

BENTHAM NEWS



Prize Winning homebred maiden heifer “Jazz” from Sheila Mason’s herd of British Blues at Keasden Head. Pictured with stockman Mike Johnson at Bentham Show

Photograph by Allan Hartley

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Bentham — At It's Heart Still An Agricultural Town

Bentham Show By John Dawson

On Saturday 3rd September Bentham Agricultural Society held its annual Show in the auction mart at Bentham. The Society would like to publicly thank the directors and staff for their generosity and goodwill in allowing us to use the facilities at the mart.



Cousins Ben Lawson (age 11) with his Suffolk Sheep and Adam Lawson (age 13) above with his Texel X Beltex sheep – first prize each in their show class



David and Judith Johnson - this year's Presidents

our Presidents. As locals, they carried out their presidential duties with great enthusiasm and aplomb. They were kept busy throughout the day with various judging duties and trophy presentations. Both David and Judith have a long association with Bentham and the Show so it was good to see them so involved.

A major advantage of having much of the Show in the mart is that we are fairly weather proof. The little touch of rain on the day had a minimal effect on visitors and ex-

We begin to dismantle calf pens on the Thursday before the Show to make way for the handicrafts and horticulture and it is a huge credit to the staff that they go out of their way to make it as easy as possible for us to do this. By Friday evening the whole mart

has succumbed to the Show, with poultry pens and trade stands playing their part.

This year it was a great pleasure to welcome David and Judith Johnson as



Jonathan Atkinson (age 4) from Bentham with balloons. His granddad Robert Butterfield was showing Holsteins (part of the 'Flowerfields' family)

Oliver Greenhaigh and Bethan Waller with their reserve champion Holstein called 'Enchanted Million Maureen'

They have just moved to farm in Mewith Lane, Bentham, and this is the first time they have ever shown at Bentham Show.



hibitors alike as both enjoyed what the Show had to offer. Spare a thought for the gatekeepers, who stuck willingly to their task despite the slightly inclement weather.

So to all who support the Show, if you exhibit dahlias or Dalesbred, Friesians or fruitcakes, poultry or potatoes, well done.

Big thanks to all our judges, who give freely of their time and expertise. It is not always an



*The Eye Of The Bull
Beef Champion from Burton-in-Lonsdale called 'Gallaber Leo'. He's 17 months old. Shown by Ian and Glenys Sedgwick and their 2 year old son Ted. Glenys also works at Dalehead Vets .*



Mr and Mrs David and Katie Hunter from Dent (Katie is daughter of Christine Grieve in Temptations) with their prize-winning pygmy goats. 'Twix' is the multi-coloured and 'Humbug' has a black face.



Graeme Jackson with the champion mule female



3 girls and 3 dairy calves won 1st prize in the 'Family Of Three' class. From Keasden: l-r 2 Holsteins and an Ayrshire. Kiera Allen, Becky Allen (sisters) and Annie Price (their cousin)

easy job but it is much appreciated.

The Show is always on the lookout for enthusiastic helpers and people who can get things done, so feel free to make yourself known and get involved.

Finally, this year saw Janet Lawson step into the role of Show Secretary. Janet took



Cousins Mike Earl, left, from Burton-in-Kendal and Alan Earl from Capernwray

the whole build up to the Show in her stride and appeared to have everything under control at all times.

Well done, Janet! We hope this year is the first of many.

*All photos by Jon Brook of Bentham Imaging
George Taylor, right, by Allan Hartley.*





Photos with credits clockwise from top left
 Train cake – 1st prize for M J Hill
 Best exhibit marrow won by B & J Jackson
 Horn-handled stick with ornamental head (pheasant)
 1st prize and best exhibit to RW Cannan from Kendal
 Penguin (from an aubergine) 2nd prize for
 A Huntington in Imaginary Animal Class for
 ages 11-16
 Pig (from a water melon) 1st prize for L E Garnett
 Cauliflower Sheep exhibit, done by a 3 year old, in
 Imaginary Animal class for younger children
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Bentham & Beyond Calendar Is Here

By Jo Burton, Bentham Town Clerk

The 2017 Bentham & Beyond Calendar is now available from Bentham Post Office and the Town Hall.

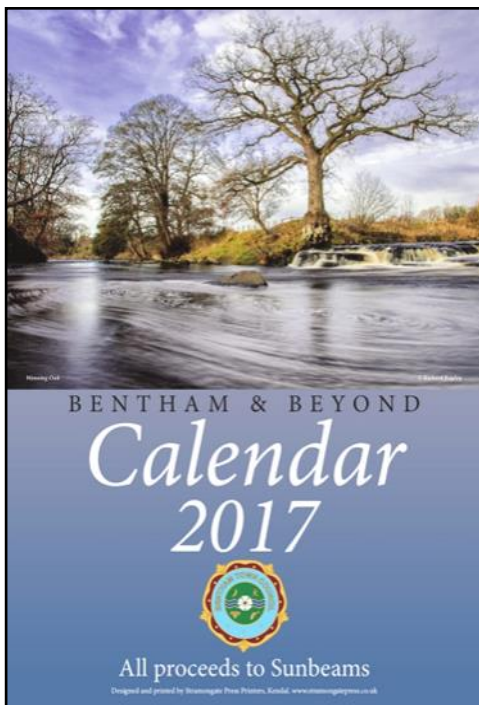
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This year we have a new photographer, Mr Richard Bayley. Richard is an amateur photographer from Liverpool, who has been visiting Bentham on a regular basis for 7 years since buying a caravan on Riverside Caravan Park. He says 'Bentham is a great base for photography and walking. I spend a lot of time in the area and always find something different to photograph'. Richard enters photographic competitions and was highly commended in the World Wildlife competition in 2015, and was exhibited at the Strand Gallery, London. We certainly love the photos in the calendar and hope you will too.

The calendar is a great way of keeping track of what's on in the Town Hall, and some of the other major events in the Town, whilst supporting a local cause. This year we are supporting Sunbeams, a local charity which supports children with learning difficulties and their families.

At £7.50 the calendar will make a great Christmas present! Limited numbers are available so please buy early to avoid disappointment

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Breeding Sheep in Strong Demand at Bentham Sales

By Charlotte Ormondroyd (Marketing Administrator, Richard Turner & Son)



Photo, above, shows from left to right:
Kay Thompson (judge), Graeme Jackson
(vendor) and Andrew Graham (judge) pictured
with First Prize Mule Shearlings



Photo, above, shows from left to right:-
Messrs Lord (Vendor) and Andrew Nicholson
(Judge) pictured with Champion Blue Faced
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Settle College Represents Secondary Education: With Philip Hammond In The Parliamentary Review

By Michele Costello, Principal

Settle College has been selected to appear in the 2015/16 edition of The Parliamentary Review. Established by former minister the Rt Hon David Curry shortly after the 2010 general election, The Parliamentary Review's September release has become a key fixture in the political calendar.

Settle College features alongside the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Philip Hammond, and a small number of outstanding schools in the Secondary Education North of England edition. The main aim of The Review is to showcase best practice as a learning tool to the public and private sector, with this edition aimed particularly at leading policy-makers and executives within Secondary Education. Alongside pieces from the selected representatives and an introduction from the Chancellor, it contains a look back at the year in Westminster and Secondary Education, with the political commentary written by Mark D'Arcy (BBC's Parliamentary Correspondent). The document is sent out to tens of thousands of leading policymakers. The articles in The Review act as both a blueprint for success and a template for reform.

Director of The Parliamentary Review, Daniel Yossman, said: "It's been an utter privilege to work with a range of schools from across the country in this year's Review.

Without their input, our aims of spreading expert knowledge and raising standards simply would not be achievable. They'll be a hard act to follow and next year's schools will have to be on the top of their game to meet the challenge."

Editor of The Parliamentary

Review, the Rt Hon David Curry, said: "Each of the representatives brings something very different to the table, while at the same time capitalising on the collective wisdom of their industry. There may be choppy waters ahead but organisations across the country would be well-advised to keep an eye on the representatives in this year's Review when deciding how to set their sails."

Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Rt Hon Philip Hammond, concurred: "The message we take to the world is this: we are the same outward-looking, globally-minded, big-thinking country we have always been – and we remain very firmly open for business."

The Parliamentary Review's publication is marked by gala events at the House of Commons on the 19th and 23rd September.



Bentham Bonfire And Firework Show

By Bentham Bonfire Committee



We hope you will join us for Bentham's annual bonfire and firework show on Saturday 29th October. As usual it will be held at Bentham Auction Mart who we thank for their generous and continued support of our event. Drum Machine and poi swingers will accompany the fireworks (produced by Walk the Plank Ltd) and there will be stalls selling hot food and drinks and flashing/glowing toys. Gates will open at 6.45pm.

