

BENTHAM NEWS

SUNNY, SUCCESSFUL SHOW DAY

Photographs courtesy of Paul Metcalfe. (See the show article on page 19)



Above is a lovely action shot in the Children's Riding Class Event and below, T & E Priestley's fine pedigree "Limousin" prizewinners.



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RECIPE FOR GROWTH

By Angela Robertson and Rachael Priestley

Three local lasses are working on a recipe for growth. Between them they are hoping to create a "Bridge House Farm experience" in nearby Wray.

One word to describe Karen Halstead is motivated. She has taken over Bridge House Farm café bistro in Wray and is brimming with ideas and enthusiasm. When we visited there was a delicious smell from the kitchen and she appeared with a tray of freshly baked scones.

Karen grew up in Bentham and her mum has the shop "Pigtails"? in the Main Street. At seventeen she moved away to work at Northcote Manor outside Clitheroe and later went to work in a Michelin- starred restaurant in London. "I'm not a city girl" she admits cheerfully. "I'm happy to be back up here. I've always wanted my own tearooms so this is a dream come true".

Her plans include holding a bistro night on the first and last Saturday of the month. She's keen that the good home cooking is eco-friendly, keeping with the seasons as far as possible. On the last Friday of the month she hopes children will join her after school for a fun afternoon making, baking and playing. Karen also offers outside catering from family parties to weddings. She's keen to keep some gifts on display for sale in the tearooms. This will provide opportunities for local artists to showcase their work.

She hopes to encourage families to picnic on the nearby field, putting out baskets of toys and setting up a deli-bar inside with tasty treats. She is in the process of making home-made jams and chutneys and planning Christmas hampers.....just watch this space!

Both Bentham born and bred, Helen Tomlinson and Ann Winnery began their garden centre alongside the café/bistro in Wray two years ago. Like Karen they are keen to develop their business and are busy creating a new indoor space alongside the garden centre in September.



They began their business after a difficult time in their lives. Helen's husband, Alan, had a tragic accident and died. Around the same time Ann's job was being relocated to Carlisle. They decided to follow their dream and Greenfoot Gardens has grown from green shoots into a business attracting customers from all around the surrounding area. They were featured recently as the "flowerpot girls" in the Lancashire Life magazine.

It is difficult for them competing with the larger garden centres but they offer the local friendly approach. They have a good artistic eye choosing quality plants and containers and show a real enthusiasm for growing things. Their garden centre is a tranquil place and you can sit on the terrace overlooking the river and enjoy a pot of tea in the peaceful atmosphere. One of their regulars suggested that coming there felt like a healing place, almost like coming for therapy!

Of course it's not sunshine all the way. Helen admits there's not much fun in receiving a delivery of compost when it's throwing it down and it's all got to be moved by hand. There's no forklift truck!

Like Karen they're keen to encourage families. The willow maze created by Stella Kenyon from Wray, using local willow, has proved a success with children.

So there's lots to appeal to food lovers and gardeners of all ages. Between them they're well on their way to realizing their "Bridge House Farm experience."

TOWN COUNCIL

By Trevor Blackwell and Charlotte Munday

The full Minutes of the Town Council's September meeting will be available on the Town Council website. Here are some points which interested us. Out of eleven town councillors five sent apologies: Thomas Marshall, Tony Burton, Gerald Hurtley, Chris Barnes and Keith Webster. Craven District Cllr Lin Barrington and North Yorkshire County Cllr David Ireton were present, together with four members of the public.

Police Report

PC Carpenter from Settle attended to answer questions. In response to concern about parking on Springfield he suggested that vehicles causing a problem should be reported at the time.

County and District Reports

Cllr Ireton is hoping for speedy progress on the new school proposals as funding is only committed till April 2011.

Cllr Barrington updated us on the Wenning Avenue resurfacing, and is hoping for a start date in mid-October. Councillors and residents had done a "walkabout" on Main Street, spotting "dingy bits", and taking photos. These will be sent to those authorities and individuals responsible. Some money may be available for improvements.

How Wide is a Road?

There was concern that the white line on the Low Bentham to Wennington road has not been replaced after the re-surfacing. A bemusing response from the Highways Department stated that the line would not be replaced because to qualify rural roads should be at least 5.5 metres in width for at least a length of 60 metres, and our road is mainly 5.3 metres. The Town Council considers the situation to be dangerous, and is going to contest this ruling and ask for the figures to be reviewed. (So if anyone has a spare moment and a tape measure...)

Council and BEST unite over Green Bentham

Yorkshire Dales Green Communities have

welcomed Bentham into their programme. The Town Council and BEST have formed a new partnership to explore ways of reducing our carbon footprint. The Council sees this as an exciting project.

Parish Caretaker Jobs

A large number of the wooden benches have now been painted and the rubbish removed from the Low Bentham School field. The Council is preparing a list of jobs for the winter months. Contact Jo Burton, Town Clerk, if you have any suggestions for work on community facilities.

Low Bentham School Playing Field

The field is now licensed to be open from dawn to dusk, and a rota of local residents will unlock and lock the gate. The Council emphasised that the field is for children, not dogs.

Concessionary Fares

After strong protests from the Town Council the County Council has indicated that the Bentham bus might be exempted from the 9.30 concessionary fares start rule, but there is no guarantee at this stage.

More Nuclear Power Stations?

The Council decided not to support a House of Commons Early Day Motion questioning the need for more nuclear power stations.

The Community Centre Tree

Bentham News readers may remember the debate about the tree in front of the Community Centre (is it a Robinia Pseudoacacia or a Robinia Hispidia?). In relation to a requested Tree Protection Order the Council discussed re-location of this tree to avoid future damage to the building. One possibility is the station garden near Pauline Hill's memorial bench.

And finally...

We amateur reporters must apologise for missing out on an important story. Under **Highway Matters** our notes say: "Something lost?? Kept in Ingleton safe place...Can't be retrieved because shed contains asbestos. B.W. offered to wear face mask, but has been turned down". Unfortunately we never quite got what was lost. Perhaps one of the councillors could enlighten us?

