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Silence is golden

By October, the annual breeding sheep sales are well on the way to completion and the peasant farmer has done his or her best to avoid financial disaster in the sale ring. Each year the sales are approached with trepidation, in a similar way that a trip to the dentist might be. It simply has to be done and, even though you are convinced your teeth are in fine fettle, there are still the stomach tightening nerves as the dentist says, "open wide." It is the same when entering the sale ring at Bentham with a whole year's work about to go under the hammer. Suddenly, the lambs don't look just as good as they did at home, they are mebbe a bit small or not just as bonny as they were half an hour ago, has one gone lame? Or blind? Or died? Somewhere you hear the dentist's drill start up...



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Upland farms such as Bleak Bank sell gimmer (girl) lambs that were born in April at the autumn sales. It is part of the food production pyramid that begins on a mountain such as Ingleborough, ends in the lush pastures of Cornwall and feeds the nation on the way. There are so many variables outside the control of a peasant farmer relating to the value of sheep that many books could be written. This year the hot topic was the dry weather down south which has meant a shortage of grass. No grass, no need to buy gimmer lambs, at least, no need to go mad, "it won't matter if I come home without any." This attitude has led to sale averages being down on last year by about £7 to £10.

Some farms buy the second quality gimmer lambs known as runners (we specialise in producing runners) that are not likely to be big enough to take the tup and lamb next

April. They are bought with the intention of eating any spare grass that is left when the cows have come in for winter. They convert grass into bodyweight in a similar way that I do with chocolate cake, fast. If the price of lamb is fairly good over the winter, and the new owner thinks there is a margin to be had, then some of these runners will find themselves entering the food chain.

The better-quality bonnier runners may be kept by the new owner until next Autumn and then sold as shearlings. By then they are fully adult and are sought after because they are ready to start work by producing lambs for the table.

We have all heard that good farm staff are hard to find and another reason to buy runners is that they take less managing, for instance if

she is not going to lamb then there's no need to buy tups (daddy sheep) or employ a shepherd for the chaos known as lambing time. The cowman can check round them on the quad bike twice a week if it is not raining, nothing to it.

A fitting part of the sales this year has been the impeccably observed minute's silence held at each of the sales in memory of Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth. Auction marts are notoriously busy, noisy places with gates clanging, drovers shouting and auctioneers in full flow nearly falling out of their box with excitement. Absolutely nothing is allowed to disrupt the sale. Except this year it did. Rough bad-tempered farmers who have just about seen everything did stop mid-sentence to take a minute and bow their heads in remembrance. Auctioneers, drovers, and all those involved stopped to reflect and it was a privilege to be a part of it.

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Welcome to your newsletter

Welcome to the October edition. You will see that this is a busy time for the Newsletter group as we have:

- our fundraising Coffee Morning on Saturday 29 October
- our AGM on Thursday 10 November at 7.30pm.

We look forward to seeing you at these events being held in the Village hall.

If you would like to contribute in any way to the **December** edition, please do get in touch. Our email address is: claphamnewsletter@gmail.com

The Newsletter Committee



Newsletter information

Editions are produced for February, April, June, August, October and December. The next edition will be produced for **December. Deadline: 20 November.**

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If you want to submit an article it should be c250 words and, if possible, accompanied by a high resolution photo (at least 300 dpi). *Please note we reserve the right to edit copy.*

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Christmas Greetings

Looking to save money this Christmas? New to the area and want to say 'Hello' to everyone? Let us help you. You can save time and money by sending a Christmas Greeting to everyone in the area via the newsletter instead of sending expensive Christmas cards. In the December edition we'll be publishing a page of Greetings similar to the extract shown here. The format is Your Name and House Name or Road Name.

Greetings" on the front of it and pop it through the letter boxes of either:

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

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

Thank you in advance for supporting the Newsletter - it is much appreciated.

The Newsletter Group

Christmas greetings		
Our thanks to the following readers for generously supporting the newsletter with these greetings to their friends.		
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If you'd like yours to be included, please make sure we have your details by **Sunday 20 November**. It will cost you £5 - which will help to fund the newsletter production!

You can complete a coupon whilst enjoying coffee and cakes at our Coffee Morning on Saturday 29 October, at the Village Hall or you can use the coupon printed below.

If you cannot attend our Coffee Morning - please put your completed coupon (or a slip with the details) in an envelope, along with the required fiver, write "Christmas

Christmas Greetings

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Yorkshire grit grabs wind of change

We all carry the genes of our forefathers which are shaped by environmental influences of the time and places we live. Periodically, there are paradigm shifts that open new pathways of change and opportunity. The industrial age that began in Great Britain after the 1760s and the steam driven machinery in Manchester for cotton spinning in the mid-1790s was such a shift and attracted workers from across the region. Yorkshire weather and the economic hardships of the 18th and 19th centuries may have been factors that helped fortify the character of its inhabitants, which when combined with new opportunities could offer a “leg-up” in living options.

So it was that Edward Lee, together with his wife Agnes, five sons and two daughters, plus brothers Robert and John Lee, all left Clapham in 1807/8 and sought work in the mills in Rochdale. There they worked until 1814, earning enough for a passage to Quebec and the purchase of land on arrival. It's not certain why they chose to make such a voyage: had they seen advertising flyers from Quebec soliciting immigrants for land purchases? Or was it on a personal recommendation from friends who went before them?

These Lee families were in the right place at the right time to utilize the accelerated benefits of mechanized cotton and woollen mill production. But added to that was the indigenous heritage, will, determination, grit and hope for a life that was free of impediments, and bringing a real chance of success, and happiness. They survived, saved, endured a rough and dangerous Atlantic crossing, and succeeded in their dream to finally own land and strive for a successful life of farming.

Edward Lee (1783-1831), my great, great, great grandfather, was born in Clapham to Robert Lee and



Dr Bob Lee (3rd from left) at the unveiling of the memorial to his Clapham ancestors in St James' churchyard

Elizabeth Redmayne, and died in Shipton, Quebec. My succeeding direct ancestors (Leonard, Richard, George, and my father, Arthur) all had the same drive and determination to strive for a better life as did the Clapham Lees. They purchased better land, enlarged their farms, and in the case of my parents who prospered even through the depression, drew on their genetic strengths, and found work and opportunities, again by being in the right place at the right time.

The post WWII years in the United States were ones of growth and prosperity. I was the first Lee to have a college education, earning advanced degrees at the University of Iowa and Harvard. It is conceivable that there may be a strong link to the inherited Clapham genetics and the ability to grasp timely opportunities.

It is with pride, respect, and humility that the newly erected memorial monument in St. James' Churchyard finally honours early Lee family ancestors.

May they rest in peace.

Robert Lee

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(Continued from p1) I have often said that (nearly) everyone secretly wants to be a farmer but Queen Elizabeth, who at the age of five declared she wanted to marry a farmer (who doesn't?), was a farmer. She always understood the challenges of keeping livestock and was perfectly at home helping those that ran the royal estates. This gave her an affinity to the peasant farmer that brought the biggest sale of the year at Bentham Mart to a one-minute respectful halt, and no one minded ...

