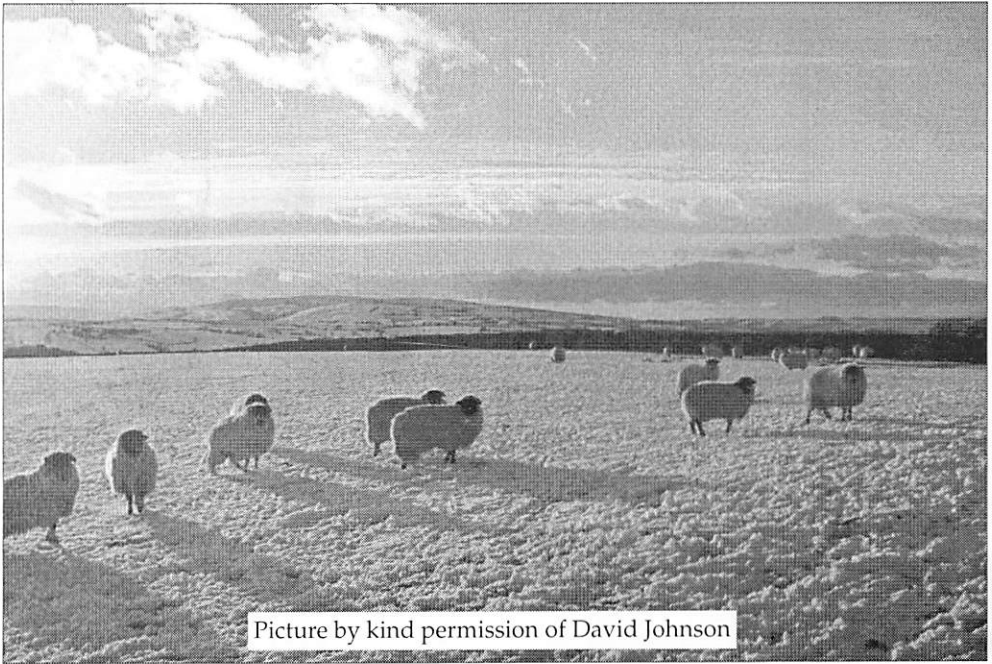


BENTHAM NEWS



LOW BENTHAM C.P. SCHOOL TO CLOSE?

By Vivienne Ayre Headteacher

On Monday 14th January 2008, Governors discussed the future of Low Bentham C.P. School and the difficulties facing the school in September of this year. With much reluctance and regret they passed a resolution to write to the Local Authority to explain that they no longer feel that it will be possible to provide the full spectrum and quality of educational experience for all key stages in the new school year, September 2008.

They very much regret that they have had to make this recommendation to the Local Authority but it is made purely to ensure quality education for children. As always, staff and governors will do all they possibly can to ensure children receive an appropriate, quality education during the rest of this school year.

A formal decision to close any school can only be made after legal processes are followed. North Yorkshire County Council will be writing to all concerned at the end of January to let them know about the next steps. These will include consultation and a public meeting at the school. After considering responses to the consultation, the Council will decide whether to publish statutory notices, providing a further 6 weeks for views to be made. The final decision about the future of the school will be taken in the summer.

FEBRUARY 2008

ISSUE 256

MICHAEL ANDREW BROWN

By Stephen Dawson

Mick used to say he was born behind the carpet stand at Hashbrowns. Of course in 1949 the first floor was a flat above his parents' shop but it made him a true Benthamer. He was the youngest of 3 and loved to explore the countryside and fish on the Wenning.

Mick became a joiner with his dad's firm. He felt guilty about retiring early though by then he'd worked for 40 years. As a young man Mick played football for Bentham and helped to win the Parkinson's Cup in 1977. Through football he met and married Liz. In their spare time they loved turning houses into homes before selling and moving on to a new project.

Laura and Beccy recall a "most fantastic" childhood with time from dad rather than things. The Bentham ski-trips in the 1990s were a great favourite. Mick was looking forward to meeting Laura and Chris's first child and enjoyed seeing the preparations being made.