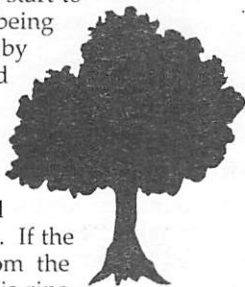
GARDENING COLUMN



By Joyce Knapp

October already, where did the summer go? Did it go by mainly in September? I think it did, as we who are from farming families will be aware, hay-time occurred mainly in September; ah well, better late than never! At least we have experienced plenty of sunshine in the early part of September to help ripen tree fruits such as plums and early varieties of apples. Even the hazel nuts are beginning to harden off and turn brown, but will benefit from being left on the tree until the second week in October.

We often experience problems knowing just when to pick crops, if the fruit is picked too early it is hard and unpalatable and if we leave it on the trees too long the fruits become over-ripe and start to split and decay, often being helped along the way by invading wasps and other insects. I believe the best tactic is to inspect them regularly and test by twisting an individual fruit a couple of times. If the fruit comes away from the branch easily, then it is ripe for picking; if not, it needs to be left a little longer – and if you have children in the family this is a task they will love to help you with, especially as they eagerly anticipate eating the fruit when it finally ripens.



This year I have acquired a recipe for Courgette cake and was fortunate enough to have been given several courgettes with which to try out the said recipe. The cake is so delicious that I have decided to grow my own next year, but I shall only grow four plants at the most, as they are very prolific, take up much space in the allotment and are very hungry feeders (a friend of mine used to grow her courgette plants directly in her home-made compost heap).

October is the month to run an eye over the whole of our gardens, looking to find any plants that need a trim before the winter gales set in. Perhaps the most obvious of

these is the Buddleia/Butterfly bush, as it's spindly growth waves around with great abandon. The basic idea is to reduce the overall height of each bush by cutting off approximately half the length of new, current year's growth. This task is completed in spring when we can take the surviving stems down to around 2' high, thus bringing the next year's flowers down to eye level.

NATURE NOTES

By David Fisher

The prospect of autumn is upon us, with the butterfly counts just about over. Berries of the season ripen and are, of course, a good source of food for our bird species.

October draws an end to our salmon fishing and another long time awaits us till the start of the new season.

Other creatures of the night, like the hibernating bat, must also prepare for the long sleep required during a spell of not so plentiful food supply. Winter is looming, not far away now.

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CRAVEN CONCERNS

By Lin Barrington

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A Walk-About in Bentham

On the evening of 2nd September, a group of suspicious-looking characters could be seen walking around the centre of High Bentham, stopping to ponder, write notes and take photos. One of them was me, and the others were members of Bentham Town Council and officers of Craven District Council and North Yorkshire County Council.

We were looking at ways in which we could tidy up and improve the centre; a list was made of dirty, bent, out of date signs, crumbling pavement, nasty litter bins etc. There is a bit of money (not a lot!) to make some improvement, so we hope to see some changes in the near future.

Community Governance Review

Craven District Council is carrying out a review of parish boundaries and the number of councillors we have in Bentham. The review covers the whole of Craven and recommends changes for a number of parishes.

Where are our boundaries?

It seems that there is no current record, nor is it plotted on the OS map. The boundary between High and Low Bentham has been plotted using the register of electors, and a small change to the present arrangement is being suggested in the Mewith Lane/West

Lane Hill area. If you want to know more, get in touch with me and I'll give you the detail, or you can phone Craven District Council – Colin Iveson on 01756 706231.

How Many Town Councillors?

At the moment, we have 7 Town Councillors representing High Bentham and 4 representing Low Bentham. The current number of registered electors for High Bentham is 1835 and for Low Bentham is 738. This means that each High Bentham councillor is representing 262 electors and each Low Bentham councillor is representing only 185 electors.

The proposal is that in future High Bentham should have 8 Town Councillors and Low Bentham should have 3, which would go a long way to equalising the number of electors represented by each councillor, and is in line with the number of councillors in other similar-sized parishes such as Settle and Sutton-in-Craven. Bentham Town Council had to co-opt councillors this year because there were not enough candidates put forward to trigger an election, so there isn't really justification for increasing the number of councillors.

How to have your say

If you want to make any comments or find out more, you have until Monday 6th December to make your views known, by e-mail at governancereview@cravendc.gov.uk or by post to Parishes Review, Democratic Services, Craven District Council, Council Offices, Granville Street, Skipton BD23 1PS. For more information phone 01756 706241.

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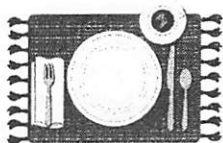
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COOKERY PAGE

By Patsy Henderson



Spanish style chicken with prawns

Recipe - Serves 4

4 chicken quarters
1 tbsp olive oil
1 red pepper
1 medium onion
2 cloves garlic, chopped
400g can chopped tomatoes
200ml dry white wine
4 tbsp fresh oregano, chopped
125g chorizo sausage
125g peeled prawns
seasoning
rice to serve

Method

Skin the chicken pieces. Heat the oil in a wide, heavy pan and fry the chicken, turning occasionally, until golden brown. Deseed and slice the pepper and slice the onion. Add the pepper and onion to the pan and fry gently to soften. Add the garlic, tomatoes and oregano. Season with salt and pepper and bring to the boil. Cover the pan and simmer for about 45 minutes until the chicken is tender.

Thinly slice the chorizo and add to the pan along with the prawns and simmer for a further 5 minutes. Adjust the seasoning to taste and serve with the rice.

Blackberry and apple pudding

Recipe - Serves 6 to 8

450g cooking apples, peeled, cored and thinly sliced

450g blackberries, washed and drained

600ml water

180g sugar

8 - 12 slices of white bread, crusts removed

Method

Simmer the fruit in the water until just tender, stir in the sugar until dissolved and set aside to cool.

Line a 2 pint basin with the bread. Fill one third of the basin with fruit mixture, cover with a circle of bread, then add more fruit and another circle of bread. Then add more fruit to almost fill the basin and add a final circle of bread. Cover with a saucer which fits the top of the basin and place a weight on top. Place in the fridge and leave for 24 - 48 hours. Turn out onto a serving dish. Serve with cream or plain yoghurt. Any leftover fruit can be strained and the juice poured over the served pudding.

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WINTER CHANGES TO BROWN BIN COLLECTIONS

CDC Press Release

Garden waste collections will be suspended from early December to February, Craven District Council has announced.

During December, January and February there is a dramatic reduction (of 80%) in the amount of garden waste collected. Because of this, the Council has decided to suspend garden waste collections over this period. Those households on Week 1 collections will finish on w/c 6th December; those on Week 2 collections will finish w/c 13th December. Week 1 collections will start again w/c 28th February 2011 with Week 2 starting w/c 7th March.