John Dawson

Giving thanks



On Sunday 18th September, at 19.55, around 100 people from around the Parish gathered for a moment of reflection on the eve of the funeral of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. After a brief welcome and some introductory words from Colin Price, the church clock struck eight, and all assembled stood side by side. There was something very special and moving about gathering as a community for a minute of silent remembrance, reflection, and thanks.

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Parish Council news

The Parish Council met on the evening of 27th September 2022.

Seven members of the public were in attendance. Also present was Kate Hilditch, an Area Manager for the Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority.

There was at the outset lengthy discussion with regard to the possible installation of electric vehicle charging points in Clapham, a project embraced by the Clapham Sustainability Group. The initially favoured location for the project was the National Park Car Park where there are already some such facilities in place. Ms Hilditch however indicated that those facilities are currently significantly under used. Furthermore, there would, she said, be legal complications arising from, among other things, infrastructure belonging to another body being installed on Park Authority land. The National Park would not, she indicated, be able to support such a project at this stage. Another potential site was discussed, and inquiries are to be made to ascertain whether it would be feasible to locate charging points there.

A police report was read to the meeting. This described eighteen matters that had required police attention in the period between 25th July and 24th September 2022. Incidents dealt with included an alleged banking fraud, an alleged theft of cooking oil, three road traffic collisions and a lamb stuck in a pothole, the last-mentioned matter also requiring the attendance of the Cave Rescue Organisation.

As far as highways matters were concerned, the clerk was asked to request that North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) cut the grass verges near to Clapham Station and on Old Road, Clapham. The Council noted that the poor state of Keasden Road below the crossroads had been reported to NYCC as had the state of the surface of the B6480 between Green Close and New Butts.

The clerk was asked to look into replacement of the village name sign which has disappeared from Station Road, Clapham and the Council, having gained approval and an offer via Ms Hilditch of a financial contribution from the National Park Authority, undertook to look into placing a permanent additional sign pointing to the National Park Car Park at the junction of Riverside and Church Avenue, Clapham.

There was some discussion in relation to the speed limit in Clapham Village. The meeting was informed that NYCC has not accepted twenty miles per hour as a default speed limit in areas where vehicles and pedestrians mix. Speeding concerns can be reported by parishioners as set out in the following link: https://bit.ly/NYCC_speeding

The Council noted that the need for repair of the steps at the viewing platform on Riverside, Clapham has been raised with the Ingleborough Estate and that the clerk will be liaising with an estate representative to assist. It also agreed to lower the notice board on the Old Post Office building in Clapham and to have it covered in a substance more receptive to drawing pins.

Councillor Sheridan informed the Council that the Planning Consultant engaged in connection with the Neighbourhood Planning initiative is pleased with progress so far and the current stage of proceedings is likely to be finished by the end of October.

Councillor Elphinstone indicated that the plan to install a defibrillator at the Old Sawmill, Clapham has again been raised with the Ingleborough Estate following completion of works at the site.

Councillor Dawson informed the meeting that benches have now been installed at Toll Bar Wood. He also indicated that work is under way to install an information board and that a sign for the entrance to the site has been ordered.

The Council had no comments to make with regard to planning applications relating to the following locations: Wellbeck Barn, Newby; Thwaite Wood and Thwaite Lane; Clapham Bottoms; Croft House, Newby; Lower Hardacre House and Brock Cottage, Keasden. It noted that applications relating to Bowsber and the former allotment site in Clapham had been granted by Craven District Council

It was noted that the Council had placed a message of condolence on its website page following the death of the Queen and had participated in the vigil on the eve of her funeral. It expressed its thanks to Maria and Philip Farrer for organising and accommodating the latter event at Hall Garth.

The Council announced that it has appointed a new clerk who will take up the post sometime after the end of October 2022. The current clerk will liaise with him to ensure as smooth a hand over as possible.



Gerald Kay sitting on one of the two new benches he helped install in Platinum Toll Bar Woods, on behalf of the Parish Council, to mark Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee.

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.

The next meetings of the Council will be on:

Tuesday 25th October 2022 and Tuesday 13th December 2022

at 7.30pm at Clapham Village Hall.

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Contact Sue Mann on 015242 51792

Norah Hazzard, the Clapham Duck Lady

The Millennium Stone now standing bold and upright in Clapham's public car park bears a peculiar image carved by sculptor Fiona Bowley in the year 2000. It shows three mallard ducks. The leaflet explaining the many images on the stone says simply "Miss Hazzard's ducks". One may wonder about the story behind the image.

Norah Hazzard lived in Tinklers' Cottage from 1950 until her death in 1986. During her retirement (1973-86) she became a local character, even a celebrity, because of her devotion to the mallard ducks which lived on Clapham Beck and the lake. Her care for these waterfowl attracted more and more. By the time of her death, she was feeding between 300 and 400 ducks a day. The mess and faeces which they deposited down The Green and all over the road outside the New Inn became another hazard. She recruited Dr. Farrer, Ingleborough Estate staff, neighbours, police, gamekeepers, even the local vicar, to help in her drive to protect them from predatory rats, mink, herons, foxes, dogs, poachers, children and visitors who harried them or robbed their nests for food or sport. She fed the ducks 3 times a day, starting with 3 large loaves daily and eventually, as her careful daily diary tells us, using "...half a hundredweight per day". In another entry she recorded

"... 13 bags of rolled barley per week for the past 3 weeks". The task consumed most of her pension.

Norah was born in Manchester in 1910. The family moved to Blackpool and then to Clapham in 1917. Here her father ran the little post office housed in the eastern bay of the building now used by the Millennium Trust. She attended Clapham Church School (as it was then known) and went on to win a County Minor Scholarship to Settle High School. She attended Goldsmiths College in London, qualified as a teacher in 1931, secured a headship at Low Bentham school in 1942 and at High Bentham school in 1961, from where she retired in 1973. She was the founding secretary of the Clapham branch of the Workers' Educational Association (now the Lecture Group), compiled copious notes on the history of Clapham and owned one of the first cars in the village, travelling widely in pursuit of her many interests.



Norah died in 1986 leaving detailed accounts of her care for the ducks as well as numerous watercolours and war diaries. The ducks were culled soon after her death. Throughout her life she recorded her thoughts and feelings in poems now gathered together and published by her family. Copies are available from Ken Pearce, Stonegarth, The Green.

Ken Pearce

Bleak Bank bbq



A Platinum Jubilee BBQ was held at Bleak Bank farm on 13th August. This was a very well supported community event raising just over £1000 for Newby Methodist Church Funds. Thanks to all who contributed in any way.

John & Judith Dawson

Cake fundraiser



On Sunday August 28th we did a fundraiser selling cakes etc and raised £375 for Macmillan Cancer Research. Thank you all who donated, especially Kristen, Justina and Annie. I couldn't have done it without you.

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Church news



Photo: An early morning walk, John Elphinstone

John's notes: The Creator is the Saviour

No doubt that one of the favourite scriptures of people around here is Psalm 121, 'I lift up my eyes to the hills....' It's a beautiful praise-poem which describes a personal God - One who like a loving parent watches over us whilst we sleep; One who like a caring companion on an uphill trail makes sure that our feet do not stumble; One who even shades us from scorching sun and the dangers of a shadowy moon; ever-present, ever-giving; this is the One who not only sets Creation in motion and sustains it, but who also intervenes in human history to save it.

