

We are holding a naming ceremony for

Oliver James Mann

Over the first weekend of July we will be holding a short ceremony to celebrate the arrival of Oliver James (born 1st April 2006) and welcome him into our family. Alongside this we shall have plenty of opportunity for you to meet him, and to socialise.

We will be basing ourselves at the New Inn, Clapham, in the Yorkshire Dales and underneath the peak of Ingleborough. There is plenty of scope for outdoor activities in the area, and plenty of accommodation and camping available nearby.

To help with our planning, please let us know which bits you plan joining us for.

Approximate timetable for the weekend.

Saturday 1st July

10.30am – Walk from Clapham (meet at 10.00am).

6.30pm – Dinner at New Inn for those staying in the pub. (Good pub food available in Bar otherwise).

8.00pm – An evening socialising in the New Inn.

Sunday 2nd July

10.00am – Meet outside front of New Inn Clapham to co-ordinate travel to:

11.00am – Baby naming ceremony, Yordas Cave, Kingsdale.

1.00pm – Sunday Lunch at New Inn, Clapham. £10.00

Please return this slip to 1 Elsie Street, Beechcliffe, Keighley BD20 6BA, or email Paul at paul@parlanchina.co.uk, specifying which parts of the weekend you will be joining us for.

I / we plan to join you for:

Saturday Walk Sunday Baby Naming Sunday Lunch (£10.00)

Please secure bunk space for me / us at a local caving hut.

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(Please reply by 7th June if at all possible)

Saturday Walk

Clapham to Ingleborough Cave, Gaping Ghyll & Ingleborough. Meet outside front of New Inn, Clapham (park in Pay & Display car park 100 yards up village). Walk length variable to suit your needs – starts on a buggy friendly track, but some bog hopping likely if you are aiming to reach the summit. Bring a picnic lunch. Wet weather plans may apply instead. (Paul's phone 07957 606548, but will not work for much of walk)

Yordas Cave

Yordas Cave is very straightforward, it is about 150 yards from the road, and you can walk into its main chamber. We recommend stout footwear and a warm jumper, but otherwise no special equipment needed. It is on private land, and we have had special permission to use it. The landowner requests us to note that the site is not normally available for such uses, and does not want it publicised as such. Parking is restricted at the site, so please meet at New Inn first so we can co-ordinate some car sharing. Grid reference SD705791.

Accommodation

We will be staying at The New Inn, Clapham. This is a fairly expensive option and the number of rooms is limited. However they are child and caver friendly. If you would like to stay here, book yourself in on 01524 251203.

Limited bed & breakfast available in Clapham. Austwick & Ingleton are also close by. Camping is available at the Dales Bridge Centre, about 1¼ miles away. Camper vans also catered for. Booking required on 01524 251021.

Some caver bunk house space may be available, for example with the NPC at Green Close (about 1¼ miles). Let us know if you need us to enquire about this.

Clapham

Clapham is just off the A65, about 30 minutes from M6, Skipton & Kendal. It is about 90 minutes from A1 / M1. Grid Reference SD745690.

From M6 South, use J34 (Lancaster North), and then A683, B6480.

From M6 North, use J36 (Kirby Lonsdale), and then A65

From M1 South use M62, M606 (Bradford), A650, A629 & A65.

From A1 South, use A1 (Boston Spa), A659, A660, then A65,

From A1 North, use A61 (Ripon), A59, then A65.

Clapham has a rail station, but it is 2 miles from the village. It is served about every 2 hours in each direction by trains running between Leeds & Lancaster via Skipton.

Gifts

Our warm thanks to those of you who have already sent Oliver (and his Mum and Dad) so many good wishes and lovely presents. It gave us such a boost during the difficult first few weeks to receive your cards, emails and parcels. For the baby naming ceremony your company is the most important thing to us, and there is no expectation that you will bring Oliver a gift. But if you do, please be aware of how limited our storage space is on the boat... and no soft toys please (we have plenty!). If you're stuck, books are always a good option.

Some train info

Saturday Daytime: Leeds 8.19, Skipton 8.56, Clapham 9.28: Return Clapham 17.28.

Saturday Evening: Leeds 16.49, Skipton 17.31, Clapham 18.03: Return Clapham 19.57 or Settle 21.14

Sunday: Leeds 8.40, Skipton 9.30, Clapham 10.03: Return Clapham 15.19 & 18.43.

Let us know if you plan to come by train, we will endeavour to find someone to taxi you across from the station, as it is a 2 mile walk.