Although there is very little garden waste to be collected during the winter, the Council's vehicles still have to visit every property on the garden waste scheme to empty any bins placed on the kerbside. This uses as much fuel for small quantities of waste as it does if the bins were full. The environmental benefit of recycling the waste is therefore outweighed by the environmental impact of the collection during this period.

During winter the garden waste bins are much more likely to crack or break when emptied due to any damp contents becoming frozen inside. Replacement of these bins becomes an unnecessary cost for the Council.

Councillor Paul Whitaker, Lead Member for the Environment at the Council, said:

"With Council budgets expected to be slashed by up to 40% when the Government announces the findings from its Comprehensive Spending Review in October, we have to look at sensible ways of saving money. Demand for garden waste collections over this period is significantly less than at other times of the year so it is common sense to stop the brown bin collections for this short space of time."

As an alternative, residents could use home composters, (more information is available on the Council's website www.cravencdc.gov.uk) or take their garden waste to the Household Waste & Recycling Centres in Skipton and Settle. The Council will still be collecting Christmas trees. More details will follow nearer the time.

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BUS PASS PETITION

By Lin Barrington

Look out for a Petition asking North Yorkshire County Council to consider making 9.00am the time from which bus pass holders can use their passes.

The County Council is taking over the running of the bus pass scheme from April 2011 and is proposing a morning start time of 9.30am for using passes. This would make it difficult for people using a bus pass to catch a bus to Lancaster or Settle and have enough time to do shopping or go to appointments before coming home. Many would be severely inconvenienced.

Most people I have spoken to feel that a start time of 9.00 am would be better.

If you would like to have a copy of the petition so you can collect signatures, please get in touch with me on 015242 61034 or e-mail me on linbarrington@live.co.uk.

The County Council has asked for comments on the proposal to be submitted to it by 31st October.

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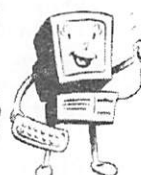
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By Bill Kennedy

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"FEET FOR FRANKIE"

By Sharon Haslam

On Sunday 29th August, the day after Frankie's first birthday, Dawn Dixon, Sharon Haslam and Liz Forgione (Frankie's Nanna and Dawn and Sharon's sister), family and friends joined in a walk with over a hundred people to raise money for Derian House.

Frankie was born on 28th August 2009 to the delight of Sean and Kim. Frankie was happy and healthy for the first three months, after which he started to become ill. It took a number of months, many trips to the hospital and loads of tests before we found out that Frankie has a very rare brain disease named Krabbe Leukodystrophy. This cruel disease has taken Frankie's eyesight, he can't swallow properly or move and has to be fed by a tube. Most babies with Krabbe do not see their 2nd birthday with the average age of 13 months. Frankie is just over one so the clock is ticking. Frankie, Sean and Kim have had a number of visits to Derian House. The staff are fantastic and have helped by providing respite, support and resources for Frankie and his Mum and Dad.

You can find this quote from Kim on - www.caringbridge.org/visit/frankieforgione/mystory. "We love our baby boy more than anything in this world and still don't know why this has happened to him, us and our family..... He's a very special baby, our beautiful baby boy".

Dawn Dixon and Sharon Haslam are organising a fancy dress Halloween Party for children on Friday 29th October 6.30pm - 9.30pm. Tickets £2.50 and £3.00, if not in fancy dress. All proceeds to Derian House.

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On Saturday October 16th Churches Celebrate Together from 2.00-4.30pm. This is a Seminar by Rev Richard Hardy at Westhouse Methodist Chapel, for those who work with children and young people. Contact Rev Tony Willmont Tel: 015242 61655 or Thomas Fawcett 015242 41222.

On Sunday, October 17th at 6.30pm there will be a Churches Celebrate Together celebration at High Bentham Methodist Chapel. Speaker Rev Richard Hardy.

On Tuesday 5th October a "Christianity Explored" course begins, 7-8.30pm, at the Methodist Church. Everyone is welcome. See below.

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For more information contact Mary or Peter on 61534.



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Inspiration Needed

By Anne Yaman

As usual we will be looking to run some trips during the half term holidays.

We are looking for some inspiration on places you may like to go so please have a think and give the office a ring on 62753. We need a minimum of 6 people to do a trip and cost will be dependant on where we go but it is typically around £7.00 for adults and half price for children.

We will put plenty of posters up once we have decided on the outings but please call to talk to either John or Hazel if you want further information.

QUAKER WEEK Oct 4th - 10th

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By Shirley Macdonald

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ABSOLUTELY SPLASHING SWIMMING CLUB

By Helen Sharpe

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YESTERDAY IN BENTHAM

Keith Hartley takes a light-hearted look at Bentham and its people, as first seen through the pages of the Bentham News edition of twenty years ago.

October 1990

I must have missed, in some earlier edition, the explanation of why Councillor Marshall would be looking for mushrooms in the town's Burial Ground. Anyway, at this month's Council meeting (where, incidentally, members of the public outnumbered the Councillors by 10 to 7) Cllr Marshall had to report that he had been unable to find any!

The Council also heard that a Goodenber Road greyhound owner strenuously denied his dogs were responsible for the incessant barking about which complaints had been received. It was suggested that possibly it was a neighbour's terrier doing impressions!

I'm amazed that our Council were able to devote time to discussing such trivia when really important issues such as the purchase of a plastic Santa Claus for Main Street and the redecoration of the Town Hall's dressing rooms were also on the agenda!

At the same meeting, one of our Councillors said he was appalled to hear that Craven College could only offer three adult education classes in Bentham.

If only!

As BN reached its fourth birthday, this month's edition carried a two-page article about the production of Bentham News in which its dire financial circumstances became clear. With the publication making an operating loss of £410 in the first six months of the year, its ability to continue publishing was in serious doubt, and it is only with the benefit of hindsight that we can see how this was resolved. The hard work and dedication of the editorial team over the past 20 years has ensured that Bentham News became a publication people wanted to read. This in turn meant it also became a publication in which local business people wanted to advertise, the

revenue from which enabled BN to attain the level of financial solvency it enjoys today.

Bentham's newly formed *Age Concern* published a ground-breaking report on the difficult subject of arranging a funeral. It concluded that pre-arranged (and pre-paid) funerals offer greatest levels of reassurance and take away a good deal of stress from the bereaved.