'Christ is the visible image of the invisible God' said the Colossian believers in the earliest known creed (Colossians 1), a remarkable statement meaning that if you look at Jesus you see what God is like. This Creator God who had been hidden for so long is visible in the very human shape and form of Jesus.

Jesus is God in the flesh. And the Creator is the Saviour. There is no division between Creation and Salvation. This means that Christians cannot focus solely on the human world whilst ignoring the non-human part of Creation. It means that as well as seeking heavenly, 'spiritual' things we also find God acting at the heart of the life we live now. This is good news for those who are seeking salvation in this world - those who care about human life being better, now. And this is good news for those who are seeking salvation for this world - those who care about the earth and its well-being.

The salvation which Jesus worked was, at the same time, the fulfilment of his Creation. On the cross human sinfulness died, as did everything else that is broken in nature. On the cross salvation was bought, marking a new beginning for God's whole Creation.

We can celebrate because by the life of Jesus, God's fullest life; and by the cross, God's gift of self-giving unconditional love; and by Jesus' resurrection, God's release of healing, forgiving, renewing power into the world, all that is broken in Creation may begin again - human and non-human alike.

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

Anglican Services

October

2nd: 9:30 Eldroth Harvest 11:00 Clapham Holy Communion

9th: 9:30 Austwick Harvest 11:00 Keasden Holy Communion

16th: Holy Communion 9:30 Austwick & 11:00 Clapham; Evening Prayer 6:30 Eldroth

23rd: Holy Communion 9:30 Austwick; Saints, Sausages & Sparklers 6:30 Keasden

30th: Messy Church 10:30 Austwick; Church in the Pub 7:00 New Inn Clapham

November

6th: Holy Communion 9:30 Eldroth & 11:00 Clapham 6.30 Austwick All Souls Service

13th: Remembrance Services 9:30 Austwick; 10:45 Clapham; 2:00 Keasden

20th: Holy Communion 9:30 Austwick; 11:00 Clapham; Taize Service 6:30 Eldroth

27th: Holy Communion 9:30 Austwick; Songs of Praise 7:00 Keasden

Also, each Wednesday: 10.30 Austwick Holy Communion
Check our Weekly Newsletters for up-to-date information (available in church porches or at bit.ly/churches-newsletter)

Methodist Church, The Green, Newby

Services are usually taking place on second Sundays of the month at 11am and fourth Sundays at 2pm. Our Harvest Festival will be Sunday 9 October at 11am.

Our coffee morning each Thursday 10.30am to 12.00 noon, is a great way to meet new friends. Details available from Revd Stephen Caddy on 015242 61257 or by email: Stephen.f.caddy@gmail.com

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Encounter (secondary school ages) 7.30-9pm alternate Fridays.

Prayer meeting on Mondays 7.30pm.

Coffee evening 4th Thursday of the month 7.30pm.

The Lord's Day Observance Society Tues 4 October 7.30pm

London City Mission Thursday 6 October 7.30pm.

15/16 October: **Faith Mission** weekend.

26/27 November: **Chapel Anniversary** with Revd. D. Russell.

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I'm not a Geordie – I'm a Northumbrian!

On the 23rd October 1931 I was born and my brother, Arthur, had to go to the neighbour's for his dinner as it was "dinnertime". We lived in an area called "Walkergate", just outside the city walls of Newcastle Upon Tyne, so I am Northumbrian – and proud of it. Owen was born in the city, so he was a Geordie.

We were a happy family of Dad, Mum, Arthur and me. Dad was a Ship's Draughtman/ Naval Architect. When I was about 18 months old the work dried up in Newcastle, so he applied to Harland and Wolfe in Belfast. He was lucky, got a job and, after a while, managed to get a council house with a garden front and back. We were able to join him, and we were very happy there. Every fortnight I used to get a penny to spend, and I used it to get a ha'penny of "chocolate drops" which I took home and played at Cake Shops with them. They didn't last long! I went to Belmont Road Church School until 1939. It was a very old building, and I can remember we used to go down into the basement for singing and dancing ... the Sailor's Hornpipe, the Cradle Song, all with actions.

In 1939 my Grandad (who lived with us) decided that he was going to die and wanted to return home to Newcastle. So, we upped sticks and made the journey back, but needless to say it was quite a few years before Grandad did die. We returned to "Walker" and settled near the rest of our family. Again, we were lucky to have a big back garden which also had an Anderson Shelter. This was full of water, so Dad drained it and put in a floor. Then he made bunk beds, storage boxes for provisions and a primus stove. He made some steps so we could get in and out easily and a little porch outside to stop any light from the shelter from being seen. Finally, it was covered with grass sods. It was quite cosy when we were all in there with my Auntie Sadie and cousin Dennis as well. I had a special siren suit that I put on to keep warm. Dad was an Air Raid Warden so would often be on duty when there was a raid, but if he was off duty he would stand in the porch and watch the planes go over. Being near the docks this was a regular happening!

I left school at the age of 17 and went to work in the Civil Service. Each week, the men gave me their timesheets and I had to add them up and divide by 13. During this time I met Owen. I was on my way home from playing hockey and covered in mud - but he still asked me out! Whilst I was in the Civil Service, the Duke of Westminster rang up one day requesting an additional telephone line. This was unheard of, so I said "no, it wasn't allowed". He wasn't pleased and asked to speak to my manager. Needless to say, he got his second line.

We were married on 23rd October 1954 and settled in Barnoldswick. Owen was a microbiologist in filtration. Barry, Neil, Freya and Hilary arrived and then Owen's work was transferred to Loudwater in Buckinghamshire. I got a job as a non-teaching assistant in the primary school there and also learnt to drive. We returned to Newcastle three times a year – two adults, four children and our dog – all

making the long journey in our Ford Zephyr 4. We visited our family and our favourite 'family place' which was Bamburgh and the coast. We also spent summer holidays camping in the rain and midges in Scotland. *(Hilary adds – Mum produced a cooked dinner for us all on her little camping stove every day and I can remember her drying our undies on the car dashboard as we travelled around. How she did it I will never know. Some holiday for her!)*

Owen's job returned us to the North of England in 1971 and we settled in Long Preston. I took my Teaching Certificate but didn't enjoy the school I was placed in, so I returned to Long Preston to run the playgroup. I did this for many years and loved every minute of it. We all

got involved in village life there – the Mayday Committee, Jubilee Celebrations etc, Owen on the Parish council – and we enjoyed living there.

In 1988 we moved to Clapham with Owen's father. Clapham was a lovely, friendly village and we soon made friends in the village and surrounding area through the church and various organisations. We enjoyed travelling at home and abroad, and especially finding places for "lunch out".

The family was growing. Barry settled in Northamptonshire, Neil in Edinburgh. The girls stayed nearer home – Freya at Masongill and Hilary at Ingleton. Sadly, Freya died in 1992 after a long illness, and then Owen in 2012, but the family continued to grow with eight grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

We have loved living in Clapham. It has always been a caring village and especially so in recent years when I have been unable to get out and about. Everyone has been so kind – our church friends, neighbours, all the hard workers in the shop, especially our "paper boy" Brian! Cate gardening, Sue hairdo, Sarah, and many, many more.