Mick would help any organisation connected with Bentham. He joined the school governors and brought hilarity to meetings. His personality rubbed off onto the children when sharing their school dinners. He became captain of Bentham Golf Club and evangelised to other clubs about Bentham's spectacular setting.

Stan Wilkinson, one of Mick's oldest friends, recalls that Mick would have people laughing within 20 seconds, even on sad occasions.

Three years ago Mick became ill. Never one to be downhearted, he created a vegetable garden and added poultry. He bought a motorbike and hoped to explore Scotland with friend



Jimmy Macdonald on the back. He was so glad that he had retired after all.

He made arrangements for his funeral and asked fishing friends and mates from the Con Club to carry him on his last trip. 400 squeezed into St Margaret's to mourn him on 22nd December. People stood behind the altar, in the side-chapel and around the font and kitchen.

Mick was able to stay at home, looking across to Ingleborough, because of equipment from Bentham Surgery's Extra Care Fund and £1,700 was raised for that and the First Responders in place of flowers. Canon David Bruno, when visiting Mick, sensed the support of family and friends. Others said Mick's kitchen, full of local characters, resembled a scene from *The Vicar of Dibley*.

Mick would have been alarmed at the fuss made on the 22nd with the many candles, processions and white and gold robes and flowers. His enthusiasm and humour in everything he tried was a gift and an example to his family and friends. He was worth all the fuss the Parish Church made that day.

JANUARY'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

All the Cllrs were present except Cllrs Barrington and Taylor and District Cllr Camacho.

The Police

PC Hayes told the meeting that the local police 'Safer Neighbourhood Team' was now fully operational with a sergeant and 7 constables. He said that the area had been very quiet since his last visit to the Town Council in April. There had been a decline in local crime and a rise in detection rates. He commented that the successful drugs raid at an address at Banksway had been the result of accurate intelligence from the public.

New School Site Negotiations

County Cllr Ireton said that negotiations were ongoing over the purchase of a site for the new school and that their land agents were in discussions with a site owner. Cllr. Ireton was asked to look into the claim that there is only one gully cleaning vehicle (and workman) to clear all the gullies in our section twice a year. (This is an area from Keighley to Bentham with about 18,000 gullies). Cllr Ireton said he too was unhappy with the situation but warned that North Yorkshire was considering reducing the service to an annual clean!

Planning

The Cllrs approved a plan for a barn conversion and the erection of four properties at Town Head, Low Bentham. They asked the planning department to insist on the use of local materials. The Cllrs were irritated by the sudden unannounced appearance of a large agricultural building opposite Tatterthorn Farm but as it lies within Ingleton Parish the Cllrs were unable to take any action. They were also worried about the removal of a stone wall near Tennant House and decided to inform the Planning Department about developments.

The Council has received the information pack for the Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment from Craven District Council. The first stage will be for the Cllrs to meet and discuss each

application and then to return their comments to the District Council for collation. The second phase will involve public consultation when the Allocations Development Plan is received sometime during the spring or early summer.

Highways

Throughout the meeting there were many comments about the inadequate gritting of roads and pavements during the recent cold snap. They noted that an attempt had been made to cut back the quoin stones on the corner of Barclays Bank to reduce vehicle strikes.

The District Council is involved with the gateway to The Forest of Bowland initiative in exploring the possibility of developing a car park in the field at the bottom of Station Road, adjacent to the railway. Architects have been asked to draw up a scheme to create a car park that would be largely self-financing and to look at ways of linking the car park to the station platform. The Cllrs wanted to learn more about the project and asked if the steering group could be invited to address the Council.

Playing Field

The District Council is trying to transfer ownership of a troublesome part of the playing field to another group! This section of land at the northern side has a drain that has the potential to block and cause flooding. The land has been offered to both the Town Council and The Playing Field Association. The Cllrs did not want to adopt it but decided to look into the ownership of the land on both banks and see if some progress could be made towards persuading all interested parties to culvert this section of stream.

Butts Lane Development

Craven District Council also wrote trying to persuade the Council to adopt the play amenity areas on the new development. The Cllrs refused to take responsibility because of the long-term costs and third party liability.

Bentham Calendars

The calendars have raised £1,900 towards the Goodenber Play area. Another calendar is planned for next year.