At the time this article was written, Age Concern England recommended a company called Chosen Heritage as being the best of the funeral plan providers. I wouldn't know if they're still the best, but for what it's worth I've checked on the Web and they do still exist.

In this issue *Hairlines* took out a quarter-page advertisement to launch their new 1990 hairdressing price list. Not being a *Highlights* or *Tinting* person (honest!) I wouldn't know how their prices compare to the present day, but I thought some BN readers may be interested to make the comparison, so I have listed a few below.

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As the time for the *Hippie Convoy* approached, BN once more became the means by which Benthamers expressed their feelings about the annual "invasion" of Linghaw by a convoy of buses and vans which were the "homes" of a group of *New Age Travellers*. Opinions varied across the spectrum from "leave them alone" to "something should be done etc." but whilst today mention of the convoy would probably bring just a nostalgic smile, it's clear that twenty years ago many thought the visit was far from funny.

Finally, Bentham News this month offered congratulations to Mr and Mrs Atkinson of Parkinson Farm and Mr and Mrs Thornborough of Lakeber Drive who all celebrated their Golden Wedding on October 6th.

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By Barbara McLernon

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The first time the Society performed this show was way back in 1977 when the late Mary Leeming from Bentham took the role of "Bloody Mary" and we feel sure she would have approved of the portrayal of that role, now being undertaken by Audrey Daley.

The show has been well documented over the years and contains popular musical numbers such as Bali Hi, Dames, Some Enchanted Evening, Wash That Man Right Out Of My Hair, Younger than Springtime, Bloody Mary and Dites Moi, sung by Emile's two children.

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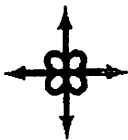


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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP



By Maureen Ellis

Our programme organisers have furnished the following data: "the new 4 monthly programme consists of 16 walks between 5 and 12 miles; the average number of walkers is 14; new members are always welcome to join this friendly group; walks start at 9.30 at Lairgill and those without a car can get a lift".

The first walk of the month is the Barbon Circular on Sunday 3rd. It is 8 miles and goes along Barbon Fell Bottom, passing the Andy Goldsworthy Sheep Folds. It is back past the Casterton Golf Links and then past Casterton Hall and onwards to Kirkby Lonsdale.

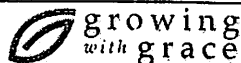
Tuesday 5th brings the Gargrave /Airton 8 miler which is a circular walk from Gargrave towards Airton using part of the Pennine Way at first. We return near to Coniston Cold and then back to Gargrave. It is a bit of up and down and some river bank walking.

On Friday 8th there is the Annual General Meeting and Jacobs Join Supper at 7.30pm at the Looking Well.

I have no details of the Moughton walk of Thursday 14th.

The walk on Thursday 21st is the 7 miles Smearsett walk which starts at Buckhaw Brow then goes to Smearsett, Stainforth and Stackhouse.

On Saturday 30th there is the Norber/Crummack 9 miler which starts at Austwick and takes in Norber, Crummack and Wharfe and then returns to Austwick.



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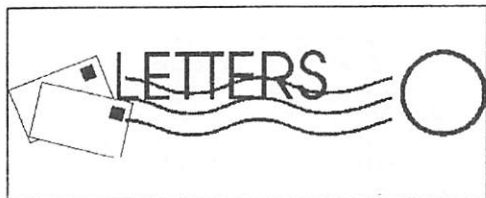


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Dear Bentham News,

Can anyone explain why the poo bin at the entrance to the golf course has been removed without so much as a by-your-leave? We dog walkers have often been vilified in this publication for fouling the streets of this fair town. However, despite the appalling lack of poo-bins in some areas of Bentham (even before this bin was removed), most of us are scrupulous in cleaning up after our four-legged friends – and some of us even carry spare poo-bags to scoop up stuff that's been abandoned by less conscientious dog owners. However, having picked it up, what are we supposed to do with it?

Do those of you who don't walk dogs have any idea how far we are expected to carry our little parcels of poo to the nearest bin? We've often thought it perverse that there is no bin on or near Butts Lane, where many people walk their dogs. It is now possible to walk from the top of Goodenber Road, along Lakeber Drive, up Robin Lane to the golf course or down Butts Lane and out to Springfield without encountering a single bin of any description. We have often picked up other people's dog mess from the golf course or Robin Lane – we'll be much less willing to do so now the one bin in the area has been removed, and we suspect that other dog owners may be less inclined to clean up after their own dogs.

We can only presume that a person or persons have objected to the presence of the bin at the golf course – these same individuals will no doubt be equally outraged by the sight of dog poo on the path. We find it hard to understand how its location could have caused offence – it was on a public footpath, in the hedgerow. However, given that someone has presumably objected, it is surely not impossible to re-site the bin somewhere in the vicinity where it will not cause offence?

In the meantime, we trust that those of us who continue to clean up after our dogs, despite the shortage of bins, will be given some credit for this. Compared to Friday and Saturday night revellers who regularly festoon the streets with beer cans, broken bottles and take-away cartons, Bentham's canine residents leave very little mess for anyone to complain about.

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AS ONE DOOR CLOSES..

By Keith Hartley

Following the successful completion of his apprenticeship with a Lancaster hairdresser, Tom Guy's mother encouraged him to follow in his father's footsteps and start his own hairdressing business. The result of this was that 23 year old Tom reopened the shop premises at No. 8 Station Road and in 1963 took the first steps towards establishing what was to become probably the best known business in the area. Now, sadly, after the passing of its founder earlier this year, and after 47 years of continued snipping, free opinion, loan of a sympathetic ear, theoretical golf tuition and downright good company, the shop that was *Tom Guy, Extraordinaire* is to close its door to hairdressing.

That does not, however, mean that snipping, free opinion, sympathetic ears and good company will no longer be available in Station Road. On the contrary, in early October Rachel Dawber and Alison Murray, who have effectively done Tom's "snipping"



for some years, will be transferring their hairdressing skills to the opposite side of the street, and *The Barber Shop* will emerge from the old Oglethorpe office.

Whilst sorry to see the closure of what has surely been a Bentham institution, I know that many will wish to join me in wishing Rachel and Ali the very best of luck in their new venture.