So, thank you all for your care and love!

Vesta Walton

Sadly, Vesta passed away on 20th July 2022, aged 90 years. Her funeral service was held at St James' church on Monday August 1st.



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News from the Tower

Updates from the Bellringers at St James'

In September we remembered our late Queen Elizabeth II by ringing Clapham church bells half-muffled. You may have noted that the bells sounded slightly different. Muffles are leather pads fitted to a bell's clapper to reduce the volume. They attenuate the bell's strike note whilst retaining the hum. By only muffling the clapper on one side you get an 'echo' effect as blows are alternately loud and soft. We usually ring the bells like this for Remembrance Sunday too.

We have a couple of extra pieces of ringing this October. On Wednesday 19th, ringers from Clitheroe will attempt a full peal, starting at 10.00am. This may take about 3 hours. On Friday 28th, we have visiting ringers from the other side of Yorkshire, to ring our bells at 11.15am. One of these visitors was a contestant on The Great British Sewing Bee in 2021, I wonder if you spotted him whilst it was on last year?

We've had two new learners this year. They are not learners now, they are fully fledged ringers, and regularly join us for practices and services. They have said they have enjoyed learning the art of bellringing, and it is not as easy as it looks! If you are interested in knowing more about ringing, you can pop up to the Tower any Monday evening, between 7.30pm and 9.00pm, to meet us and see what's happening.

Annabel Preston, Tower Secretary

Breeding wader farm surveys

Farmers and survey volunteers gathered in Clapham on 5th August to review the findings of the breeding wader surveys which have been taking place between April and July this year. Eleven farms in the area agreed to have volunteers surveying their fields for signs



Oystercatcher chicks

of breeding waders. The species surveyed were curlews, lapwing, oystercatchers, snipe, and redshanks. Surveyors and farmers had attended a training session in April with the RSPB Forest of Bowland Conservation Advisor, Hilary McGuire, learning to identify habitat type, prevalence of predators, recognition of wader behaviour and how to record information for each field. Each farm was surveyed monthly initially, and where nests were identified, these were then surveyed weekly through the fledging period.

While the full results are still to be analysed it is likely that although several farms identified nests, many of the nests and eggs were predated; in addition, the chicks that did hatch were also predated. RSPB staff member Catherine Ramsey gave a presentation of the results so far and Philip Miller gave information about grants for conservation work.

Participants have been invited to a further Bowland-wide meeting where the overall results will be shared. There are plans to repeat the farm surveys next year with the introduction of more nest cameras and protection from predators.

Helen Orme, Clapham Sustainability Group

Electric vehicle charging



As reported in the August newsletter, Clapham Sustainability Group is looking into the potential to increase the number of electric vehicle (EV) charging points in the village.

The Group has suggested that not all residents may be aware of the facilities that already exist at Clapham Car Park and have suggested that an

article in this month's Newsletter would be useful to raise awareness.

The Pod Point unit at Clapham Car Park, capable of charging two vehicles simultaneously, became operational in March 2021. The 7kW machine is compatible with all electric vehicles and provides a 'slow-charge'. A typical electric car (60kWh battery) takes just under 8 hours to charge from empty-to-full with a 7kW charging, though many drivers top up charge rather than waiting for their battery to recharge from empty-to-full.

As public EV charging points they are available to anyone to use – residents and visitors alike. A valid parking ticket or annual pass must be displayed.

Residents using the facility on a regular basis may wish to purchase an annual permit for £50, which is valid from 1 April to 31 March each year. The pass can also be used in any of our other nine YDNPA car parks. Annual passes can be purchased:

- online at https://bit.ly/YDPA_parking
- from our National Park Centres at Grassington, Aysgarth, Hawes and Malham and
- from our offices at Grassington and Bainbridge.

The charge points at Clapham are currently little used. During July 2022 one charger was used for 1.2% of the time available, with the other being used for 4.84%. It would be great to see them getting more use!

Kate Hilditch

*Area Manager (Southern Dales Ranger Team)
Yorkshire Dale National Park Authority*

Keasden rainfall report

	2021	2022
July	7¼" or 18.42cm	6½" or 16.51cm
August	5¼" or 14.61cm	1¾" or 4.445cm

Clapham Village Store

Festive Tasting Afternoon - Friday 4th November 2022



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Supporting the Food Bank

Just a reminder that you can support the Skipton Food Bank by leaving your donation at Clapham Village Shop. You do not need to have bought your donation in the shop so it's fine to pick up a bargain somewhere else and leave it with us. Every month we take all the donated goods to Bethel Chapel who see that everything gets to Skipton. They supply emergency food parcels to people in need all over Craven and deliver to those who cannot get to Skipton, which includes people who live in our area.

If you want to take donations directly to the Bethel Chapel, they hold a monthly 'Coffee, Cakes and Chat' session when they gather all the goods together including those from the shop. The dates for these are 15th October, 19th November, and 3rd December.

If you are wondering what to give you can find a list of items on the Skipton Food Bank website (www.skiptonfoodbank.org). Currently, they are asking for coffee in small jars, UHT milk, pot noodles and tinned meat but this does vary from week to week. It's interesting that recently there has been a greater emphasis on things that don't need cooking.

Local support for this initiative has been fantastic especially as we all know that need is going up while people are finding it more difficult to afford to donate. So, if you can only manage one thing, please do leave it at the shop - it will make all the difference to someone.

Sue Mann

CLAPHAM COMMUNITY SHOP LTD - COMMUNITY FUND

September/October 2022

It was agreed at the start of this financial year to set aside funds for the benefit of the community. We think it particularly important to honour this commitment at the current time. Applications are now being sought for projects which have a social, environmental, or charitable purpose and which address any problem or situation where something needs to change in order to make things better for a group of people, the environment, or an organisation within 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.

If you would like to discuss your project with a member of the Management Committee before applying, contact the secretary at cosec.cvs@gmail.com or ask in the shop

**Application forms should be submitted by
31 October 2022**

Clapham Village Store

Supporting our community and welcoming our community support

Our rural community, like so many others, is facing a challenging period ahead and at times like this, Clapham Village Store becomes so much more than just a shop. It is the hub of the community; a friendly place where local residents and visitors can be sure of excellent service and genuine support. Like everyone else, we face spiralling costs, but we are doing our best to absorb these wherever we can in order to stay competitive and to provide all the benefits of shopping local and doing our best for the community we serve. To an extent, support is a mutual thing and our gratitude to all

our customers is immeasurable. If you shop with us, even once a week, it helps the whole community.

Christmas, dare we mention it, is always an important time for community and friendship. This year, in the run-up to Christmas, we have decided not to produce a brochure. Instead, we will be inviting everyone to join us for a tasting afternoon on Friday 4th November, from 1.00-5.00 pm including a cup of winter punch and a chance to taste some festive seasonal products and browse our range of Christmas gifts, decorations, cards and wrapping. There will be volunteers on hand to help with those tricky Christmas gift decisions and if you still feel uncertain

about what to buy, this year could be the best ever to give the more flexible option of shop vouchers, available from £5.00. If you are unable to make the open afternoon, you are welcome to arrange a personal Christmas shopping slot. Please contact Helen for further information.