GARDENING NOTES

By Joyce Knapp

In February, we can usually look forward to there being one or two spells of dry, sunny weather and this may provide all the inspiration we need to get back out in the garden, after the winter cold.

We have been quite fortunate this season in having experienced relatively long spells of hard, night frosts during the months just prior to Christmas and these will, hopefully, have killed off a large proportion of garden pests. These are insects and creatures that would otherwise have, not only survived the winter themselves, but would also have been ready to start reproducing early in the year, leading to large infestations during the coming season. There are several minor tasks we can carry out in February to help further reduce pest populations, and one of these is the slug/snail egg search. These eggs are to be found under decaying leaves and other garden debris and look like a cluster of small, shiny, cream-coloured pearls. I have found them to be particularly prevalent under rhubarb leaves and they can be disposed of, at this stage, simply by crushing – much preferable to waiting until they are full-grown slugs/snails and having to decide how to dispose of them then!

For anyone brave enough to stay outside a little longer, there are several plants that can be cut back in February, particularly climbers such as Clematis, Honeysuckle and Ivy. A word of warning is perhaps needed here, as it is only late-flowering clematis ('Jackmanii' group) that are to be pruned at this time of year. As they produce flowers on new growth, you simply cut back the long, straggly shoots to within a few inches of last year's growth. When pruning honeysuckle, it is advisable to cut out at least one shoot approximately 1' above ground, to encourage new, flowering shoots to form. The remainder of the plant can be kept in shape simply by removing all over-long shoots; cutting back to just above a pair of healthy looking buds. Ivy is, perhaps, the simplest of the three to prune; any large



plants can be cut back using a hedge trimmer, smaller ones with secateurs, either way all you need to do is take off/shorten any shoots that have outgrown their space, leaving a neat, tidy covering of green.



Sole to Soul:

Chiropody plus...

9 Station Road, Bentham

Holistic Chiropody &
Therapy Practice

Closed Mondays

Marie Rayner DipPodM. MChS. HMNFSH

Chiropodist/Podiatrist

☎ 015242 60367

Dalesbred Design

**Cabinet makers Upholsterers
and Soft Furnishings.**

Visit our showroom on the
Green at Austwick
to see our beautiful range of
bespoke furniture, new
upholstery and curtaining, all
made to measure, or visit our
website
at www.dalesbred.co.uk

Simon and Sally Robinson
The Smithy, Austwick, LA2 8BA
Tel: 015242 51798



BENTHAM ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE TOWN

Transport and Sustainability in Bentham

By Chris Newsam

Recently on a dark, drizzle soaked evening, I watched as a long articulated lorry tried four times to negotiate the bend into Station Road. During the third attempt, which involved the driver attempting to reverse his load to make yet another attempt, a frustrated motorist mounted the pavement opposite and swerved violently in order to pass the stranded vehicle.

This situation is nothing new being a continuing cause of concern and anxiety for Bentham residents who are aware of the potential and real danger involved. Is this current impasse sustainable? What are the alternatives?

During 2008 transport and accessibility issues will form the basis of discussions run by the B.E.S.T group. We seek to explore how through creativity and community involvement Bentham can achieve a sustainable transport infrastructure that meets the needs of its residents and will ensure a viable economic and environmentally sound future.

Of course, the above situation isn't the only transport and accessibility issue facing Bentham, which also include the shortage of reliable and convenient public transport which meets the needs of commuters and

visitors to Bentham alike, and congestion problems during busy times (these two issues being directly related).

With rising fuel prices and the looming possibility of Peak Oil, transportation and commuting issues are going to become increasingly critical – and along with these threats so will the economic and social viability of Bentham.

Two local projects indicate what can be achieved

Bentham Community Transport is the envy of many towns and villages in the area and leads the way in demonstrating what can be achieved. Clapham Community Bio-diesel project shows what a dedicated community group with some ingenuity and acquired skills can achieve.

So if you have some ideas or would like to get together with others who are seeking how to make Bentham a sustainable town, contact B.E.S.T and va-va-voom!

Steve Joyce Computer Services

Losgaitir, Cross Lane, Low Bentham

PC problems fixed

Repairs, upgrades, wireless etc.