Bonfire

Please bring suitable material to help build the bonfire to the auction mart on Friday 28th October (all day) and Saturday 29th October (before 3pm). Last year we were really pleased that no-one brought old sofas and plastic to burn on the bonfire! This meant it burnt really cleanly, did not give off any nasty fumes and was much easier to clean up the following day. Therefore please do not use our bonfire as an opportunity to dump rubbish that is not flammable – garden cuttings or wood are ideal and pallets are always useful to help give the bonfire some structure but PLEASE do not dump tyres, builders waste, grass, mattresses, old sofas etc. We are unable to collect bonfire material from people's homes but we will be available at the auction mart to help you unload your wood/garden waste and build the bonfire.





Entrance Fees

The entrance fee is the same as previous years at £3.50 per adult and £1.50 per child. This means a family of four (2 adults and 2 children) can enjoy the fireworks for £10. We hope you agree that this continues to be great value for money. Tickets will be available from Total Wellbeing, Flowerfields, Dalesbred Butchers, Temptations and Riverside Caravan Park from the beginning of October during normal business hours. Tickets are also available at the auction mart entrance on the night. However, buying your ticket in advance avoids hold ups at the Auction mart entrance.

Stewards needed

We always need stewards and ticket sellers and would be grateful if anyone willing to help would contact Anna Miller (015242 61907) or Lewis Yuill (015242 63190) or email benthambonfire@gmail.com or contact us via our Facebook page (search for Bentham Bonfire). All those who help will be entitled to a drink on us at the Hoggs 'n' Heifers afterwards to say 'thank you!'

One final mention...

Again this year we have raised vital funds from the red donation pots found on the counter in some of Bentham's local businesses. The committee would like to thank everyone who has generously donated their spare change; it really does make a difference to us. We are also indebted to Bentham Auction Mart, Bentham Town Council and Angus Fire Ltd for their continued support of our event.

Photos below and bottom left by Robin Zahler



Bentham News Deadline Date

Remember we have changed the deadline date of the Bentham News. Please submit all articles, messages or adverts by the 12th of the month for the following month's publication



Fairer Fares

By Gerald Townson, Chairman, FOBS

Enjoy a trip out on the Bentham Line for less.

Not one, not two, but three pieces of good news about fares and railcards on the Bentham Line this autumn and winter.

The Introduction Of Off-Peak Day Return Tickets

On Sunday, 4th September 2016 Off-Peak Day Return fares were introduced by Northern on the Bentham Line.

These fares are available after 9.30 Monday to Friday and at anytime on Saturdays, Sundays and Bank Holidays. They are priced at 15% less than the Anytime Day Return fares which have always been available. There is no time restriction on returning from Leeds to stations beyond Skipton in the evening peak hours. Railcards, including the Dales Railcard can be used to obtain a reduction on these new fares too. Below are some examples of the

Origin	Destination	Without a Railcard		With a Dales Railcard	
		Anytime Day Return	Off-Peak Day Return	Anytime Day Return	Off-Peak Day Return
Bentham	Lancaster	£8.30	£7.00	£5.50	£4.60
	Leeds	£19.30	£16.40	£12.75	£10.85
	Skipton	£10.40	£8.80	£6.85	£5.80

adult fares:-

Off-Peak Day Single fares will also be available from 4th September 2016.

Dales Railcard Purchase and Renewal

The table above also shows how valuable a Dales Railcard can be when purchasing tickets for local journeys. The Dales Railcard is available to any local resident aged 16 years or over.

From Sunday, 4th September 2016 until Saturday, 20th May 2017 the price of the annual Dales Railcard will be **reduced by 50% from £13.00 to £6.50**. Application forms are available from Bentham station and the Post Office. Dales Railcards can be bought in person at Carnforth, Settle and Skipton stations or on-line from the Settle Carlisle railway website.

The cost of the Dales Railcard is recouped by just one return journey to Leeds. Any further journeys are then a bonus, saving $\frac{1}{3}$ on the normal fares each time the card is used.

Winter Offer for Dales Railcard Holders

There will be no increase in the price of the offer this winter. The flat day return fare will remain at £7.00 for journeys from Bentham Line stations and Settle, and journeys from other

Settle-Carlisle stations will be £9.00.

This year's offer will run from Sunday, 30th October 2016 to Saturday, 1st April 2017, inclusive. Excluded dates are Saturdays and Sundays, 4th and 5th, 11th and 12th, and 18th and 19th December 2016, as well as 18th to 25th February 2017, inclusive.

The offer is available on all trains on the Bentham Line and all services on the Settle-Carlisle Line except the 06.30 service from Appleby to Leeds.

Correction to last month's article "And The Walls Came Tumbling Down"

Last month we reported on the demolition of Felsteads, Low Bentham Road and wish to correct some of the information given in the penultimate paragraph. The property was in fact sold by **Fisher Hopper** and not Richard Turner and Son. We apologise sincerely to Fisher Hopper, John Carr and Richard Turner for the errors.

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The Garden In October

By Joyce Knapp

As we move into October we are likely to have a little more time to take stock in our gardens, looking in particular at what has worked well this year and what may benefit from a little change.

I was struck by some plant combinations that seem to work very well and the main one in our garden is a Euonymus 'Silver Queen' that shares a pergola with a Dublin Bay Rose. This strong climbing rose produces a superb flush of deep red flowers over the summer months and the white-variegated leaves of the Euonymus form a perfect back-drop to this display. During the winter months, when the rose has died back, the Euonymus continues to brighten up the garden as it is evergreen. One other benefit gained from this plant combination is that the Euonymus needs regular cutting back and proves a very useful form of greenery for large floral arrangements, such as those decorating a Church for a wedding.

Another combination that looks particularly good at this time of year is that of the shrub Mahonia 'Charity' and a ground-cover plant known as Ajuga atropurpurea. The Ajuga forms a carpet of glossy, deep bronze/purple leaves that contrast extremely well with the bright green, spiky leaves on the Mahonia. Added delights are in store with these two plants as the Mahonia produces bright yellow flowers in early to mid winter, followed by strings of blue fruits that provide food for the birds, whereas the Ajuga will produce spires of blueish flowers in early summer.

The last combination worthy of a mention is that of a Cotinus 'Royal Purple' and a Hydrangea petiolaris. This is one of



the climbing Hydrangeas that cling readily to a wall and produce clusters of tiny white flowers that sparkle in summer and the Cotinus (Smoke bush), that can be trained as a wall-shrub, contrasts beautifully with its rich purple foliage that turns red in the autumn. The

leaves eventually drop from the Cotinus revealing the intricate patterns of the mahogany-brown stems of the Hydrangea and the lacy-brown remains of its flowers.

In reference to combinations that don't work, I have noticed that some small shrubs such as Potentilla do not grow well under/near to a Mahonia, so perhaps it is best to stick to planting only low-growing plants like Ajuga and London Pride under this architectural large shrub.

Nature Notes

By David Fisher

During a wander along Clapham Beck I saw 4 pied wagtails bobbing from stone to stone and picking up insects.

Strimming along a hedgerow in Low Bentham I disturbed a large Yellow Underwing Moth, which flew off from its daytime resting place. Plenty of butterflies can be seen warming their wings in the sunshine and resting on buddleia, drinking the nectar.



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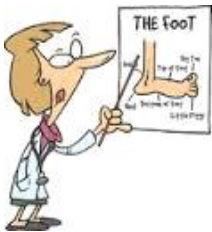
High Bentham

By Jill Noble

"Feet" by Marie Rayner

The average woman owns 17 pairs of shoes! Over 50% of people find it difficult to find comfortable fashionable footwear. High Bentham WI had an informative evening, on foot care, by local podiatrist Marie Rayner with suitable sound effects from Tomi Tatham Boxercise class in the upper hall.

Marie worked for many years in the NHS, following in her fathers "footsteps", a podiatrist himself. At the grand age of 4 she was already practising on her sister, trimming her toenails, under the bed sheets, mopping up any close shaves on the sheets. In 2009 Marie opened her Grasmere Drive clinic, after previously renting on Station Road. Tips on footcare, how to prevent common foot problems, trim nails and keep our tootsies in tip top condition. Demonstrations on how orthotic insoles can help alleviate joint problems, keeping the body in line, and helping prevent problems in the future. Simply wearing the right footwear for the right job



was probably the best advice, the evening was both educational and interesting.