PS. For those searching the depths of their memory to identify Tom's customer in the photograph, I'm reliably informed that it was *Francis Forster* who owned the shop next door to Tom that is now the Sue Ryder shop. Ali (left) and Rachel need no identification!

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KIRKBY LONSDALE EMBROIDERERS

By Ann Hunter

The group started the new session, after a break for August, with the AGM and a 'stitch in' with UFO's, (all those unfinished items - the intentions are always so good!) We have a really super programme planned for the 2010/2011 year, including making a smocked Christmas bauble - really fascinating - blackwork, box making, needle felting as well as various speakers and a possible trip.

We had a really good trip in August this year taking in Texere Yarns in Bradford, (oh those bulging bags and lighter weight purses!) and then going on to Bankfield Museum in Halifax. We are a very friendly group and we meet on the second Thursday in the month at Barbon village hall. The parking is good and it is a very comfortable venue. Our usual time is 2pm to 4pm, unless we have a full day workshop. For further details about the group and the programme please contact Pat Mann on 015242 21017. We look forward to hearing from you.

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SKATE PARK AND TENNIS COURTS



By Pam Woof

Plans are in place to start work on the skate park and tennis courts later this month and will take 4 to 6 weeks to complete. Hopefully by the end of November we shall have two new floodlit tennis courts with the facilities for netball and basketball too - and the skate park of course! Plans are in place to renew the under 8s play equipment too, dependent upon funding.

Fund raising

We will have to match any grant given for the under 8s' play area and there are always ongoing costs of maintaining the facilities on the field. To this end we are always grateful for any help from the community. We should like to thank Val Sedgwick who has recently made another donation of £100 from the sale of her handmade cards this summer.

Club House

The club house now has a new heater in the main room and will be available very soon for private hire for parties etc. Anyone interested should contact me on 61387 or Anne Yaman at Little Red Bus in the Station building.

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WHAT A SHOW!

By Peter Phillips

On the Thursday the markers came to Bellflecker field and began pegging out the ground ready for the 138th Bentham Show. Sheep pens were erected and ropes marked out the area for the equestrian events. Parts of the field were mown. On Friday the lorry arrived with the marquees and a forklift truck beetled about unloading canvas, poles and ropes. Within hours, thanks to a well drilled procedure, both marquees were up.

Saturday morning dawned fair. The sun shone and by 8.30am the field was a scene of hustle and bustle as farm trailers, horse boxes, vintage cars, goats, chickens and entries for the flower and produce competition hurried in. By 10am the Show was on and the Stewards were busy marshalling vehicles and pedestrians through the gates. Luckily most of the cow pads had been covered with earth. (Incidentally, why are cattle always put on the field about two weeks before the Show? Is it to give the Townies a 'feel' for the Countryside?!) The atmosphere was wonderful. This being the first outside Show for three years due to the weather, everyone was out to enjoy it. The crowds came and it seemed like most of Bentham was present at one time or another. The Mayor and his Lady were there as was our local MP.

The horses jumped, the dogs and pygmy goats strutted their stuff, the sheep and cattle were looking their best, children enjoyed the go-carts and bouncy castle whilst parents and farmers enjoyed an ice cream or a pint.

All praise to the organisers and thanks for all their hard work. What a Show!

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LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Fri 1st Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10am-2.30pm. Australia - slides and talk by Arthur and Dorothy.

Yoga at the Town Hall, 6.30-7.30pm and every Friday.

Looking Well 10.30am-1pm. Art Skills Development, and on 8th, 15th and 22nd.

GFI at the Methodist Church Hall, 7-8pm school years 6,7 & 8, and 8.15-9.15pm for school years 9+, and every Friday in term time.

Sat 2nd Farmers' Market at the Town Hall, 9.30am-1.30pm.

Bowling Club coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10am-12noon. 

Sun 3rd Bentham Footpath Group walk, Barbon circular, 8 miles, leaders Tom & Joyce Connolly 42129. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Mon 4th Craven Customer Services at the Town Hall, 10am-12.30pm and every Monday.

Indoor Bowls at the Town Hall, 1-4pm and every Monday.

Town Council meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Toddle-in for parents/carers and babies/toddlers, 10-11.30am Methodist Church Hall and every Monday.

Adventurers Group for 4-6 year olds, 3.45-4.45pm Methodist Church Hall, and every Monday in term time.

Springboard for 7-10 year olds, 6.15-7.30pm, Methodist School Room and every Monday in term time.

Gentle walks for women, leave Lairgill 9.30am and every Monday.

Looking Well 6.45-9.15pm, Positive Parenting, also on 11th and 18th.

Victoria Institute, Tai Chi 6.15-7.15pm and every Monday.

Mon 4th

Victoria Institute Drop-in, 10am-12noon, also on 6th, 11th, 13th, 18th, 20th, 25th and 27th. Community Link Café 1.30-3.30pm and every Monday. Slimming Group, 5.30-6.30pm and every Monday.

Tue 5th

Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2-4pm.

Men's walking group leaves Looking Well 9.30am returns 11.30pm, and 19th.

Looking Well, 10.30am-1pm Creative Kitchen Garden, also on 12th and 19th. 11.30am-1pm, Creative Writing Group, also on 12th and 19th. 7.30-9.30pm, Singing in Harmony, also on 12th and 19th.

Craft Club at the Wenningdale Room, 10am-12noon and every Tuesday.

Yoga at the Town Hall, 6-7pm and every Tuesday.

Aerobics at the Town Hall, 7.30-8.30pm and every Tuesday.

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Gargrave/Airton, 8 miles leader Bridget Moody 01535 215467. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Wed 6th

NSPCC monthly meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.

Coffee morning at the Methodist Church, 10-11.30am and every Wednesday. Donations to local charities.

Looking Well, 2-4pm, Art for All, beginners welcome and on 13th and 20th. 11am-1.30pm, Positive Futures Project and on 13th and 20th. 11-1.30pm Café IN and 13th and 20th. 11-4pm Community Art Shed and on 13th and 20th.

Victoria Institute, 11.30am-2.30pm, Community Link Café and every Wednesday. 2.30pm, Line Dancing and every Wednesday.

Thu 7th

Town Hall 6-7.30pm Rosemary Conley Fitness Club and every Thursday.

High Bentham W.I. meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. See page 37.