Evening and weekend service

email: steve@sjcomputerservices.co.uk

web: www.sjcomputerservices.co.uk

Tel: 015242 63459 / 07866 935747

J.L. ARMSTRONG Builder

**New Builds, Extensions,
Conversions, Stonework.**

City & Guilds Qualified.

Telephone 015242 63011

Mobile 07729558475

A diamond-shaped logo for J. Hartley & Sons. The top-left point contains the text "GRASS CUTTING" and "GARDEN MAINTAINANCE". The top-right point contains "HEDGE LAYING" and "WALLING • FENCING". The bottom-left point contains "HARD LANDSCAPING". The bottom-right point contains "ANY ODD JOBS". In the center of the diamond, the text "Tel: 07742 727664" is at the top, "J. HARTLEY & SONS" is in the middle, and "Office: 015242 41298" and "Mini Digger" are at the bottom.

Halsteads Barn Bed & Breakfast Mewith, Bentham

Tel. 015242 62641

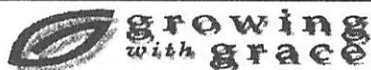
www.halsteadsbarn.co.uk



5 Star
Silver Award



- Stunning Views
- Hot Tub
- Licensed
- Evening Meals



ORGANIC (one-stop) FARM SHOP

Get all your organic shopping here!

We stock a wide range of ORGANIC dried, chilled and fresh produce from our greenhouses,

including household cleaning products.

WE ALSO DO A BOX SCHEME

Tel/Fax 015242 - 51723

www.growingwithgrace.co.uk



WANTED

SCRAP CARS, MOT FAILERS.

NO CHARGE TO TAKE AWAY.

Contact Carl 07919017709,

DVLA Certified.

(Donates to Bentham Fire Station for training purposes).

LOGS LOGS LOGS

Firewood, Kindling Bags or Loads,

Seasoned Logs,

Free Local Delivery

Quality Farm Assured Frozen Lamb

for sale, whole or half lamb packs available

Bentham Road, Ingleton.

Call David on Tel: 015242 41521 Mobile

07713 055404

Grove Hill Garage

Celebrating over 25 years in business!

Station Road,
High Bentham

★ NEW AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE ★

Make sure your air con is in maximum working condition for Summer!

★ NEW CLASS 7 MOTs ★

State of the art brake testing machine insuring maximum safety for our customers, diesel & catalysts.



★ TYRES & WHEEL BALANCING ★

WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE!



★ ACCIDENT REPAIR CENTER ★

All types of repair from small scratches to insurance repairs.

★ 24HOUR RECOVERY ★

All breakdowns & accidents taken care of.

★ SERVICING & REPAIRS ★

Tel: 015242 61782

Fax: 015242 63278

Night: 015242 62054

CRAVEN CONCERNS

By Cllr Manuel Camacho

Here we are at the start of a new year with everything to look forward to and the District is fairly buzzing. Skipton and Settle are going through the same process that we did with the Market Town Initiative. In Skipton's case this one is a much larger scale providing a much needed refurbishment of the Town Hall (a CDC asset), new CDC offices and a lot of housing, a large proportion of which will be affordable, mainly to rent.

So what is in prospect for Bentham you may ask? The answer being the Forest of Bowland Gateway project. This you may remember is a project to develop the CDC land on Station Road (opposite Kiddes entrance) sympathetically to the benefit of Bentham.

To recap, this was originally brought to me by the Traders' Association as a possible site for a high quality car park with gardens and a picnic and play area. The only difficulties I could see at the time were persuading CDC to release the land and the cost. Serendipitously I had been thinking that while Bentham is not too badly off for employment, there is room for more variety and if I may dare say, higher quality employment.

Given these two objectives it was relatively easy to present this as a self funding project, meeting goals within CDC'S corporate plan. As always with any form of government, local or otherwise, there is a procedure to follow. This started by appointing a steering group and commissioning a feasibility study. The study showed the need was clearly there and interestingly enough, showed a lack of serviced accommodation, given the popularity of tourism and as expected a shortage of good quality business / research units.