The committee welcomed 3 guests. The competition a colourful pair of "clean" socks won by Liz Matthew, and the proceeds from the raffle were donated to the "Save Denman" appeal. Members of the book club are reading "Be Careful What You Wish For" by Jeffrey Archer. Plans to visit The Grand in October, where Agatha Christie's "Black Coffee" is showing. October meeting is our AGM, followed by supper and quiz.

Low Bentham

By Pam Warbrick

August got off to a good start at Lancaster's Theatre in the Park. Those who attended declared their rendering of "The Hobbit"



excellent. On August 15th two representatives from Handelsbanken of Church Street, Lancaster outlined the ethos of their Swedish bank. Founded in 1871, it now controls 800 branches in 20 countries with 207 branches in Britain and more in the pipeline. Their bank's success is founded on prudent lending, customer satisfaction, pleasant working environments, no sales-driven culture and no bonuses linked to targets. Each manager is given complete freedom to make his or her own decisions. We did suggest a Handelsbanken in Bentham - it may arrive one day, you never know!

At Bentham Show we came third in the co-operative handicraft section, behind Tatham Fells and High Bentham. Then our thoughts turned to the Ingleborough Group Show held at Ingleton Community Centre on September 17th. There were domestic, arts and crafts, flower arranging, houseplants and co-operative sections to be judged and enjoyed.

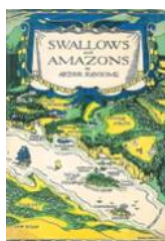


October's talk on the 21st will be 'Moths and Butterflies of the Yorkshire Dales' by Terry Whitaker.

Tatham Fells

By Mary Taylor

Members of Tatham Fells Women's Institute had a wonderful sociable day out on Tuesday 2nd August. They travelled by coach to Coniston where they sailed on the lake for an hour calling at Torver and Sunny Bank Jetties and viewing Peel Island, famous in Swallows and Amazons as Wild Cat Island. They then disembarked at Brantwood where they spent the afternoon discovering the fascinating world and life of John Ruskin.



The Rotary Club of Lunesdale

By Lilian Barton

Our first guest speaker in September was Neil Townsend, CEO of Cancer Care, who gave an extremely thought provoking talk outlining all aspects of the responsibilities of his job. He paid tribute to Malcolm Murray, who founded the charity 33 years ago and who is lifelong President. Today it has 21 part time employees, 32 counsellors and a huge number of volunteers. Since its foundation over 20,000 people have been helped from the range of therapies it offers. A priority now is to improve counselling available for bereaved children. It was most encouraging to learn that 75% of people diagnosed with cancer today will survive.

On 8th September our guest speaker was Geoff Hetherington who spoke about the plight of the diminishing Red Squirrel

population. It was once 3.5million but now just 15,000 survive in England. Grey squirrels were introduced to this country from the US and pass on a deadly squirrel pox virus and so pose a great threat to the red squirrel population here. For further information;

www.westmorlandsquirrels.org.uk

At the time of writing club members look forward to a visit on 15th September to Heysham Harbour and a guided tour of this busy local port.

On 22nd September the club will welcome a visit from this year's District Governor, Malcolm Baldwin, who will outline his plans for District 1190 for the forthcoming year and inform members of his chosen charity his year as District Governor.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Lunesdale, please see www.lunesdalerotary.org.uk



Skipton Extended Learning For All (SELFA)



By Rachel Casper, Children & Young People's Worker

SELFA have some exciting news for the local Bentham community! Before the end of 2016 we will be offering new opportunities to disabled, disadvantaged and vulnerable children in the North Craven area. We aim to provide a weekly after school club for young people aged 11-19 years and one session a week for primary-aged children in the school holidays. This will involve a range of engaging and inspiring activities designed to bring opportunity and learning as well as increase self-esteem, confidence and independence.

SELFA have been awarded a Member Ward Grant of £250 to go towards the running of these clubs, thanks to Councillor Linda Brockbank.

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September's Town Council

By Shirley Brown

Cllrs Bridgeman, Swales, Stannard, Vendy, Adams, Handford, Townson and Pritchard attended the Town Council's meeting on 5th September, with apologies from Cllrs Marshall and Taylor. Both District Councillors and 4 members of the public were present.

Police Report: PC Barbara Parsons said that in the past month there had been 33 incidents reported to the police in Bentham. Of these 4 were road traffic collisions, 4 were crimes including theft of a wheelie bin and one was a domestic assault that had led to an arrest. Also a quad bike was stolen, 3 people were arrested and the bike recovered.

Recycling: DCllr Thompson said that the change to the co-mingling of recyclables and the end of the blue bag should now happen in April 2017. If you aren't able to take your bin to a collection point please ask CDC for help. DCllr Brockbank will be attending a CDC meeting later this month where getting rid of the recycling areas in the car parks of both High and Low Bentham will be considered. The nearest recycling areas would then be in Ingleton and Settle. The TC confirmed that they were not in favour of this. Cllr Pritchard pointed out that since the closure of Tooby's Bentham there is nowhere in Bentham to recycle low energy light bulbs, although we were reminded that there is a collection point for recycling batteries in the Spar shop.

Highway Matters: A letter has been sent to the TC from a Station Road resident complaining that her entrance is often obstructed by parked cars. It seems that putting a 'Keep Clear' sign on the road would need to be paid for by the resident, but the TC have informed the police who will follow this up in case it's a matter of 'obstructing the public highway.' Cllrs

mentioned various sections of our highways requiring work: the cracked pavement across the railway bridge, the pavement outside the Barber Shop and the roadway at the junction of Lakeber Drive and Robin Lane. The manager of Oakroyd Bakery has asked NYCC to reconsider switching off the streetlights in Station Road between midnight and 5am as bakery workers arrive from 3am onwards. Street nameplates are to be installed on Clapham Road between Pye Busk and the A65. This is intended to make it easier for the emergency services to find properties along the road, but there was some discussion about sections of this road being known by other local names, and the possible confusion this might cause.

Extra Care Housing: Cllr Townson reported that there had been a very good response to the survey concerning the need for Extra Care Housing in Bentham with over 500 completed questionnaires being returned by the deadline. These showed there is overwhelming support from the general public for this provision and the results have been collated and handed over to a representative from NYCC who was delighted with the thoughtful comments received.

Town Team: Cllr Handford reported that the Town Team are continuing their efforts to make Bentham a more colourful, inviting destination and have commissioned two more trompe d'oeil. There is also a suggestion that a pamphlet about the Heritage Trail, the paintings and riverside walks is worth consideration.

Venues: Moving the library to Looking Well is scheduled for April 2017. There were mixed feelings about the venue for TC meetings. Some Cllrs find the Youth Building cold and echoey with poor acoustics, while others say the Town Hall is too noisy when there's a Boxercise class upstairs. However, it's back to the Town Hall for the next two months' meetings and then the matter will be considered again.

People Page

Thanks

Settle, Bentham and District MS Society would like to thank everyone who supported the recent coffee morning held in the Town Hall in Bentham, we raised £320. Thanks also to the ladies and gentlemen who helped set up and clear away. We would also like to thank all the ladies and gentlemen who helped at our Jumble Sale in Ingleton, we couldn't do it without you, we raised a staggering £631.

Monies raised at these events is used to support local people with MS in with whatever they need, any excess is sent to Head Office to be used in researching a cure for this debilitating disease.

Lesley Barker

£500 for the Air Ambulance: Thank you to everybody who turned up to Michael Slinger's 80th birthday. It was a wonderful party and with your help we managed to raise £500 for the North West Air Ambulance. Thank you all for your generosity. Now we are looking forward to his 90th.

Janet Slinger

Victoria Institute Low Bentham

Table Top Sale. Sunday 9th October 11.30-2pm. Table hire only £5. To book a table ring 63162 or Diane 62780 : Kay 61977.

Ingleton NSPCC Table Top Sale on Sunday October 23rd, 10 - 2pm. Tables (provided) are £8. For further info please contact Sue Fitzsimmons 41516.

Friends of Tatham Fells Primary School jumble sale Saturday 12th November. Bentham Methodist Church side room.

12-1.30pm. Sarah Wallbank farad7@aol.com

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Bentham News is sad to announce that **Jane Miller**, who served as a much-loved and hard-working member of the Bentham News committee for a number of years, died on 3rd September. We will include an article in her memory next month.

Hosting Weekend on 7,8,9th October 2016. We have families signed up to come, but we will not be able to take children unless we have sufficient child car and booster seats, and we need to know in advance how many seats we will have.

If you have a child car or booster seat you are willing to lend, please contact Maggie Bruno (61616) or Annie Neligan (64886). We are desperate to hear from you.....