- Thu 7th Looking Well 11am-1.30pm, Cancer Support Group Drop in, and on 14th and 21st.
Swimming at Hornby for over 50s (men and women). Tel Barbara 62873 or Carol 61233 for transport, and every Thursday.
Looking Well, 1.30-4pm, Men's Shed, also 14th and 21st.
Victoria Institute, Bat n' Chat 10am-12noon and every Thursday.
Victoria Institute, Gardening 1-3pm and every Thursday. 10am-1pm, Art Classes and every Thursday.
- Fri 8th Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10am-2.30pm, extend exercise with Colin Etherington.
Bentham Footpath Group AGM and Jacob's Join Supper, Looking Well, 7.30pm.
Until 10th December. New exhibition designed to coincide with World Mental Health Day. Looking Well 10am-3pm.
- Sat 9th Cancer Support Group coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10am-12noon. 
- Mon 11th Looking Well, 7-9.30pm, Mindfulness Meditation Group, also on 25th.
Craven District Council meeting at the Town Hall, 5-9pm.
- Tue 12th Bright Hour at the Methodist Church, 2.15pm. Speakers Peter and Cécile Nock.
- Thu 14th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Moughton, 8 miles, leader David Fisher 61449. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
Welcome-in dominoes, for all ages, 2-4pm Methodist Church Hall. For transport contact Nigel/Kath on 62272. Also on 28th.
Pensioners Party, 7pm, Methodist Church Hall, contact Liz 61230 for transport.
- Fri 15th Waste paper collection at Lairgill car park, 8.30-11am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10am-2.30pm. Quiz.
- Fri 15th Lancaster And Skipton Rail Users Group AGM at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. Guest speaker Phil Thickett, Operational Manager Northern Rail.
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- Sat 16th Conservative coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10am-12noon.
Victoria Institute, 10am-4pm, Book making with Pat Cave.
Bentham Film Group at Victoria Institute, 7.30pm. See page 26.
- Tue 19th Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery 2-4pm.
Thornton and Burton in Lonsdale Mothers Union, 2pm Burton Church Room, "Guide Dogs for the Blind".
- Wed 20th Bentham First Responders meeting at the Looking Well, 7pm.
- Thu 21st Low Bentham WI meeting at the Victoria Institute, 7.30pm. See page 37.
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Smearsett, 7 miles, leader Kate Rowe 51402. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
- Fri 22nd Age Concern at Masonic Hall, 10am-2.30pm. A lighter look at end of life issues, C. Broadhead.
- Sat 23rd Age Concern coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10am-12noon.
- Mon 25th Ewecross Historical Society meeting at the Town Hall 7.30pm. Peter Higginbotham - "Workhouses".
- Tue 26th Bright Hour, Methodist Church, 2.15pm. Speaker Joy Bell.
Until 28th. Holiday club for primary school children, 10am-12noon, Methodist Church Hall.
- Fri 29th Bentham News published.
Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10am-2.30pm, Card Bingo.
- Sat 30th High Bentham School coffee morning, 10am-12noon, at the Town Hall. 
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Norber/Crummack 9 miles, leader Dennis Chamberlain 21436. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

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BENTHAM COMMUNITY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

By Lynda Graveson

Don't miss this year's spectacular lantern procession, bonfire and fireworks which will take place on Saturday 30th October. The theme for this year's lantern procession will be "Bees". The procession accompanied by Dalton-in-Furness's acclaimed drumming band Boom Dang, will set off from Cleveland Square car park at 6.20pm, reaching the Auction Yard around 6.45pm. Grasmere Drive and Goodenber Road will be closed for 10 minutes and the Main Street for approximately 20 minutes. Black Powder Monkeys firework team will provide a stunning display of fireworks from around the world. As in previous years a range of food will be available.

Family Lantern Making Workshops

Come and join the procession with your lantern which you can make at Looking Well Studios every day during half term from 2.30 to 4.30pm, starting on Saturday 23rd until Friday 29th October. Children must be accompanied by an adult, no booking is required but places are available on a first come first served basis.

Bonfire

The bonfire can be built from Friday 29th October. Garden cuttings or wood are ideal but please do not dump tyres, builders waste, grass or mattresses etc.

Entrance Fees

The entrance fee into the bonfire and fireworks will be £3.50 for adults and £1.50 for children. This fee applies to lantern bearers as well so please be ready to buy tickets from ticket sellers on the street to avoid a hold up at the Auction entrance. Tickets will also be available from Looking Well the week before the bonfire during lantern workshop times only.

Stewards needed

We need numerous stewards and ticket sellers and would be grateful if anyone

willing to help would contact Lynda Graveson at Looking Well Studios 62672, Gareth Adams 61182 or Bernie Wills 61438.

PIED PIPER SEEKS YOUNG RATS

By Trevor Blackwell

Are you young? Would you like to act in a film? Bentham Theatre Group are looking for children and teenagers who would like to act in two short films to be included in their next pantomime - The Pied Piper - to be performed February 23rd-26th 2011. The first film shows the rats following the Pied Piper out of Bentham to be drowned in the Wenning (or are they?), and the second shows the children dancing out to be imprisoned in Yordas cave.

If you are interested in being in the films (or just in the panto) please come on Sunday October 10th, between 2.00pm and 3.00pm, to the Methodist Church Hall (just behind the Methodist Church in Station Road). Alternatively, if you can't make it, phone Sue Bloxham on Bentham 62037.

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NYCC TO CLOSE MIDDLE SCHOOLS!

By Vicky Sawyer

This is a public appeal to everyone in Bentham to help put a stop to North Yorkshire County Council's proposal to close both middle schools that currently feed Settle College.

I write as a parent of 4 children, who will all be affected by this proposal. The proposal plans to extend provision in all local primary schools for an extra school year, and then pupils will travel to Settle College for 'at least' the next five years of their education.

(There are also plans in the same proposal to set up a 'formal partnership with Craven College and/or other local providers for the delivery of post 16 provision'.)

There is a campaign page on facebook (Search for Keep Ingleton Middle School Open) that has links to online petitions, online feedback forms for presenting views of pupils/families/neighbours who will be affected by this proposal, contact details of

all local councillors and our local MP's contact details, as well as discussion topics for every sentence of the proposal. I will personally pass all views on to the panel.

There are petitions available in all villages affected by these proposals. Bentham has petitions in the Black Bull public house, Pigtales, Duxburys (Ken's), The Horse & Farrier public house, The Spar, Slipped Disc and The Fish Inn. Please ask to sign if they are not in an obvious place.