The group has discussed all the obvious matters, but are unanimous that whatever happens, quality and sensitivity to the attractive environment is paramount. In order to transform a wish list into something more tangible, CDC have stumped up for an

architect to put an initial plan together and are appointing an agent to seek out prospective developers and manage the best outcome. A meeting of the steering committee was held on the 24th January to discuss the architect's ideas and pull together any loose threads. Now we should be able to go straight to public consultation.

This will probably be a "drop in" type event over an afternoon and evening (in Bentham!) where you will be able to look at the plans and speak to the project team. Following on, assuming no major hiccups, Council approval of the final scheme will be required in the form of the policy committee and possibly full council. After which we will invite tenders from interested developers and assuming that we receive an acceptable response we should have a new car park, picnic area and employment opportunities soon after.

At this point it may be advisable to form a small group to help make this new asset work hard for Bentham. I hope you all find this as exciting as I do and look forward to meeting you at the public consultation.

JENNIFER
KNOWLES
S O L I C I T O R



**Specialising in all aspects of family
relationship breakdown**

Personal Attention at all times from a
caring Professional

Evening or weekend
appointments/Home visits

Competitive fees

For initial discussion please call

JENNIFER KNOWLES (LL.B Hons)
on 015242 41417. www.jklaw.co.uk

TOOBY'S ELECTRICAL

Ingleton 41224 Bentham 61259

SEBO X Series

Reliability comes as standard

Built to last

Ideal for allergy sufferers

Easy to maintain

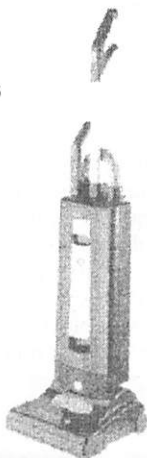
Guaranteed belts

5 years parts & labour

Hard floor cleaning

Ideal for pet hair

Call in for a demo



Plug into Service & Price



Elemental
of Ingleton

Reduce your carbon footprint all year round by shopping locally.

Elemental is your local Fair Trade and sustainable living shop.

We have earned our reputation for stocking beautiful and unusual Fair Trade and recycled gifts from around the world which attract visitors from a wide area.

In addition we stock a wide range of wonderful natural skin and body care products, all parabens & SLES free, organic where possible and completely natural.

When you visit us why not also stock up on competitively priced eco-friendly household products – refills available on a growing range of items. We can't list everything we sell so come and see us soon. You will be very welcome! Find us at 8 Main Street, Ingleton.

Open Tuesday – Sunday 10.00 am till 5.00pm

Tel 015242 42626 www.elementallife.co.uk

Pennine Outdoor

New top quality
Malden Fleece
now in stock.

Plus, waterproof fabrics, zips,
buckles, webbing,

1st floor at Bentham Sports

Tel: 015242 63377.

www.pennineoutdoor.co.uk

TRADITIONAL CHINESE ACUPUNCTURE

and associated therapies

at clinics across Craven



contact:

Paul Underhill 07876 740611

FARMERS' MARKET

SAT 2ND FEB

AND DON'T FORGET THE
WEEKLY WEDNESDAY
MARKET

WITH NEW STALL
(YUM! YUM!)

PICA DESIGN & PRINT

Burton Road, Low Bentham, LA2 7ED

**FOR A COMPLETE
LOCAL GRAPHIC DESIGN AND
PRINTING SERVICE**

Call 015242 61402

email: paul@pica-designandprint.co.uk

Dear Bentham News,
Tracing our family history, a cousin and myself recently visited Bentham. It was good to see places mentioned on Census documents in "real life"



so to speak, and to compare old photographs we have with buildings and streets.

Picking up a copy of Bentham News and seeing your letter page has prompted me to write to you. Several branches of our family lived in Bentham at some time during their lives. At the last count the number was six. The surnames we are researching are Gilpin, Thompson, Wearing, Taylor and Banks.

Robert Gilpin (Upper Bentham) and Mary Thompson (Low Bentham), married in Bentham in 1842 and produced our great grandfather, William Gilpin, who married, again in Bentham, Margaret Wearing, in 1876. Margaret was born in Holme, but was living in Bentham at the time of their marriage. Margaret and William had one daughter, Mary Margaret Gilpin, who was born in Bentham in 1878 and appears to have lived in Bentham with her aunt and uncle, Dorothy and Thomas Jordan.