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Your Letters

Dear BN

Following the belated appearance of timetables at most bus stops between Low Bentham and Ingleton, I am not sure whether to congratulate Stagecoach or to commiserate with the ludicrous situation of operating the Route 80 service, more than half of which is in Lancashire, but extending into the alien territory of North Yorkshire.

I say ludicrous as, to complicate matters this service is the one and only entrusted to Stagecoach in North Yorkshire. So, while LCC undertakes the provision of passenger information at bus stops within its borders, and was able to do so in time for the timetable changes effective from 4 April, NYCC expects Stagecoach Lancashire (based in Carlisle, Cumbria) to take over at all stops beyond Wennington. And it's taken a mere four months to fill the gaps.

Well, all's as well as can be expected that ends (more or less) well! So can we expect any future changes to be better managed? Perhaps by arranging for Lancashire County Council to intrude on NYCC territory? Or is the daunting prospect of local authority collaboration on such a scale so utterly unthinkable?

Sincerely

Bob Sloan



September Planning Matters

(Taken From Clerk's Report to Bentham Town Council – 5th September)

By Shirley Brown

New Applications:

(1) There were no objections to the application to demolish an existing single storey flat roof extension and part of an existing glazed veranda and construction of a new pitch roof sun lounge with WC/shower/utility at 59 Robin Lane, High Bentham.

(2) Proposed works to protected trees including removal of some and hedge planting at Craven Concrete, Butts Works, Clapham Road, High Bentham. Cllr Townson expressed concern about the number of significant trees being removed and the TC asked that CDC look at this application very carefully.

Planning Decisions Received Since Last Meeting:

GRANTED:

(1) Change of use of Playing Field to residential development of 2 dwellings on land at Bank View, Burton Road, Low Bentham.

(2) Variation of conditions of approved application for caravan site to allow revised site layout (increasing the number of caravans from 19 to 26) and revised wording for the holiday occupancy restriction at Toll Bar Gardens, Wennington Road, Low Bentham.

Planning Correspondence:

There are further concerns regarding the Punch Bowl Hotel and use of land for motor homes.

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Lest We Forget —

Percy Preston Whitfield

Words By Allan Hartley

Research By Marilyn Hartley

Percy was born on 28 May 1879 at Thornton in Lonsdale, the youngest of five¹ sons to Frank² and Annie³ Whitfield, who farmed at Bowsber Clapham. We are not sure of Percy's pre-war life but we guess he worked with his father on the farm until his father retired, when Percy decided to emigrate to New Zealand in October 1910, making his home in Christchurch where he worked as a farmer.

When war broke out Percy enlisted in the New Zealand Expeditionary Force [NZE], Canterbury Regiment 3rd Battalion, 4th Brigade [NZE] as Private 44614 on 18 October 1916.

We are not sure where Percy served prior to his death but we do know that he left New Zealand for England, via Sydney, on 14 April 1917 and arrived on 28 May for training. During his time in England, he managed to secure leave to see his father in August before leaving for France on 5 September at a time when the New Zealand Regiments had been busy up and down the Belgium Salient, notably at the Battle of Messines Ridge (7 to 14 June). The New Zealanders had a major influence on the success of the battle in dislodging the Germans off the ridge as a softening up blow prior to the start of the Third Battle of Ypres (31 July to 6 November), better known as Passchendaele.

After 5 September Percy is recorded as being in the field, that field being Passchendaele, and it was at Passchendaele that Percy met his fate in the great seas of mud and tangled debris of war on 9 October 1917⁴ when he was reported missing and killed in action. Percy remains missing along with

38,000 other Commonwealth soldiers, with his name listed on the New Zealanders' memorial to the missing on the alcove at Tyne Cot

military cemetery NZ Apse Panel 2. News of Percy's death was conveyed to his father, Frank, who was now recorded as living at Hazeldene [Station Road?], Benthams.

A memorial took place at St Margaret's Church in November 1917, with the Rev GHC Bartley officiating. He acknowledged Percy's supreme sacrifice, noting that he was well respected throughout the farming community around the Benthams district.

Percy is commemorated on the memorial plaque on Station Road and also on the memorial plaques at St Margaret's Church and High Benthams Methodist Church.

Percy⁵ was the 27th Benthams man to be killed. He was 38.

Notes

1. We have no information on the names of the other sons, where they lived and what they did for a living, though Percy is mentioned as being the youngest son so it is unlikely his brothers served in the war due to their age. One we believe was a policeman in Morecambe?
2. Frank Whitfield was well known to the farming community around Benthams.
3. We have no information on Annie Whitfield.
4. The New Zealanders took a pounding at Passchendaele with 18,000 casualties and 5,000 deaths. 9 October was a particularly bad day when, during deteriorating conditions and strong German resistance, the attack by the II Anzacs failed at the first hurdle with heavy casualties, including Percy.
5. Percy's service record can be viewed by visiting www.nzhistory.net.nz/war



Bentham Library News

By John Frankland and Cllr. Linda Brockbank

Computer Club

Computer club is a joint venture between NYCC and Friends of Bentham Library which takes place on the last Thursday of the month. Anyone can come along, you don't have to book and you don't need to be a Library member.

Our aim is to help anyone who is either struggling with their technology or who just wants to get more familiar with it. It's very low key, friendly and definitely not technical! Simplicity is the best way to learn and we keep it simple and enjoyable. And there's tea and biscuits! So please come and join us on Thursday 27th October at 2pm.

If you aren't already a member of Bentham Library make a little time to visit and see what's on offer. Your suggestions for improving the Library are always welcome and if you have any spare time why not join as a volunteer. For more information about any of these events, call 01609 534533 or email:

bentham.library@northyorks.gov.uk
to find out more.

Library Opening Times

Bentham library is open:-

Mondays 2.30-7pm

Wednesdays 10am-4pm

Fridays 2.30-5.30pm

Saturdays 10am-12noon

Bentham News Post Office Update - September 2016

By David Alder

You will no doubt recall that I promised to try and keep you up to date on the long-running saga of the future of Bentham Post Office. This has proved somewhat more difficult than anticipated because communications from the Post Office Network Transformation team have continued to be sporadic, fragmentary and usually inconclusive.

The latest position at the time of writing – 12th September – is that there is still no agreed solution and that it could be at least another six months before any final conclusions are reached. I have indicated to the Post Office that this is a totally unacceptable state of affairs and am currently exploring various avenues to seek to expedite matters.

In the meantime please brace yourselves for the receipt of what will definitely be my last newsletter on the Christmas post!

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Craven District Council

Craven Concerns

By DCllr Ian Thompson Cllr.ithompson@cravencd.gov.uk

Tel: 015242 62472

Planning Matters: This month the Planning Committee rejected an application for lamppost advertising banners in Skipton, which had been submitted on behalf of Craven District Council! Although the banners would have produced much needed income to help balance the Council's loss of central government funding, it was felt that they would be unsightly. Just shows that the committee does not treat the council any differently from anyone else!

Need help to move your bins? Did you know that if there is no one in your household capable of moving your wheelie bin to be emptied you could ask the council for help? Each truck has a list of residents who have requested this service and at those homes the crew will collect the wheelie bin and return it. Details are available at <http://www.cravencd.gov.uk/assist> or you can call the Customer Helpline on 01756 700600.

Housing: The high price of housing often means that young people have to relocate in order to find an affordable place to live. When the only people who can afford to live in our villages are those who commute to work in the larger towns and cities, communities become dormitories and the social and economic mix of the area becomes unbalanced. Craven has joined six other local authorities to establish a network of Rural Housing Enablers (RHE) which is working to identify the housing needs of our rural communities. The RHE's role is to help take rural communities through the process of developing new affordable housing schemes for local people. You can find out more from Craven's Rural Housing Enabler, Emily Grogan on 01756 706433.



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Events in October

Town Hall Codes: TB Ballroom LH Lower Hall WR Wenningdale Room

Sat 1st Town Hall, 10am-12noon,

 Bowling Club Coffee Morning, TB.

Hellfield Village Inst., 10am-12pm,
Bentham and District Pet Rescue
Coffee Morning

Mon 3rd Lairgill Car Park, Meet 9.30am,
Walks for Women. And every Mon.

Pioneer Projects, Looking Well,
Carers group with Making Art For
those with Memory Loss both 10.15 -
12-15pm ring 62672 for details.

Victoria Inst., 10am-12noon,
Office Open. And every Mon.
12:15-2:15pm, Community Link
Café. And every Mon.

3.45-6pm, Helen Howard School of
Dance. And every Mon.

6:15-7:30pm, Tai Chi. Every Mon.

Town Hall, 9:30-11am, Zanna's
Adult Ballet. And every Mon. (not
24th) LH.