Our Christmas cards, decorations and gifts will be available from October and festive food products from November. As usual, we will be working hard to create beautiful Christmas hampers. Choose from one of our ready-

made hampers or gather your own products to create a personalised hamper. We will do the rest! Hamper boxes and trimmings are from £5.00. Or how about filling one of our “bags for life” with a selection of goodies as an alternative. Add a Christmas bow and away you go!

Baking is usually high on the agenda as the evenings draw in and we stock a wide

range of supplies for Christmas cakes, puddings and mince pies as well as a variety of seasonal products alongside our regular staple supplies.

Whatever the time of year, any shop, community or otherwise, needs to be commercially viable. But for us it is about so much more than that. We continue to work on our environmental credentials and Helen has been actively campaigning for “use by” to change to “best before” on many products. Our fruit and veg is sold without packaging, we buy local at every possible opportunity and our custom, in turn, helps other local suppliers stay profitable in their businesses. Our prescription and

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Steam update

Whereas the heatwaves of mid-summer caused the cancellation of a number of steam excursions, the same thing has been happening more recently because of the rail strikes. Nevertheless, we are still seeing some steam movements through the station though we don't always get much notice!



No 4498 Sir Nigel Gresley pauses at Hellifield as it heads to Grosmont on the NYMR after passing through Clapham on 20th Sept 2022. Photo: Stuart Gledhill

The Settle and Carlisle Anniversary Railtour was one of these: first it was on, then it was off but, with the suspension of strike action as a mark of respect for the Queen's funeral, it was back on again and saw 46115 Scots Guardsman run through after it had finished its duty for the day at Hellifield. We've seen a lot of this loco this year.

One rather special steamer passed through in the early hours of 20th September. After a long refit, beginning in 2015 at the National Railway Museum and completed earlier this

year at Crewe, A4 pacific no. 4498 *Sir Nigel Gresley* was on its way to Grosmont on the North York Moors railway where it is due to take a starring role in their gala.

October kicks off with the Lune Rivers Trust excursion on the 1st of the month – one of the few revenue-earning



Bearing a wreath to mark the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II, No 35018 British India Line powers up the Long Drag as it heads for Carlisle. Photo: Andy Scott

services that passes through. This is followed by tours over the Settle & Carlisle on 6th, 8th and 29th October which might see light engines passing us. A final tour over the same route on 10th November appears as though it will round off the season unless we get any "late entries". It looks like the risk of more strikes is preventing a number of operators from making the usual commitments – even Santa Specials appear to have been abandoned!

Andy Scott

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Settle Photographic Group news

Settle Photographic Group held their 14th Annual Exhibition over the Bank Holiday weekend in Clapham Village Hall. After a two year break due to Covid, when their exhibition was online only, it was particularly enjoyable for members to be showing their images live and in person.

The private viewing for family and friends on the Friday evening seemed to have a particular buzz to it. The chair, Harry Pinkerton thanked everyone who contributed to making this such a successful event, in particular the shops in Settle who displayed the images throughout August prior to the exhibition itself, Clapham Art Group for sharing their exhibition display and lighting equipment, the Clapham team who provide such excellent refreshments throughout the weekend, and lastly all the members themselves who work hard to ensure its success.

There were few images of overseas subjects this year, probably due to restricted travel opportunities; however there was a good range of landscapes, architecture, nature, monochrome, portrait and abstract. Visitor numbers were excellent, with a fair mixture of regulars who reiterated how much they look forward to coming each year, and others who came from as far away as North Wales, Southampton and even Madrid!

The appreciation of the quality and range of images this year was reflected in the number of sales each day, which included a sudden flurry on the final afternoon. Interest in the group's work was further confirmed by the number of enquiries from those with an interest in joining the group.

Visitors were invited to vote for a favourite image. Many said how difficult they found it to make a choice between so many that they liked. Excitingly when the votes were added up, it emerged that every member of the club who had entered images, had at least one voted as a favourite by at least one visitor. That said, the voting did produce two outstanding favourites both of which were the work of long-standing member John Bentley: 'Winter Afternoon in Whitby' and 'Clapdale'. These were closely



'Clapdale' by John Bentley

followed by Margaret Smith's 'Into the Storm' and then David Crutchley's 'Dipper Chick'.

The close of the exhibition marked the end of a very successful twelve months of photography for the group, but already marks the preparation for next year's event. To find out more about the group's work go to www.settlephotos.org All the images that were in the exhibition can be viewed on YouTube via this link www.youtube.com/watch?v=mANUJoLXgbw

Paul Higgins

Settle Photographic Group

Meetings for OCTOBER

Monday 3rd

19:30 St John's Methodist Church (+ Zoom):
Successful Wildlife Photography

Monday 17th

19:30 St John's Methodist Church (+ Zoom):
Members' evening: YPU 2021 Exhibition Review
Gallery: Being there

Wednesday 26th

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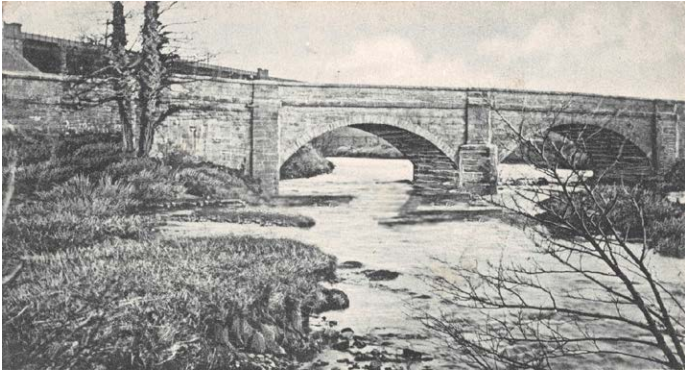
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Then and now



At first glance, there are so many differences between these two images that its hard to see that they are the same place. Close inspection of the “then” photo, however, shows Clapham railway viaduct at top left thus confirming the match. Both show the bridge over the river down by Wenning Bank, but some 110 years separate the two images, and a lot of tree and shrub growth has occurred since, as have a number of subtle changes to the river channels.

Careful inspection also shows that some work has been done in strengthening the central bridge buttress. Perhaps the photographer of the older image was able to just stroll down the bank to take his shot, but Angie Martin and I had to don our wellies and wade downstream to try to get the matching image!

Andy Scott

Congratulations



Mrs Betty Lovett, resident of Clapham, celebrating her 90th birthday with family. Betty was born on 29th August 1932 in Bentham.

Betty would like to thank all those people who sent her good wishes, cards and flowers to mark the event: it was much appreciated.

Andrew Lovett

Golden Jubilee



Ingleborough Hall celebrates 50 years of its operation as an Outdoor Education Centre this year and Chris Hart has penned this Golden Jubilee card to mark it.

Welcome



Phoebe Florence Sexton, born 8th September 2022 weighing 8lb 6oz.

Edward, Ruth and big sister Martha would like to thank everyone for their kind wishes.

Clapham & District Newsletter Group

Annual General Meeting

7.30 pm, Thursday 10th November

Village Hall – Supper Room

All welcome!

