high. Modern primary surveying is now done by satellite rather than "on the ground" (making trig points redundant) and, behind the scenes, all the survey data has been digitised, making it easier to add in revisions, alter the scale, or generate new maps - all at the touch of a button.

Which brings us to the modern world. The digitised maps can now be accessed via the internet and delivered at any scale, or level of detail, to suit the viewer. The maps can be combined with additional layers, including satellite photography, and there are programs which allow the whole to be viewed in 3D rather than as a flattened map.

Andy Scott

Walking rugby



We're keen to attract new members to boost the numbers in our Walking Rugby group which meets at the club most Friday afternoons. The group was initially set up by Age UK, Settle to try to get more older people interested in exercise and social interaction and was then taken over by North Ribblesdale Rugby Club (NRRUFC).

The sessions are overseen by our fully qualified coach John Hughes, an ex-player of NRRUFC.



We start the session with some gentle warm up exercises and stretching and then split into two teams for a couple of short games. There are no scrums, rucks or

mauls and the game is played at walking pace only. The only tackle is by upper body touch, and the session lends itself to building walking and co-ordination skills in which the aim is to pass the ball to your team-mates and walk over the touch line. We do not keep score!

Age is no barrier and both men and women play. We are a happy group with the emphasis on connecting with others and, with that in mind, we have a couple of group 'social events' each year where we all meet up to enjoy a meal in the club. Our members pay an annual member's fee of £5, plus a further £3 per week to play. Membership covers them with Rugby Football Union insurance, should they sustain any major injury, and this will be explained at the time of joining.

If anyone would like to come along to see what we are about, just turn up at the Rugby Club any Friday afternoon at 2pm, weather permitting. Alternatively, please contact me for further details.

Alan Simpson
President, North Ribblesdale Rugby Club
07891 322096

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Village hall news

A screenshot of the hall's online booking system. See how well used our hall is right now. There is something on almost every day this October, with just three days totally unused!

By the time you read this, we should have held our AGM, and we should have a new committee in place to steer us through the year ahead. This, of course, will be our Centenary Year, so there will be much to do.

We already have your feedback from our Coffee Morning and have made a start on some of the ideas you came up with. We're aiming to have something planned for each month of the year, picking up on as many of your ideas as we can fit in. Some of these will be joint events with St James' whilst others will be run by the hall committee alone. We've got a plan that takes us through to May so far, so watch this space as the events begin to pan out.

Apart from events, you came up with some other ideas too, and I hope to give you an update on these in the next issue once the new committee has made a start on what we can do. We'll still need help, though, especially if we are to run some of the new recurring activities that you've suggested. Again, watch this space as we explore these options further and seek input to help make them happen.

However, before we launch into 2026, there are still things happening this year. Our ever-popular Quiz Night, hosted by Stuart and Barbara Marshall, was advertised in the last newsletter. Tickets were selling so quickly that we had to print a few more and squeeze in some extra tables! If you were quick enough to get your ticket, we'll see you there on 11th October. We look forward to a great evening's entertainment and brain-teasing. We also have something in the pipeline for November, but it's not confirmed yet so watch out for posters or on social media.

Before I finish, could I make a couple of further points please? Firstly, can I remind you that the Hall's new Fire Safety Policy is now in effect in order to comply with the current legislation. Anyone hiring the hall will now be required to nominate somebody to be responsible for the fire safety of their group whilst they are using the building. Full details can be found on the hall's website. Secondly, can I please give a gentle reminder to all hall users that you do some final checks before you leave the building? Please check that all the lights and appliances have been switched off, that the electric blinds have been raised, that all windows and doors are closed and, if you've used the chairs, that they are stacked up in piles of no more than four. We are very thankful to all hirers for using our hall for their events; however, we have had several incidents recently where one or more of the above requirements have not been met, leading to unnecessarily increased running costs or a risk of damage.

Angie Martin

Village hall regular events

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David & Jackie Kingsley
07711 730819

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Mondays 6pm to 7pm
Jill Crowson
01729 860595
claphamandaustwickguides@hotmail.com

Clapham Lecture Group

Tuesdays 7pm – see notice elsewhere in newsletter
Angie Martin
015242 51749
claphamlecturegroup@gmail.com

Age UK

Wednesdays 10.30am (1st Wed of month)
Liz Mason/Judith Holt
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Clapham DEW Drop-In

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1st Wednesdays (Sept, Nov, Mar, May) at 7pm
Andy Scott
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claphamdewdropin@gmail.com

Clapham cum Newby Parish Council

Usually, 3rd Wednesday of month at 7.30pm
Steve Culver
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Tai Chi

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

Craft & Chat

Thursdays 2pm to 4pm (1st & 3rd Thurs of month)
Angie Martin
015242 51749
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Reconnect to Nature

Thursdays 7pm (2nd & 4th Thurs of month)
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see Hall website calendar or call Jackie Kingsley
015242 51240
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Fridays 7pm
Anne Lawler
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For more details of the above, and for the latest on other events in the hall, please visit:
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There will be donation boxes for Clapham Cave Rescue Organisation. Light refreshments will be available, but seating will be limited.

WHAT TO BRING: Please only bring items that are **CLEAN** and in good condition. If an item still has its original box or instructions, please bring these too. Suggestions: kitchen and household, garden and shed, children's bicycles, office stationery, picture frames, binoculars and watches, small suitcases or travel bags, musical instruments, tools, toys and games, terracotta plant pots, crayons and craft paints, bamboo canes and seed boxes, knitting wool, haberdashery and textiles, and small items of furniture (nothing foam-filled).

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