There are public meetings which will be held on:

- Monday 4th October, 6.30pm at Ingleton Middle School, Ingleton, LA6 3BU;
- Tuesday 5th October, 6.30pm at Settle Victoria Hall, Kirkgate, Settle, BD24 9DZ.

Full copies of the proposal are available from all schools in the catchment area of Settle College, please drop in and ask for one, or read the transcription of the proposal in the notes section of the facebook campaign page.

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BENTHAM FILM GROUP "IT'S COMPLICATED"

By Stella Hall

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The film starts at 7.30pm in the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham. There will be an interval for refreshments and a raffle will be drawn.

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NEW BENTHAM YOUTH CAFÉ DUE TO OPEN SOON!

By Anne Yaman

You may have noticed from the activity outside the old Community Centre that we are well on the way to opening the new Community Youth Centre. "Watch the building and watch this space for further details"!!

This could not have happened without the help and support of many organisations. Following the Council's purchase of the building, we have received generous support for the refurbishment from Leader Funding (made available through the Rural Development Programme for England which is jointly funded by DEFRA and the European Union and managed by Yorkshire Forward in the Yorkshire and Humber Region), Craven District Council Capital Fund, Craven Area Forum and others.

It is really exciting to see that this building has come the full circle back to a youth centre and when ready will be a wonderful facility to provide our young people with their own space.

Mat Parkinson, the new Youth and Development Worker, joined us at the beginning of August and has made a positive impact in the six weeks he has been here. He has an impressive background working with youngsters in an inner city environment and is really enthusiastic about working here in Bentham. He has already led a trip to Lightwater Valley which was well attended.

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By Jo Burton (Town Clerk)

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Produced using Bentham talent and Bentham businesses, 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 and supporting a worthy local cause.

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Roy Jenkins - Sue and her son, Sam, would like to thank everyone for their messages of sympathy received at this sad time. We are both so grateful for all the support and help that everyone has given to us. A very special thanks has to go to Dr Mairi McKirdy who looked after Roy during his illness, and has been a constant support to Sam and I since that time. Also, the team I work with at Bentham Medical Practice deserve a huge thank you for being so supportive. We would also like to thank Jimmy Macdonald for all his help and support with the funeral arrangements.

Woodhouse - the family of the late Jimmy Woodhouse of Barkin Gate Farm, Roeburndale, wish to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their flowers, baking, cards and messages of sympathy following their sad loss. A special thanks to Edward, the organist, who with the congregation singing, raised the roof. Thanks to all who came to Jimmy's funeral from far and near.

Thanks

Nicky and Jess Simpson. We would like to thank all our wonderful family and friends for making our 50th and 18th Birthday Week so special. After the losses and grief of the last year, you have made us both feel so special, with so many lovely surprise parties and get-togethers. Thank you all, with particular thanks to Carrie, Cara,



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LOW BENTHAM STREET MARKET SUCCESS

By Sharon Haslam

On August Bank Holiday Low Bentham was buzzing as the Street Market got under-way. The sun shone and there were over 30 stall holders selling a variety of goods. The smell of bacon filled the air and the massive scones filled with jam and cream was enjoyed in the beautiful community garden at the rear of the Victoria Institute.

The day was a great success, which was due largely to the hard work and dedication of the committee and the army of helpers which support us every year.

The day raised over £1,000 that will go towards the upkeep of the Victoria Institute. This year the main hall was painted and the floor re-varnished, the first phase of the garden was completed, the woodworm in the roof was treated and by the end of the year the final phase of the double - glazed windows will be replaced.

But it is like painting the Forth Bridge. There is always something that needs to be done. Very soon we will need to replace the boiler that was installed in the early eighties and is getting towards the end of its shelf life. This will need major funds so if you have any fundraising ideas or would like to join the committee please phone Jo on 63162.

The next fund-raising event will be the Christmas Fayre on Sunday 14th November, from 11.00am to 3.00pm. To book a table for £6.00 please telephone 63162.

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LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Julie Vass

October sees our traditional half-term involvement in the Lantern-making Workshops and Bentham Bonfire Procession, as well as contributing to World Mental Health Day (October 10th) events throughout the region.

Lantern Workshops – Sat 23rd to Fri 29th Oct (incl Sun 24th) 2.30 - 4.30pm

Workshops are for individuals and families making lanterns for the bonfire procession – all welcome. Children under 12 years must be accompanied. Due to the popularity of the workshops, we are running them on a first-to-arrive basis.

Positive Futures - Every Wednesday 11.00 – 1.30pm

This project offers supported learning and training to build confidence and increase skills that can help towards employment or volunteering. The project is ideal for those who have been out of work for some time, in particular through ill health, and need a bit more assistance to get back into learning. It includes access to free accredited or certificated courses. New participants should ideally get involved before November.

A String of Pearls - Exhibition

This exhibition has been designed to coincide with World Mental Health Day and has been

created by people experiencing Memory Loss and their carers.

Exhibition in the Stairwell Gallery runs from October 8th – December 10th. You are welcome to view between 10.00 – 3.00 pm Monday - Friday.

World Mental Health Day – Events in Skipton and Kendal

We will be contributing art work to awareness-raising events in Skipton (8th October) and Kendal (7-12th October). Contact Julie for more details.

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BEST NEWS

By Tim Austin

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In short, the scheme has been a resounding success, with 6,850 new installations registered since the scheme was introduced in April. Solar power has been the main beneficiary, with wind next, followed by hydro schemes, like the one in Settle.

This success is being bolstered by specialist firms offering leasing deals, where they provide solar installations to householders for nothing (that's free, gratis, nada, now!), and allow the homeowner to use any electricity generated without charge. The leasing company owns the panels and keeps the Feed-In Tariff.

So successful are these schemes (at saving energy for householders, and as a long-term investment for the leasing firms) that British Gas is now offering a similar deal to its customers, with M&S Energy likely to follow suit. Why not do a little research online and find out if you could get free solar panels on your roof?

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FREE BUSINESS SUPPORT FOR RURAL CRAVEN



By Sophie Wild

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If you noticed the article in last month's issue about the business support available and would like to find out how it could help you start up or develop a business then come along to a FREE information session in Bentham on Wednesday 20 October 2010.