This meeting is open to all our readers and is your chance to influence the direction the group takes

Ingleborough Cave, Nature Trail & The Old Sawmill Café News

SANTA'S GROTTO AT INGLEBOROUGH CAVE

This December, we will again welcome very special visitors to Ingleborough Cave as Santa and his Elves return! We're running **Santa's Grotto** on the 3rd, 4th, 10th, 11th, 17th, 18th, 19th, 21st, 22nd & 23rd, and tickets are **now available** online at the website link below. On these days, The Old Sawmill Café will have a "Christmas BBQ" theme, so even if you're not planning on visiting Santa, do pop in to see us as we expect a wonderful Christmassy atmosphere! Expect delicious locally sourced BBQ food, incredible desserts baked in house and delicious hot drinks to warm you up, all with a Christmassy twist! As always, we include information about making use of the car park and parking safely & sensitively with residents in mind on the booking page of the website. Visitors also receive the same information in a booking confirmation email, and in a reminder email 48 hours before their visit. www.ingleboroughcave.co.uk



STARGAZING BENEATH INGLEBOROUGH

In association with Yorkshire Dales National Park Dark Skies Festival, **Stargazing Beneath Ingleborough** will run on four evenings from October to February (listed below). Join Pete Collins from Diamond Skies for a guided tour of the Dales night sky and experience the Ingleborough Estate Nature Trail as never before. A superb dark sky is one of the things that make the Yorkshire Dales National Park so special, and with large areas completely free from local light pollution, it's a fantastic place to start your stargazing adventure. There's no better time to come stargazing here, now that the Yorkshire Dales National Park has been designated as a Dark Sky Reserve by the International Dark Sky Association.

The evening will commence in The Old Sawmill Café, at the entrance to the trail, with a talk by Pete about what we can see in the night sky, illustrated with his images of starry skies over iconic Dales landscapes. Then, if it's clear, we will head a short distance up the trail for some stargazing, where constellations, star clusters, galaxies (including our home galaxy, the Milky Way) and the planets will be pointed out to you. How long we spend on each activity is dependent on cloud-cover and weather conditions.

If stargazing is not possible, we will spend more time indoors, where Pete will go into more detail on what we would have been able to see in the night sky if clouds had not got in the way! **Booking is essential**, and all ages are welcome. The Old Sawmill Café will be open for hot drinks and a selection of cakes on the evenings, and Pete will have a selection of prints of the night sky alongside iconic local landscapes available for purchase. In total, you will walk a total of approximately 0.5km. The events will run on Saturday 29th October, Saturday 19th November, Saturday 14th January & Saturday 11th February.

THE OLD SAWMILL CAFÉ

First and foremost, we would like to extend a huge thank you to those who have supported us since the opening of The Old Sawmill Café. Whether you have visited yourself or just passed on the word that we're here, it all helps massively and is very much appreciated! Now the high season is coming to an end we have had a chance to review what direction we want to take the menus based on early feedback, and in early October we will launch a revised full menu that will run from Thursday to Sunday. From Monday to Wednesday, we will run a slimmed down menu, aiming to retain an offering whilst minimising waste, in line with our ethos. We really want to encourage locals working from home to come and use The Old Sawmill as a place to work, with the aim of forming a midweek community working hub. We have B4RN high speed internet and power points along the bar and at various points around the Café, so do join us!

We're having a website built for The Old Sawmill Café, and once launched this will contain up-to-date opening hours, as well as various other bits of information. We also plan to host a variety of events next year, which we hope will be popular within the community, providing an opportunity for locals to get together! Further information regarding these events will be posted on the website, and I will include information on them in a future edition of the Clapham Newsletter.

As many of you will be aware, particularly after Annie, David & Heather's recent gallery, The Old Sawmill has an upstairs room that isn't part of the Café. The Reginald Farrer Room is available for hire for a number of purposes, be it meeting space, courses, galleries etc, so if anyone has any ideas and would like to discuss using the space, please do get in touch.

Andrew Jarman

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Poets Corner

Poets Corner is a new initiative for the newsletter and recognises that we have some great wordsmiths in our community. We hope to make it a regular feature and would welcome submissions. So, get your pens out and your thinking caps on. We can't promise to publish everything but please do send in your offerings – it's open to all ages and to all styles of verse. Submissions from our younger readers would be particularly welcome.

To start the ball rolling, I've selected a poem written by Norah Hazzard whose story appears elsewhere in this issue. Norah wrote quite a number of poems which her niece, Caroline Morrison, collated and has had published in a small booklet, a few copies of which are available from the Hall Committee.

Andy Scott

Submissions to claphamnewsletter@gmail.com

Song of the Yorkshire Hills

By Norah Kate Hazzard

Have you ever been on the Yorkshire hills when shadows gleam and pass?

With the spring of the grass beneath your feet

The fan of the wind across your cheek

And the sweet new smells of the earth

Have you been when the blue-blown sky is still?

When your step is languid and lazy

When the rippling rill looks cold and still

And the distance dim and hazy?

Have you been on the Yorkshire hills when the grey-blown sky is cool?

With the slopes a merge of purple and gold

The red toadstools by the dark-brown pools

And the weird wild cry of the grouse.

Have you been when the sky is hard and cold

When your step is crunching steeply

When the hills are lone, for the year grows old

And the wind in time sighs deeply?

*Have you been on the Yorkshire hills and felt the tang of the air?
Or bracing wind, or the peewit's call, or the droning song of the bees?*

Aren't you coming for a walk today to feel the hill grass give

With a stick in your hand, and a song in your heart

And the thought that it is good to live?

News from Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust

Do you want to plant trees? Grants are now available to help create new native broadleaf woodland in the Yorkshire Dales and surrounding areas. YDMT's woodland creation programme is open to anyone who owns or manages land and will help plant woodland of any size including the costs of fencing and planting. Funding is also available for individual landscape and field trees to help offset the impacts of tree disease and increasing severity of storms. Chris Lodge, Woodland Officer at YDMT, said: "Most landowners, particularly farmers, will have small areas of their farm that are unproductive or underused. Although these areas are small in terms of size, they can have a big impact on the biodiversity of the local area and the Dales as a whole. "Small woodlands help create wildlife corridors as well as contributing to our fight against climate change." YDMT has helped landowners' plant nearly 1.6 million trees since 1997.

"Our programme supports anyone who wants to plant trees and woodland on their land," Chris continued. "We can take you through the process of creating a woodland scheme, making it as simple as possible, and help you plant plastic free where appropriate. We will then work with you to make the scheme a reality – and liaise with local people and groups to make it a real community effort."



Sandra Ireton from Westfields in Chapel-le-Dale planted Chapel Beck wood with the Trust in 2020/21. She said: "We planted 2,000 trees with YDMT to create a wildlife corridor along Chapel Beck. They made the process really easy from start to finish and I'm delighted with how the scheme is growing. We're also part of the Trust's Plastic

Free Woodlands project as we have a number of alternative tree guards being trialled here.

"I'd recommend working with the YDMT. Every farm in the area has gills and field corners similar to Chapel Beck; this project shows how parcels of underutilised agricultural land can be dedicated to environmental protection

and thrive alongside productive food producing areas. This creates a balance and protects both the rural economy and the delicate farmed landscape, crafted, and preserved by many generations of farmers, that is cherished by the whole world." Sandra is a member of the DEFRA Research and Insight Network Group and is taking part in the Sustainable Farming Incentive and Landscape Recovery studies.