Mary Margaret married Joseph Taylor, who was born in Ellel in 1869, at St. Margaret's Bentham in 1898. Both were living in High Bentham at this time. His grandparents, Thomas and Eleanor (Ellen) Banks, lived in Bentham. Both his grandfather and his uncle, Joshua Banks, were grocery and provision dealers, the latter having a store on Main Street at the time of the 1881 census. Joseph is also listed as being a Local Preacher.

Mary Margaret and Joseph (who was a blacksmith), lived in Mill Houses and had three of their children in Bentham, (my father being one of them), before moving to Sedbergh, then Natland and finally settling in Kendal, from where Joseph travelled to Crosthwaite, where he was blacksmith until the age of 75.

If anyone currently living in Bentham is descended from any of these families, we would be very glad to hear from them, with regard to any family anecdotes handed down that would help us in our research. Or if they have any photographs, which may help us

put a name to a face, we would be grateful. Our grandmother, Mary Margaret, kept postcards and photographs from close family and extended family, in albums, which unfortunately do not go beyond 1932, when she died, but they have proved helpful to us.

My address is 123 Simpkin Street, Abram, Wigan, WN2 5PS. We would be delighted to hear from you if you can help.

Sincerely, Margaret Jones (nee Taylor).

Dear B.N.

I enjoyed Trevor Blackwell's article in the pre-Christmas issue very much, and hope that his exploration of spirituality will continue.

Although many people find their needs met by the established Churches, there are those of us who choose to find our understanding from sources not confined to a single religious philosophy.

This approach generally denies us a familiar soap-box from which to berate our equals, (as demonstrated in Trevor's writing.) Perhaps because it gives rise to the awareness that there is no point of view from which we can see the entire picture, we do well to remain uncertain, and keep listening.

Trevor's point of view will inevitably always differ from my own, yet his expression of it adds to my understanding, and invites further comparisons. It's a refreshing approach to a subject which is fraught with difficulty, and it's good to find it in my local paper.

With thanks, Kerry Burns.

Dear Bentham News,

It was with great sadness that I watched the digger move in to remove our front lawns. Increased car ownership, renovation work and inconsiderate parking by people too lazy to go on our free car parks, were the main problem; coupled with heavy rain the grass was never going to recover. So unfortunately, the last green area on Main Street, a feature also useful when giving directions, has had to go, to be replaced with gravel, not pretty but easier to maintain and more parking space, for RESIDENTS ONLY!

Jane Preston

Station Road
Settle
N. Yorkshire
BD24 9AA

Dalehead
Veterinary Group

Main Street
Bentham
N. Yorkshire
LA2 7LE



Providing a 24 hour professional and experienced service.

Regular evening surgeries and free nurse clinics.

Full surgical and inpatient facilities for Equine, Companion Animal and Farm Livestock.

In house laboratory, ultrasonography, endoscopy, modern anaesthetic regimes.

Compassionate,
friendly staff

01729 823 538

www.daleheadvetgroup.co.uk
info@daleheadvetgroup.co.uk



Irene Taylor Hearing Centres

Salt Pie Lane

Kirkby Lonsdale

015242 73589

Specialist in hearing aids
& hearing protection

www.prestonhearingcentre.co.uk

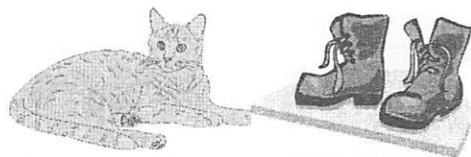
est. 1980

WHAT'S IN A NAME

By Dorothy Pidgeon (not a bird fancier!)

Hoping to raise a smile, this list of people and their jobs is absolutely genuine, gathered from various sources over the past few years.