1-3pm, N Y Horizons. And Every
Mon. WR.

1-4pm, Indoor Bowls. TB.

7-8pm, Boxercise. Every Mon. TB.

8.15-9.15pm, Boxercise. And Every
Mon. TB.

7.30pm, Council Meeting. LH.

Bentham Methodist Church Hall,
10-11:30am, Toddle-in for parents
and carers with children 0-4. And
every Mon.

6.15-7.30pm, Springboard for
children aged 7-11 years. And every
Mon in term time.

Tues 4th Pioneer Projects, Looking Well,

10.30am, Tuesday@Looking Well
Drop-in with art activities and
Community Lunch at 1pm. Café
and Soup. And every Tues.

Pioneer Projects, Looking Well,
Writers Group, 11.30-1pm. And
every Tues.

Town Hall, 10am-12noon, Craft
Club. And every Tues. WR.

10-11am, Mature Movers. And
every Tues. LH.

7-8pm, Aerobics. And every Tues TB.

Victoria Inst., 10am-12noon,
Office Open. And every Tues.

3.45-8.30pm, Helen Howard School of
Dance. And every Tues.

7pm, Institute management
Committee Meeting

Bentham Footpath Group, Bents
Moor, 8 miles, Leaders Ann Butcher
and Susan Badley, 61472. *See page 37.*

Bentham Primary School Hall,
6-7pm, Yoga. And 11th & 18th.

Cedar House School, 6.15-7.45pm
Low Bentham Badminton Club. And
every Tues.

Wed 5th Pioneer Projects, Looking Well,
2-4pm, Art for All. Art Group. And
every Wed.

8-9.30pm, Singing for All . And 19th .

Victoria Inst., 10am-12 noon, Post
Office Services. And every Wed.

11:30am-2:15pm, Community Link
Café. And every Wed.

3.45-8.30pm, Helen Howard School of
Dance. And every Wed.

Methodist Church Hall, 9.30-
10.30am, Pilates with Sally Horn.
And every Wed.

 **Methodist Church**, 10-11:30am,
Coffee Morning. Donations to
local charities. And every Wed.

**Scottish Country Dancing in
Ingleton**. And every Wed. Contact
Mary Taylor 61672.

Thu 6th Victoria Inst., 10am-12 noon,
Bat'N'Chat. And every Thurs.

1-3.30pm, Piper's Painters. And
every Thurs.

4-8pm, Helen Howard School of
Dance. And every Thurs.

Town Hall, 9.30-10.30am, Pilates.
And every Thurs. LH.

7-8pm, Boxercise. And every Thurs.
TB.

7.30-10pm, High Bentham WI. LH.

Looking Well, 2-4pm, Art Shed,
Community Art. And every Thurs.

Methodist Church Hall, 2-4pm,
Welcome-In. Dominoes and tea for
all ages, for transport contact
Anthony 63156. And 20th.

Bentham Footpath Group, 7.30pm,
Looking Well, King St. AGM and
Jacob's Join Supper

Scottish Country Dancing in Settle.
And every Thu. Mary Taylor 61672.

Fri 7th Masonic Lodge, 10am-2.30pm,
Age Concern. Lillian Barton.

Victoria Inst., 10am-12noon, Post
Office Services. And every Fri.
4-7pm, Helen Howard School of
Dance. And every Fri.

Town Hall, 9:30-11am, Little Stars
Toddler Group. And every Fri. (not
28th)

8pm, Film Group, 'Florence Foster
Jenkins' TB. *See page 29.*

Methodist Church Hall, 6-7pm,
Yoga. And 14th and 21st.

Looking Well, 10.30-1pm, Art
Skills Development. For details ring
62672. And every Fri.

Sat 8th Town Hall, 10am – 12noon,
 Conservative Coffee Morning. TB.

Victoria Inst., 10am-12noon,
Book swap. And every 2nd Sat.

Sun 9th Victoria Inst., 11.30-2pm, Table Top
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Mon 10th Methodist Church Hall,
Pioneer Projects, Looking Well,
Making Art, ring 62672 for details.
For those with Memory Loss and their
carers. And 17th & 31st Oct.

Tues 11th Methodist Church, 2.15pm
Monthly Bright Hour, Pauline Wright.

Wed 12th Ingleton Community Centre
10am-12 noon, CAB. And 26th.

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Fri 14th Masonic Lodge, 10am- 2.30pm,
Age Concern. Exercise with Sally
Horn.

Sat 15th Town Hall, 10am-12noon,
 Age Concern Coffee Morning, TB.

Bentham Footpath Group, Staveley,
8miles, Leader George Sheridan,
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Thurs 20th Victoria Inst., 7.30pm, WI

Fri 21st Masonic Lodge, 10am-2.30 pm,
Age Concern. Lowgill village band....
foot tapping music

Bentham Footpath Group,
Ribbleway, 10 miles, Leader
Kate Rowe, 51402. *See page 37.*

Sat 22nd Town Hall, 10am-12noon,
Farm Community Network Coffee
Morning. TB.

Sun 23rd Clapham Village Hall, 10am-
4.30pm, Book Fair (And classical CDs)
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Thurs 27th Bentham Library, 2pm,
Computer Club. *See page 21.*

Bentham Footpath Group,
Winterburn, 6 miles, Leaders Janice
and David Toft, 62570. *See page 37.*

Fri 28th Masonic Lodge, 10am-2.30pm, Age
Concern. Raymond Gott.

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Sat 29th Town Hall, 10am-12noon,
 High Bentham WI Coffee Morning. TB
7.30-11pm, Ballroom, Jive and Line
dancing (Big G Dance) Bring drinks.
Methodist Church, Country Gospel
Concert with Paul Wheater. Free
Admission.

Mon 31st Methodist Church, 7.30pm,
Ewecross Historical Society, Sir John
Kerr: 'The Commonwealth War
Graves Commission'.

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Thank You, Bentham!

By Keith Hartley, Bentham Extra Care Group

Thank you indeed for your support in our recent Extra Care Housing (ECH) survey. Over 500 forms were completed. The national average return for external survey forms is just over 10%, but in Bentham we achieved over 20%, which reflects the strength of feeling I have encountered when people have approached me to offer their support. The overall results of the survey have far exceeded my own expectations.

North Yorkshire County Council have had a programme for building Extra Care Housing units across the county for some years, but so far Bentham has not been among the beneficiaries of this programme. This is because potential providers, i.e. agencies that will build and run the units, have said that there is insufficient need in Bentham to justify the investment. We have always said that this is a load of old rubbish, and thanks to you we believe we are now able to prove our case. The existence of need in Bentham can no longer be denied.

There are copies of the full data from the survey in the Library, Bentham Surgery and at the shop in Burton, and these are available for all to read. In summary, the main points are as follows:

- 478 respondents (98%) felt it was important (36) or very important (442) that people should not have to leave their home town when they become unable to live independently.
- 96% of respondents said they would like to see Extra Care Housing in the town, with 12% saying they would like to see a combination of both ECH and traditional residential care home.
- 357 people said that if they met the criteria, and if the facility was available they would be interested in moving into Extra Care Housing now. A further 104 people said it was something they would consider for the future.
- 166 people said they would like their ECH to be a bungalow. 157 would like a 2-bedroom apartment and 123 a single bedroom. Just 9 people would like a studio (bedsit) apartment.
- 212 people said they would wish to rent their ECH accommodation, whilst 171 said they would wish to buy. 54 people were interested in shared ownership, although it was apparent that many were unclear as to what this entailed.
- Of the facilities people wished to see incorporated in an Extra Care Housing Scheme, the five most popular were:
 - (1) Outdoor recreational/garden area
 - (2) Café/restaurant
 - (3) Newsagent/Post Office
 - (4) Communal Room
 - (5) Surgery/Treatment Room

What happens now? Well, the survey results and forms have been passed to the NYCC managers who are leading the implementation of the Extra Care Housing policy. They seemed to be very impressed by the strength of our commitment and the validity of our argument, so we hope that they in turn can impress their providers.

I will of course report any progress. Meanwhile, thank you once again.

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Bentham Group

By Stella Hall

On Friday 7th October Bentham Film Group will be showing in High Bentham Town Hall the film 'Florence Foster Jenkins' (Cert PG-13).

This is a 2016 British-French biographical comedy-drama directed by Stephen Frears. It tells the inspirational true story of a wealthy New York heiress played by Meryl Streep who obsessively attempts to pursue her dream of becoming a great singer.....in spite of her voice. Also starring Hugh Grant and Simon Helberg, the film celebrates the human spirit, the power of music and the passion of amateurs everywhere.