For further details email Chris on chris.lodge@ydm.org, call 015242 51002 or pop into the office opposite the shop.

Mike Appleton

Marketing and Communications Officer

Clapham Lecture Group

AUTUMN SERIES PROGRAMME

Sep 13	Martin Lunn	The 1927 Eclipse
Sep 20	Mike Winstanley	Poor Law & Charity
Sep 27	No lecture	
Oct 4	Mike Winstanley	The Lune Valley & the West Indies: sugar, cotton, and the slave economy
Oct 11	David Ratledge	Roman Roads in Lancashire (via Zoom)
Oct 18	Ged Benn	A History of Gaping Gill
Oct 25	No lecture	
Nov 1	Angus Winchester	Common Ground: The history of common land in Britain
Nov 8	Angus Winchester	Contested Common Land: Case study of commons in this area
Nov 15	Tom Lord	Making Space for Nature
Nov 22	Martin Lunn	Viking Astronomy
Nov 29	Dr Ian Saunders	The Potato and its role in World History (via Zoom)
Dec 6	Martin Lunn	The Real Star of Bethlehem

All lectures start at 7pm prompt & include refreshments.

Lecture fees: Full series £50, individual lectures (max of 3) £7 each.

Where "No lecture" is shown it is because the Hall is in use for a meeting of the Parish Council on that date.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Saturday 8th October

10am till 12 noon

in the Methodist Church at
Newby

**Good company, Great coffee
and a fantastic cause**

Clapham & District Newsletter Group

COFFEE MORNING

**Saturday 29th October
Village Hall
10am – 12 noon**

Come join us for our coffee morning and help us raise the funds needed to keep your newsletter going.

After all, it is YOUR newsletter!

Bookstall & raffle plus the opportunity to submit your Christmas Greetings requests

Free entry, but excellent coffee and cakes!

Walking Football

Fed-up with the cost of using energy? Why not join us at Walking Football and burn energy at your own pace, make new friends and have fun at the same time!

Settle United Walking Football is currently played every Thursday evening from 7.00 - 8.00 pm on Giggleswick Playing Fields using space coned-out from part of Fellings rugby pitch on Bankwell Road. In winter, once the clocks go back, we will play under floodlights on Giggleswick School's All-Weather pitch on Raines Road – same time, same format.

Ingleborough Warriors FC play every Wednesday evening 7.30 – 8.30pm on the Floodlit 3G Astro Surface, at the Community Centre in Ingleton.

Why not give it a go? There is a wide age range who play and enjoy the game, from teenagers to retirees. And ladies, for all you budding Lucy Bronzes out there, it's a mixed footballing team format and you can be sure of a friendly welcome. Just come along and join in. Goal posts, nets, footballs, bibs, and pitch markers are all supplied.

Qualified coaches lead the sessions starting with a warm-up. We learn new footballing skills and enjoy a game where the rules are generally similar, but at a more sedate, walking pace. And don't worry if you think you are not quite match fit – a few weeks playing, and you will soon feel the benefits and find more energy. And, so far, the weather has not stopped us.



Do check with your GP if you have any concerns regarding your health and ability to play an active sport. Games last about fifteen to twenty minutes each half when we try to put the skills we've been taught into practice – with varying degrees of success! After enjoying good sport some of the group retire to the pub for a well-earned drop of refreshment! Walking Football is an all-round life affirming opportunity and chance to exercise and socialise.

If you want to find out more then come along on a Thursday or Wednesday evening, or contact me on either Tel 01729 823066 or Email: cwilson@ageuknorthcraven.org

Caroline Wilson

Day Activities Co-ordinator for Age UK North Craven

Protect Yourself from Fraud Event

Tuesday 18th October 6pm-8pm Skipton

My name is Andy Fox, and I am the Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer attached to the Economic Crime Unit at North Yorkshire Police. Each week I receive a list from Action Fraud detailing the reports made to them by residents in North Yorkshire for that previous week.

My primary role in the unit is to visit victims of fraud and offer safeguarding advice in order to reduce the likelihood of that person becoming a repeat victim. I often see first-hand the misery that being such a victim of fraud can bring.

Prior to lockdown I used to hold a series of 'live' events where I would invite local residents to an information evening on fraud. I held these at various venues across North Yorkshire and they proved very popular. Whilst in lockdown, I ran a series of online 'Ask the Expert' events which again proved extremely popular reflecting the public's concern about fraud.

Now we are out of lockdown I want to try running these live events again. This will include presentations on how to spot a scam and will give you the chance to meet our Police Community Support Officers who are our trained 'Fraud Ambassadors' and our police volunteers who have a specialism in cyber-crime. If you have been a victim of fraud, it will give you a chance to discuss with our experts how to best protect yourself from becoming a victim again.

Skipton Building Society have kindly offered to host the first of these events which will take place on Tuesday 18th

October 6pm-8pm at Skipton Building Society - Principal Office, The Bailey, Skipton, England, BD23 1DN.

If you wish to attend this event (and you are welcome to bring a guest to accompany you) then please register your interest by going to the following website. Only those who have registered will be able to attend:

https://bit.ly/NYP_fraud

I hope you are able to make it and if you have any questions about the event, please email me: andy.fox@northyorkshire.police.uk

Andy Fox

Financial Abuse Safeguarding Officer

Economic Crime Unit

North Yorkshire Police



Visit the newsletter website
clapham-news.net

Nature notes

October is a confusing month. Even its name is a conundrum. *Octet, octave, octopus* - shouldn't October be the eighth month of the year? For the Romans, who followed a lunar calendar, it was exactly that until in 451 BC they added Ianuarius and Februarius to their winter months. In Norse tradition it was the last month of summer while the Anglo-Saxons saw in it the onset of a long winter. It was the Saxons, though, who held this time of year in the highest regard.



Male Golden-ringed dragonfly. Photo: Brian Christian

Not for them 'Sober October' – this was *Wynmoneth*. A time of mellow fruitfulness, the wine month, when nature's bounty could be harvested and bottled to provide them with a warming pick-me-up to see them through the cold, dark nights ahead. Those of you who make your own sloe gin will know all about that!

As if to underline the idea that we are at a turning point in the year, two very recent encounters have served to remind me that, while there's still some warmth in the sun, winter chills aren't all that far away. Yesterday morning I spotted a shimmering dragonfly hovering over our garden pond and in the late afternoon I watched a young barn owl quartering Newby Moor in search of shrews and field voles.

Dragonflies and damselflies are summer jewels, generally flying from early May through towards the end of August. It was a real treat then to come across a hardy survivor still on the wing this far north in September. The female *golden-ringed dragonfly* is the UK's longest dragonfly, but it was the slightly smaller male that dropped in yesterday. This was an old friend. I hadn't come across him for a week or two, but he has called to see us a few times over the summer. Sadly, I suspect I won't be seeing him again.

I hope that won't be the case with the young barn owl. Late autumn and winter can be perilous for youngsters setting out to establish their own territories. Their survival will depend on their ability to find a suitable 'home range' – usually within about ten miles of their parents' nest site – with a plentiful food supply and a safe place to roost. For the majority of this year's brood this simply won't happen.