Choose between an afternoon session running from 1pm - 3pm at the Looking Well Studios in High Bentham or an evening session running from 6pm - 8pm at the Victoria Institute in Low Bentham. To reserve your place or find out more please contact Sophie Wild on 01756 692788 or swild@craven-college.ac.uk or go to www.worcnet.co.uk/fullcircle.

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WILD WEST MACMILLAN PARTY A HUGE SUCCESS

By Mandy Booth

I would like to say a big "thank you" to everyone who came to the wild west party at the Town Hall on Bank Holiday Saturday. There were nearly one hundred people there, all dressed up and having a great night.

Overall we raised £287.00 for Bentham Seniors Football Club, with them running the bottle bar. But also, the magnificent amount of £1,100 was raised for MacMillan, of which over £300 was raised by Bobby Hodgson having a sponsored chest wax on stage, (painfully comical!). Thanks Bobby.

Another big "thank you" needs to go to all the local businesses which gave generously for the raffle.

I also need to say thanks to Angela Chapman for helping as much as she possibly could, Nick Louth (DJ), Jimmy, Sam and John (the band), Cassey Harvet (singer), Dave (lighting and sound) and everyone else who helped on the bar, setting up and cleaning up, and also Robin Zahler for the photos.

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By Anne Yaman

The August meeting was held on Thursday 2nd September when there was a very interesting talk on the subject of the benefits of Aloe Vera. The competition was won by Joni Weekley and Sue Camacho was second.

The ladies of High Bentham did the Institute proud at Bentham Show on 4th September with a very large number of entries which resulted in the Institute again winning the silver salver for the most number of points. The competition for 5 items on the theme for a special event was a close call between ourselves, Lowgill and Low Bentham in which we came joint second. Congratulations to Lowgill for their fine Bonfire Entry.

The next meeting on Thursday 7th October in the Lower Town Hall will be our AGM at 7.30pm.

Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

At Bentham Show Low Bentham W.I. came joint second in the W.I. Co-operative section and Sylvia Brennand won the cup for the most points in the handicraft section.

Caroline Goleczka from "Image Flair" will give a beauty presentation at the next meeting on 21st October at 7.30pm in the Victoria Institute. It promises to be a good evening so why not come along and meet Caroline?

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BENTHAM INDOOR BOWLING

By Peter Shallcross



Indoor bowling sessions are held in Bentham Town Hall each Monday during the winter from 1.00-4.00pm.

There are three short mats which allow up to eighteen players to play at any one time. Games are played in a very friendly atmosphere and all players, from beginners to "experts" are made very welcome. Bowls can be made available to potential members who would like to try the game.

Sadly, the number of players has declined and more players are needed if this local amenity is to remain viable. On a winter Monday afternoon, what could be better than three hours of pleasant company, friendly competition and a cup of tea, all for £1?

Why not come along and give indoor mat bowling a try? We hope to start on Monday 4th October 2010.

BENTHAM JUNIORS FC

By Jen Smith

We have some fund raising events coming up soon. There will be a Bingo Evening on Friday 8th October at Bentham Sports Club, eyes down at 7.30pm. Then on Friday 29th October there will be a Kid's Halloween Disco at the Sports Club from 7-9pm. £2 per child and children must be accompanied by an adult.

The AGM will be on Monday 15th November at the Black Bull at 7pm.

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ROUNDERS TEAM END OF SEASON REPORT

By Ingrid Ellershaw

We have once again come to the end of another season. This year has been a much better one. We started the season with a tournament at Skipton, in which we came fourth. We have ended the season with another tournament in which we were runners up, only losing in the final.

We have been able to play most of our matches as the weather has been quite good and we only lost one or two all season. As a team, we have improved a great deal, which has shown in our performances. Long may it continue!

A big thank you to Mandy from the Black Bull for our suppers and for sponsoring us for rounders balls. We had a fun night when we played partners and husbands. A big thank you also to Mel Booth for doing a fund raiser at Low Benthams. Hope to see everyone next May! Thanks to you all.

The photograph shows the Benthams Rounders team, from left to right:- Alison Murray, Tracy Chapman, Louis Neil, Marie Colyer, Melissa Booth, Sarah Murray, Lisa Guy, Amanda Booth, Caroline Ellershaw and Rachel Brownsord.

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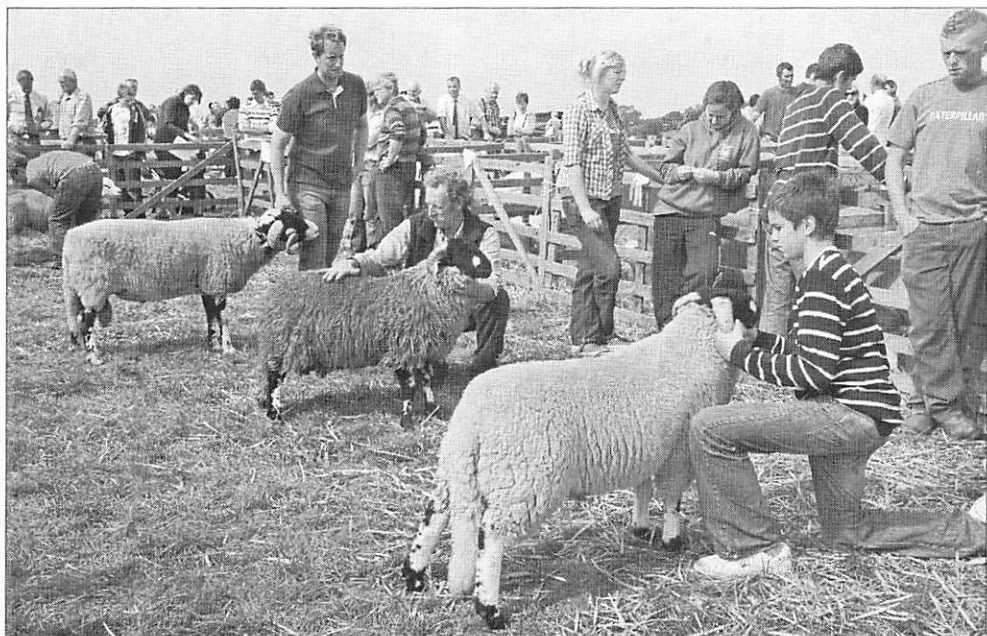
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John Dawson, Frank Brennand and Chris Huddleston with their entries in the Interbreed Championship, and below, two of the excellent entries in the Shire Horses Class.