As usual, the film starts at 8pm and tickets cost £5 on the door.

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Hornby Happenings

By Pat Seber

Hornby Singers

The first meeting of the new term for the Hornby Singers went very well with 21 people coming together to make a joyful noise. It was lovely to be able to welcome new members and we look forward to seeing (and hearing) them again when we meet in October. The dates for the afternoon group are the 11th and 25th October (2nd and 4th Tuesdays in the month) from 1.30pm - 3.30pm.

At the time of writing we have not had the first of the evening 'Come and Sing' meetings. But we are ever hopeful and have booked the Institute from 7.00pm - 9.00pm on the 4th and 18th of October. (1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month)

Each meeting cost £4.00 with refreshments. For further information call Pat on 015242 21449

Hornby Flower Club:

The next meeting of the Flower Club will be on Thursday 20th October at 7.30pm in the Institute. Our speaker will be Jacob Phelps. The theme is 'How not to grow Orchids'. These are beautiful flowers but why is it so difficult to keep them flowering. No doubt Jacob will tell us what we are doing wrong.



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August At Age Concern



By Mary Brougham

Well another month has flown by and here I am again to bring you up to date on all that has been happening at Age Concern. At the beginning of the month Dave Mulligan and Sue Halsall came along to entertain us and very good they were too. Sue played the flute, harmonica and guitar, while Dave played guitar and sang popular songs originally sung by Hank Williams and Elvis Presley. He even went back as far as Flannigan and Allan and George Formby. It's funny how some of the old songs never seem to age and are still as popular today.

Hazel and Gordon took a full busload to the Potting Shed at Bolton-le-Sands where everyone had lunch. Well, the first course anyway as Arnside was supposed to be the next stop for dessert, but unfortunately it was too busy and parking was a problem, so Sizergh farm cafe was the next option where lovely puddings and ice cream were enjoyed by all. On the journey to Sizergh the bus passed through Sandside where Bessie and Isabel recalled that when they were young, they used to go there on Sunday school outings to have a picnic on the beach. It was nice for them to be able to reminisce about old times. Marjorie bought two Acer trees, one yellow and one red, and May a necklace and some candle holders.

John Mathias also entertained us this month. He's been in show business for twenty years or more and is absolutely fabulous. A brilliant all rounder, he's as happy telling jokes, reciting funny poems or singing some of our favourite songs so we called him Mr Music, a well-deserved title.

Josh Yardy, a young man of tremendous talent, also came along to play some spiritual songs for us on his trumpet. Josh is going to Cardiff Conservatoire to study music for four years. I predict a very bright future for this wonderful young man; his mum and dad must be enormously proud of him. He was ably accompanied by Keith Hartley on

drums and Mary Longton on keyboard.

Age Concern received a generous donation from the coffee morning held at the Methodist Church. This is much appreciated as it helps us to continue giving a valuable service to older people. I would also like to give a big thank you to Raymond Gott who has very kindly given us a printer so we are now able to do all our own printing. I hope you all enjoyed Bentham Show; my daughter Susan and I certainly did. It was a pity about the weather but that's something we can't do anything about.

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Bentham Area Refugee Support Group

By Maggie Bruno 015242 61616

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It is wonderful that we now have 11 host families in Bentham and Burton waiting to welcome our refugee and asylum seeking visitors for the weekend of 7, 8, 9 October. Service users from the Red Cross are also signed up to come and enjoy the warm welcome waiting for them in the Yorkshire Dales.

As mentioned in last month's Bentham News, local folk have been extremely generous in offering time, venues and themselves to help with this weekend. We have visits to a local farm, White Scar Cave, Bentham Pottery, and the Wensleydale Creamery organised, along with walks, and a visit to the Great Stone.

On Saturday evening we will be celebrating together at a Ceilidh in Burton Village Hall from 7.00pm – 10.00pm, and if you would like an invitation to come along and join in the fun, please contact me (61616) or Annie Neligan (64886). Any contribution to the veggie Jacobs Join would be welcome.

On Sunday morning 9 October at 11.15am in St Oswald's Church at Thornton, there will be an opportunity to express our support and stand together in an Act of Solidarity, learn from each other as we listen to refugee stories, and share in their experience as we reflect on what it is to be a refugee. Everyone is welcome to come along and be part of this.

BUT..... WE DO STILL NEED YOUR HELP! If you have child car

seats, or booster seats you would be willing to loan for the weekend, we would love to hear from you.



Although refugee families are signed up to come, we will not be able to have children unless we have enough child car and booster seats, and we need to know in advance how many seats we will have available.

SO ... Please get in contact with me (61616) or Annie (64886), if you have child car or booster seats you would be willing to lend us. We are desperate to hear from you!

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Little Stars Baby & Toddler Group

By Lauren Green

At Little Stars we have had another very successful year. During the school summer holidays we held two special sessions, on the 12th and 19th August, and at each session we had approximately 34 children! The children enjoyed a bouncy farm and a summer party and Ruth and I had lots of fun too.

We held a cake stall at Low Bentham Street Market and raised £43 for Little Stars so thank you to everyone who donated cakes or bought cakes from our stall.

On Friday 21st October we will be having a super spooky Halloween party so get your costumes on and come and scare us silly!



Little Stars runs every Friday during term time upstairs at High Bentham Town Hall, 9.30am til 11am at a cost of £1.50 per family. Our fun group is suitable for children aged 0-3 years old and we have lots of toys and crafts that everyone can enjoy. We also provide refreshments which is included in the entry fee.

Keep up to date on what is happening at Little Stars by joining our Facebook group, or telephone Ruth on 62574 for more information.

Children's Nearly New Sale In Halton

By Susan Lucas

The Centre @ Halton is continuing its successful programme of events with another Children's Nearly New Sale on Saturday 15th October from 10am-noon.

There will be over 20 tables selling a wide variety of children's goods, including nursery equipment, toys, clothes and relevant household items. Tables need to be booked for £10 each in advance. To book a table contact Maureen Richardson on 01524 811316 or by emailing:-

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Mrs C A Boocock, Headteacher

September saw the start of the 2016/2017 academic year.

Mrs Claire Steele has returned to school after knee surgery and, in her role as Sports Co-ordinator, is very much looking forward to further developing the children's sporting skills following their success in last year's Cluster Sporting events when they were the victors in the group championship.

We would like to welcome to the school Miss Emily Green, who is teaching children in Class 4.

We send our congratulations to Mrs Helen Harrison and her husband, James, on the birth of their gorgeous baby daughter, Paige Helen, and wish the new family the very best.

We say a very sad but fond farewell to Mr Paul Taylor, our Chair of Governors, Mrs Helen Jarvis and Mrs Gowan Sedgwick, who have all served on the school's Board of Governors for a number of years. Their dedication, support, expertise and knowledge will be greatly missed. Also leaving the Board this month is Mr Andrew Thwaite. Mr Thwaite joined Bentham C P School's Board of Governors more recently as an Associate Governor, with an expertise in matters relating to building structures and remedial works. Needless to say, we now have vacancies on our Board. If any members of the community would be interested in becoming a Governor, a role which is both challenging and rewarding, then please contact Sally Johnson in the School Office.

Mrs Catherine Boocock will be retiring at Easter 2017 and Governors are already busy working alongside the Local Authority to recruit a new Headteacher. Parents, children and the community will be kept up-to-date as this important project moves

forward. It is anticipated that interviews will take place during January 2017. In the meantime, Mrs Boocock will be working part-time and will be in school on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Miss Pearson, the School's Assistant Headteacher, will be taking on the demanding role of Acting Headteacher on Thursdays and Fridays.

We have many exciting and educational activities planned for the children this year. On 12th and 13th September, Year 5 children took part in 'Bikeability' Training as part of the School's continuing road safety programme. Also on 12th September, Year 6 started their swimming lessons, which take place weekly in September 2016 at Settle Swimming Pool. The School would like to thank the Friends of Settle Swimming Pool for their support and financial assistance towards the cost of swimming lessons.

The visit by the school photographer on 15th September marked the first school photograph of their educational journey for some children and their parents and for others the last of their primary years. On the 20th, 21st and 23rd September all our Key Stage 2 children visited Colt Head Park at Ribbleshead, where they took part in investigative hands-on learning about Viking settlements to support the Autumn Term's topic 'Vikings and Anglo-Saxons'. Once again, we would like to thank Yorkshire Millennium Trust for their financial assistance with this excursion.

Finally, if you have a child of pre-school age and would like them to join our Ofsted Outstanding Early Years' Provision, then please do not hesitate to contact the school on 015242 61412. We still have a limited number of FREE places available, which will be allocated on a first-come first-served basis.