Barn owls rely heavily on stealth and their remarkable hearing to locate their prey. Unfortunately, the soft feathers that facilitate silent flight offer little in the way of insulation or waterproofing and wind or rain tend to drown out the faint footsteps of scurrying rodents. Ice and snow provide even harsher trials. Although barn owls may exceptionally live to the ripe old age of twenty, their average lifespan is just four years and 70% of all fledglings fail to make it through their first winter.

That said, they seem to do rather well round here. On one special winter afternoon last year, Tim Hutchinson and I saw no fewer than five individuals hunting on and around Newby Moor, while Kate Rowe got in touch at the start of August to say that barn owls have nested successfully in her barn for the past sixteen years. If young birds can quickly hone their hunting skills and get to know their home range well, if they have been lucky enough to be born into a good vole year and if they can find receptive mates (lots of 'ifs') they can become real fixtures in the local landscape. If we are lucky – and so are they – the next few months should provide lots of opportunities to catch sight of them as they make use of the warmer daylight hours to seek out their supper.

If you are lucky enough to see one while you're out and about, do consider supporting the Barn Owl Trust by adding your sighting to their online survey. It only takes a second or two and details can be found here:

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



Barn owl at Heigh Head. Photo: David McGonnigal

If you have news of any other interesting or unusual sightings in the area, please send me an email (bc.riverside28@gmail.com), drop a note into 2 Eggshell Lane or simply stop and chat if you see me around the village. Photographs are always welcome and, as ever, I'll continue to post regular local nature updates on Twitter: @bc_riverside

Brian Christian

Village hall news

October marks the start of a new year for the Village Hall since, by the time you read this, we will have held our AGM and elected our new committee with nominees representing the many groups we have in the community plus some directly elected members. Looking back over the past year, we have seen an increase in the use of the hall, with enquiries and bookings received most days. The hall has evolved over the years it has been in existence with so many people playing their part to keep this vital facility in operation. Our thanks go to all those who have been involved in the running of the hall over all those decades.

Looking back through the old minute books, I came across the record of the very first meeting that took place on Wednesday 22nd November 1922 – almost 100 years ago. At that time, the Hall as we know it now did not exist, but a meeting had been called at Clapham School to discuss having a public venue of some kind in the village. A number of resolutions were made, and the first committee was formed to represent Clapham (four women and four men) and Newby (one woman and one man). During that first year, with Dr. Lovett and Mr. Hazzard as key members, the Clapham Village Hall Fund was formed. A Public Meeting was held at the school in December 1923 and over the following months many money raisers were held to build up the Village Hall Fund. These events ranged from garden fetes and tea dances to fancy dress balls and whist drives. It was in November 1925 that Mr. Farrer announced his intention of giving the building known as the Farm Yard Barn along with the stables and a loose box for use as a Village Hall. This was met with great approval and thanks for his generous gift. The Annual Public Meeting that year attracted huge support and various proposals for the alteration of the building followed. Mr. Hazzard was Chair of the Village Hall Committee and its major driving force. The minutes record a variety of work projects and an increase in ever more elaborate fundraising events by the village community to cover the costs of the building's conversion and fitting out. Finally, the date of the opening was fixed for Wednesday 22nd December 1926 at 7pm. It had taken 4 years from that first meeting of a few local people with a vision for this public facility to finally become Clapham cum Newby Village Hall.

Thanks to those individuals, along with many members since then, we can now reap the benefits of having this public facility. We hope that you continue to use the hall for your events and look forward to opening our doors to you. Our next community event is The Killer Question (see the notice elsewhere in this issue) which is something a bit different and should have wide appeal. Our new committee should shortly be getting their thinking caps on for further events for this year and into 2023 so watch this space.

Angie Martin, Hall Secretary

Board Games Group

Please note the new times for the group: 2pm to 5pm every 2nd and 4th Friday.

Jackie Kingsley

Village hall regular events

Clapham & Austwick Guides & Brownies

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

Parish Council

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

Clapham Lecture Group

Tuesdays 7pm (except 27 Sept & 25 Oct)
Andy Scott 015242 51749

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
(Usually 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
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Sustainability Group

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

Board Games Group

Fridays 2pm - 5pm
(2nd & 4th Fri of the month)
Jackie Kingsley
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Keasden and a year of celebrations



*The New Burial Ground September 2022
Photo: Becky Allen*

2023 will see two exciting milestones in the life of the Keasden community and St. Matthew's church. The new burial ground will be consecrated in a celebration service conducted by The Right Reverend Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds. This will happen 150 years, almost to the day, since the first service was held at the church.

A year of events is planned to celebrate not only the church and the new burial ground but also the life of Keasden and its people, past and present. Hopefully, this article will encourage readers to save the dates and further information will be given during the coming year.

The first event is not really an event, it's the **Keasden 150 Grand Draw**. It is hoped that the year of celebrations can leave a legacy in the way of a redecoration and improved facilities at St. Matthew's. The Grand Draw will raise funds to help pay for this legacy; with a first prize that will generate plenty of interest, tickets go on sale at the **Keasden 150 New Year's Walk** on Sunday January 1st in the morning.

The New Year's Walk will be a chance to blow away the holiday cobwebs, share a mulled wine or two with friends, and enjoy the beautiful scenery of Burn Moor.

Throughout the year of celebrations, there will be the chance to meet, walk with and ask questions of people who farm the Keasden hills and whose families have done so for many generations. The second such occasion will be the **Keasden 150 Spring Saunter** on Sunday April 23rd. Concluding with refreshments at the church, the saunter will be a chance to find out about sheep farming and wading birds from local experts. If you don't know your draft ewes from your gimmer lambs, this is your chance to find out.

The weekend of May 13th and 14th will see the **Keasden 150 Exhibition** held in church. This will be a display of local history, photography, and an exhibition of work by the artists and artisans of Keasden.

The exhibition will culminate with the **Keasden 150 Lambing Festival** being held on the Sunday evening at the new burial ground. This ever-popular service will be led this year by the Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley, Bishop of Ripon.

The **Keasden 150 Summer BBQ** will be held on Saturday July 29th (date to be confirmed). The BBQ will be a chance to spend a convivial evening, hopefully basking in the warm evening sunlight, the sound of maturing lambs and calves drifting across the valley as we enjoy delicious food and entertainment.

The year of celebrations reaches a crescendo on the weekend of September 23rd and 24th. On the Saturday evening, the whole community is invited to the **Keasden 150 Celebratory Supper** at Eldroth Village Hall. An evening of good food, dancing, games, and an auction will climax with the winners of the Grand Draw being announced.

The celebrations reach an end on Sunday September 24th with the Consecration Service at the new burial ground. Led by The Right Reverend Nick Baines, Bishop of Leeds.

Hopefully, the above gives some flavour of the year of celebrations, and everybody involved in making these celebrations happen looks forward to seeing you at one or more of the events. If you would like to get involved in anyway then please get in touch, details below.

*The Keasden 150 Celebration team
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*Some of the wildflowers growing in the new burial ground
Photo: Ann Sheridan*