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Footpath Matters

By Kate Rowe

*"Brown October brings the last
Of ripening fruits, from Summer past"*



As I write this, my Victoria plum tree is laden with fruit for the first time, though they are rather small. Will I beat the birds to them I wonder? There seemed to be a good crop of blackberries in the hedges this year. I picked my first blackberries in Brittany in mid August. They were not as juicy as ours, but were very sweet. We may be looking out for sloes on our walks this month. A few years ago I mistook sloes for blackcurrants in my freezer. I made a crumble and my grandson started eating first, and complained of the big stones. I told him there weren't stones in blackcurrants, just pips, until I took a bite and realized my error.

Our first walk is an 8 mile walk, Bents Moor on Tuesday 4th. Here's an opportunity to walk much of the Heritage Trail and other familiar local paths. With a 10am start straight from Lairgill, we'll walk up the valley via Linghaw to cross the river at Greystonegill Bridge, then on to Gruskhams Lane Head to reach Bents Moor. The return route passes Oakhead, Willow Tree and Low Bottom.

The Staveley walk on Saturday 15th is also 8 miles. Starting from Staveley we take a steady ascent up to Potters Tarn and Gurnal Dabs. We then take paths and a

short piece of road walk to the River Kent at Bowston where we cross the river. We follow the Dales Way along the river bank back to Staveley.

The seventh part of the Ribble Way, 10 miles, goes from Hurst Green and heads towards Preston on Friday 21st. From Hurst Green we follow the Ribble to Ribchester, continuing through fields and woods to Red Scar. This is an attractive linear walk and buses may be used to return to the start so please bring bus passes.

Our final walk, Winterburn, is on Thursday 27th. We will park in Hetton on the roadside opposite the Angel Hotel. We then take Moor Lane up to the Winterburn Reservoir and follow the edge of the reservoir (a bit uneven) for a while before turning off to a farm lane leading to Way Gill Farm and then on to the hamlet of Winterburn. Here we turn left up Hills Lane and then left to join Cross Lane back to Moor Lane and Hetton (and the pub). This is a moderate walk of about 6.5 miles with some steady climbing on good tracks and roads.

All walks start from Lairgill and, apart from the first, start at 9.30am.

Early notice for next month, Thursday 3rd November 7 miles at Sizergh.

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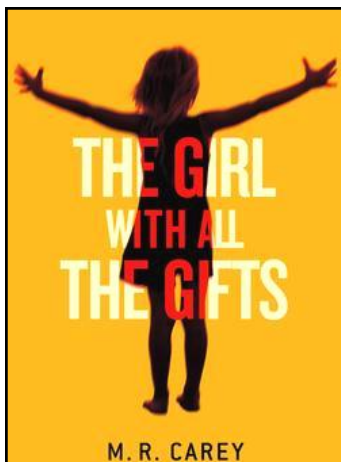
Teen Book Review By Imogene Henshaw

20 years ago a mutated form of the fungus *Ophiocordyceps unilateralis* (otherwise known as the 'Zombie Ant' fungus) infected almost all of humanity, this fungus spreads throughout it's host body destroying the person's personality, sentience and self-awareness within minutes of infection. The host then becomes something called a Hungry (essentially a zombie) that is completely inactive and static until it smells an uninfected human and instantly becomes alert, sprinting to the person with the sole intent of eating them.

For as long as she can remember Melanie has lived in her cell. Every day she is woken up, strapped to her wheelchair by Sergeant Parks and his soldiers, and wheeled to the classroom to be taught. At the end of the day she is wheeled back to her cell, unstrapped from the chair and locked in to sleep until the morning. This is all she has ever known.

There used be more people in Melanie's class but slowly, one by one, they've been taken by the scary Dr Caldwell through the big metal door at the end of the corridor. Melanie has never seen through this door, but when Dr Caldwell chooses to take her she is about to find out.

I really, really, really, really loved this book. It's a fresh new take on the zombie genre with detailed, yet easily understandable biological explanations of how the fungus works (I'm a sucker for detailed science. It's part of why I liked 'The Martian' so much by Andy Weir). Melanie's character also provides a very interesting narrative. A film adaptation of this book is going to be released at the end of this month and I am very much looking forward to seeing it, although I'm not confident about how well the book has been adapted. I would recommend this book to absolutely EVERYONE.



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Bentham Parish Church

– St John's

What's Going On At St John's Church?

By Maggie Bruno, PCC Secretary, Parish of Bentham

Much has been happening at St John's since May 2015 when the Parish Church Council of St John's adopted our church plan, a framework for the next 5 years in which the Church could grow spiritually and in number, and share God's love as its members serve the local community around us.

One of our major priorities is to update our church building to make it fit for purpose: so we have plans to develop the building, putting in proper toilet facilities, creating a new kitchen area and additional rooms for meetings, children's activities and hospitality – though we know this will be a long term project!

We meet for worship twice on Sundays – at 8.00am for a service of said Holy Communion every Sunday, and at 10.30am for a Service of Holy Communion with hymns 3 times monthly. On the 4th Sunday of each month, we have a much more informal morning service, and of course we welcome everyone to all of these. We have a small children's corner, and families are always welcome – we love to hear the sound of children's voices, so no worry about noise! On Thursday mornings the 10.00am Holy Communion Service continues to be held in St Boniface's Church – a midweek time of prayer and stillness.

St John's now has a growing choir which leads the singing at special services, and is always looking for others to join it, so if you love to sing why not come along? We also have a bell ringing group, ringing on Wednesday evenings which would welcome anyone interested in trying this out.

The Parish of Bentham is now part of the Ingleborough Team of Churches, with Revd Anne Russell

as Team Rector (015242 61609, 07528 572072). She is always available, as is the Revd Tim Madeley (015242 80098) who joined us in July as our new Team Curate. We have regular Bible Study and Enquirer's groups, with the next weekly Bible Study groups starting on 12th September and a new START Enquirer's group starting on 29th September. Everyone is welcome to these groups – details on the Church notice board outside the chemist – no need for any previous church connections, and never too late to come along!

Our Church family supports each other and the community through prayer, visiting and social events. In baptisms, marriages and funerals we celebrate and grieve together. As we pray for those in need among us, we have our next service of healing on 2nd October at 10.30, a special time for laying on of hands for anyone who wishes for this ministry and open to all. Our prayer group meets every Tuesday at 9.00am. On 6th November we will be remembering our loved ones who are no longer with us, in a special service for the bereaved 'In Memory'. In our wider care for the world, we are supporting refugees, and will be standing alongside them in the Act of Solidarity at Thornton Church on 9th October at 11.15am as part of the Refugee Hosting Weekend. Why not join us then?

A monthly lunch club at the Punch Bowl in Low Bentham has recently started – 12.30pm on 13th October is the next date for your diary to enjoy this get together, especially if you are on your own, and everyone is welcome. We know very well that the competing demands of work and family life often make it difficult for families to be free on Sunday mornings. That's why Families@4 is a time for families with young children to meet, share, and have fun as part of the Church. Our next date is the Pumpkin Party on 22nd October so do make sure this is in the family diary!



90th Meadow For Her Majesty's 90th Birthday

By Sarah Pettifer,

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Meadow makers from the Forest of Bowland joined others from across the country to help HRH The Prince of Wales create the 90th new Coronation Meadow in the heart of London. Named The Queen's Meadow, this new wildflower hay meadow has been created in The Green Park, near Buckingham Palace, in the year of Her Majesty's 90th Birthday.

It marks a major milestone in the Coronation Meadows project, which was launched at Highgrove in 2013 by HRH The Prince of Wales, as his tribute to The Queen on the 60th anniversary of Her Majesty's Coronation.

The Coronation Meadows project aims to bring together the people, plants and animals that help to create and maintain our nation's precious wildflower meadows, and to create a new meadow in every UK county.

The UK has lost over 97% of its wildflower meadows since the 2nd World War and only tiny fragments of these meadows now survive. In each of 88 counties across the UK, one such ancient meadow has been crowned as that county's flagship Coronation Meadow. Seed from these ancient Coronation Meadows is being used to create new Coronation Meadows in the same county, thus preserving the unique character and identity of the original ancient meadows.

Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust (YDMT) and the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding

Natural Beauty (AONB) have been working together with local farmers and landowners to help protect and restore wildflower hay meadows across Bowland.

Since 2012, native wildflower species have been reintroduced into 100 hectares of degraded meadows across the region. Much of the seed for this work has been sourced from just one site; Bell Sykes meadows near Slaidburn – a Site of Special Scientific Interest and the Coronation Meadows site for Lancashire.

Bowland Hay Time Officer Sarah Robinson said: "We've already restored 25 meadows covering 50 hectares with seed sustainably collected from Bell Sykes meadows since 2012. I think this is a remarkable achievement which has been made possible thanks to the fantastic support of Bell Sykes farmer Peter Blackwell. It was wonderful to have our work recognised with the invitation to attend the creation of The Queen's Meadow in London."

Bell Sykes farmer Peter Blackwell said: "With the continuation of the Coronation Meadows project, Sarah Robinson and I were invited to London to the creation of The Queen's Meadow in The Green Park. It was a pleasure to meet HRH The Prince of Wales and to be part of a fantastic day."



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Esmée's Summer Of Sport

By Shirley Brown from an interview with Esmée's mum, Cherry Holgate

Esmée has had a really colourful couple of months since we last reported on her progress with judo in the July BN.

She has already been on the 'North West Area British Judo' team for a year, and now she has been selected for 'The North West Area Elite Talent Development Programme'. This elite programme provides our best young competitive athletes with additional training. It gives them more advanced technical judo sessions and specific strength and conditioning activities. Esmée is thrilled to have been selected and has embraced the new work regime that it has entailed vigorously.

Maybe too vigorously because before the summer holidays Esmée fell over a friend in the school yard and fractured her elbow! Obviously this changed how she was able to train, so, unable to fight, she focused instead on maintaining her fitness levels. When her plaster was finally removed just 48

hours before a very important tournament in Norfolk, the fracture had healed perfectly so she was given the all clear to fight. Even though she hadn't fought for over a month she still decided to have a go in this tournament because it was a ranked event in the world of competitive judo and would be invaluable to her with 'The British Minors Competition' coming up soon. She fought with great spirit and determination winning all her fights, including one against a player who was a British Minor Champion! The result was that Esmée brought home the gold medal and 'The Eastern Area Champion' title to add to her 'North West Champion' title. She has had a great summer doing something she loves and training hard and now she's preparing for the British Minors Championships in Scotland in October.

Along with her judo success, Esmée was also awarded player of the year by the Kirkby Lonsdale netball team and Craven Wanderers Football's good sport trophy for 2016. We say well done to a very determined and hard-working young Bentham lass.





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Emma Collins Sponsored Bike Ride

By Denise Henshaw

We reported in the June and July Bentham News on Emma's sponsored bike ride from her home in Bentham to the Preston North End football stadium on the 16th July. This was to raise money for her team, voted Preston's Team of the Year, to travel to Dallas in the USA in April 2017 to take part in the International Girls' Cup.

The bike ride was a real family effort as her dad, Alan, cycled with her and mum, Anne, drove the support car with brother Sean there too.

Emma's Under 16s team need to raise £20,000 between them to cover the cost of the trip and Emma reports she has just counted up all her sponsorship money and has raised £840 from her efforts alone! Amazing success and if you would like to donate visit www.pnewjcdallastour.co.uk or leave in an envelope at The Gallery.

Pictures by Alan and Anne Collins show Emma and her team mates meeting her at the end of the race at Deepdale, top right, and left on the Quernmore road.



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Settle Students Learn About Conscientious Objectors In WWI

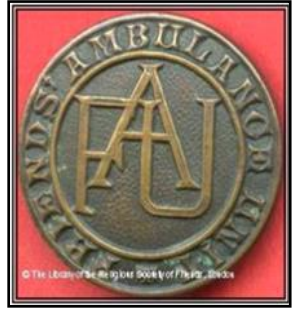
By Matilda Holt, Year 8 student

To commemorate the centenary of the First World War, our Year 8 history class were visited by a group of historians from the local museum, The Folly, led by Rob Freeman. The purpose of the project was to learn about Settle's history during the course of the war. We learned what it was like for the people of Settle, more specifically the Quaker residents, who became conscientious objectors during the Great War.

During the First World War, many people in Settle were Quakers and became conscientious objectors. They were people who rejected violence and would not partake in conflict throughout the period of the war. There are many stories about the lives they led throughout WWI and we were lucky enough to find out more about their roles within the conflict and on the Home Front. Also, thanks to the Folly's archive, we were able to learn what life was like in Settle in the early 20th century.

We had thought-provoking discussions about conscientious objectors and how they

were treated for their beliefs. We looked at both sides of the stories and learned how hard it was to be a conscientious objector at the time. Using websites like



ancestry.com and looking at the archives of the FAU (the Friends' Ambulance Unit), we looked into the lives of the Horners, a Quaker family, in particular Wilfred Horner, a conscientious objector. We travelled through Wilfred's life, from boarding school, to him joining the Friends' Ambulance Unit, to his doing

great deeds within the FAU, which earned him a medal for bravery.

We also saw how public opinion regarding conscientious objectors changed from hostility to thankfulness over the course of the war, and how many were honoured for the parts they played. The whole experience was informative and made us think more deeply about what happened locally during the war. It has given us a chance to experience

history hands on.



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much money, it was quite outstanding. The generosity shown by so many people is humbling.

We would also like to thank Mal Brayshaw for his generosity and a sterling job as compère and auctioneer on the evening.

SO FAR... we have raised £3,880.

We are still waiting for some monies to come in

The monies will be sent to the charities at the end of September so we will publish the final amount in next month's Bentham News.

However, if you would like to donate to these very worthy causes, the account details are as follows:-

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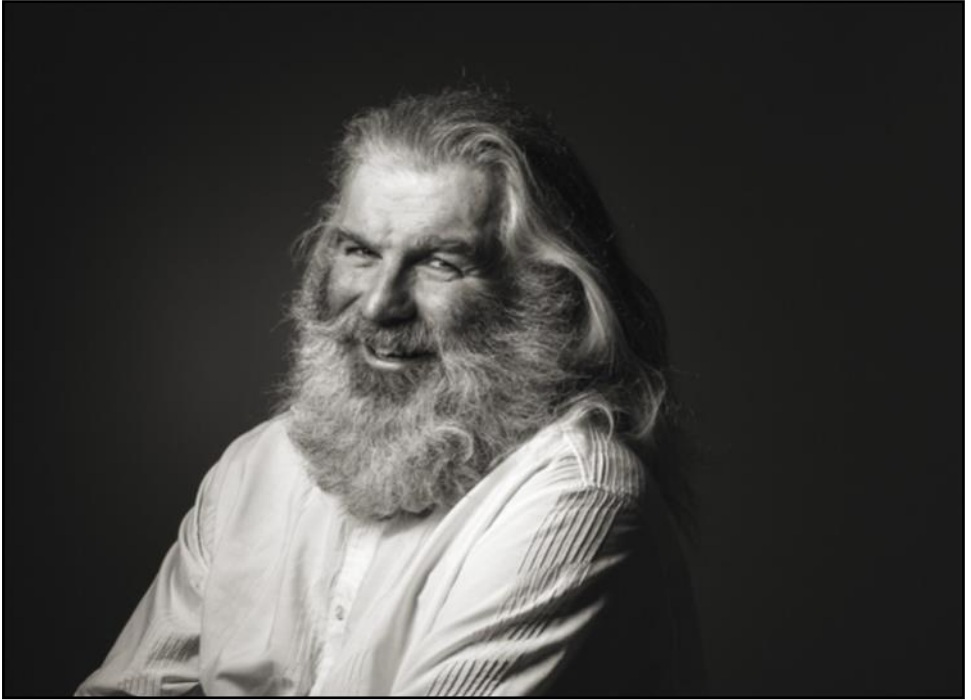
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Eddie Briggs Hair Chop Fundraiser

By Diane Briggs

As many of you are aware on Saturday 6th August Eddie shaved off all of his hair and humongous beard. The hair – ponytail to be exact, has been around for a good few years as a lot of you know and meant a great deal to him. His beard on the other hand, had only eight months' growth. Still the overall appearance was, well in the words of some...unusual! He gained many nicknames over the period of time; Hagrid, Moses, Shadrach, Kenny, Grizzly Adams to name but a few and some we'd best not print!

He decided that any monies raised would go to three charities that are very close to our hearts:-

Alzheimer's Research UK – local
British Heart Foundation UK – local
Cancer Research UK – local

Dani set up a Facebook event page, explaining what it was all about and details of the event itself and we took it from there. We set about getting sponsor money from people far and wide. With the venue and DJ booked we were on our way.

So on the evening of 6th August a new man was born and a new nickname was needed – Action Man!

A good evening was had by all who came to witness the event.

So, on behalf of all the Briggs clan, we would like to thank everyone who sponsored Ed. For such a small event to raise so
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