- ♦ Sir Desmond Pitcher - chairman of N.W. Water
 - ♦ Mike Butcher R.S.P.C.A. - in charge of export of calves.
 - ♦ Terry Shears - gardener at Bodelwyden Castle.
 - ♦ Jonathan Goforth - missionary to China.
 - ♦ Jack Pickup - cave rescuer.
 - ♦ Don Pence - winner of £6 million.
 - ♦ Frances Crook - Director of Penal reform.
 - ♦ Donald Butress - fabric surveyor of Westminster Abbey.
 - ♦ Ben Gunn - Scotland Yard policeman.
 - ♦ P.C. Mark Driver - in charge of a panda car.
 - ♦ Derek Lyon - zoo vet.
 - ♦ Ivor Keys - professor of music.
 - ♦ John Chimes - timpanist in Queen's Hall orchestra.
 - ♦ Nigel Meek - rugby player jailed for breaking a man's jaw.
 - ♦ Stephen Colledge - headmaster in Swindon.
 - ♦ Jonah Fisher - currently pursuing Japanese whalers.
 - ♦ Dr. Cream - consultant dermatologist.
 - ♦ Dr. De'ath - hospital pathologist.
- I'm still on the look out for more!



KITCHEN INSTALLATIONS

NORTH WEST LTD.

MARK BUTLER LCGI

Telephone: 015242 61236

Mobile: 07831 151 839

Suppliers and installers of kitchens/appliances to suit all budgets. We also specialise in the supply & installation of granite & zodiac worksurfaces.

A local family firm that provides a complete installation service with our reputation built on recommendations.

All building, joinery, plumbing and electrical work undertaken by our professional tradesman.

COOKERY PAGE

By Patsy Henderson

A Valentine Supper for two.



Duck Breast with Spiced Orange Glaze

Recipe

½ tbsp coarse sea salt
1 tsp freshly ground black pepper
1 tsp ground cinnamon
1 tbsp olive oil
2 duck breasts

Rocket or watercress to serve

For the Glaze

Grated zest from half an orange
75ml orange juice, from probably 3 oranges
1 tbsp honey

Method

Preheat oven 20 180C, gas 6. Mix the salt, pepper, cinnamon and olive oil together and rub over the duck breasts. Heat a frying pan over high heat and sear the duck breasts, skin side down only, for about 8 minutes, until golden and crispy. Place the duck on a roasting tray.

Stir together the glaze ingredients in a pan until the honey dissolves (no heat). Brush 1 tbsp of glaze all over the duck breasts. Leave them skin side up and sprinkle with salt. Roast for 15 minutes, brushing with some more glaze, halfway through. Five minutes before roasting time is over, boil the remainder of the glaze until it is reduced by half. When cooked, remove the duck breasts from the tray and leave to rest for about 5 minutes. Remove the excess fat from the juices in the cooking tray, tip the juices into the glaze and bring to the boil. Pour the glaze mix over the duck breasts and serve with rocket or watercress.

Mango Mousse

Recipe

1 mango
38g icing sugar
juice of half a lemon
1 tsp gelatine soaked in 1 tbsp cold water
150ml double cream, whipped
Lime or lemon rind strips to decorate

Method

Cut the mango in half, lengthways. Scoop out the flesh and put it into a processor or blender. Add the icing sugar and lime juice and blend until smooth. Heat the gelatine until it dissolves, then cool slightly and blend it into the mango puree with the whipped cream. Pour into individual bowls and leave to set. Serve, decorated with strips of lime and lemon rind, in the shape of a heart.

Bowland Fells Heating and Son

Guy Downing

Domestic Servicing and Maintenance of
Oil Fired Boilers and Cookers
(AGA/Rayburn etc.)

Phone 015242 41833 Mobile 07780708589

Email: guydowning@hotmail.co.uk

New Road, Ingleton, Carnforth, LA6 3HL

J W Garnett

The Market Place, Settle

01729 823558

Miele

The best quality and performance for all
your domestic appliances- only available
at J W Garnett of Settle.

Free extended Warranties of up to 10
years on selected Washing Machines,
5 years on Dryers and Dishwashers.



Miele vacuums

full range in stock from £100

Free bags with every vacuum.

Special Edition Vacuum with 5 year
warranty £149.99

Exceptional Miele build quality.
Anything else is a compromise

Offers close 29 Feb 2008

CALLING ALL BENTHAM SPORT CLUBS AND GROUPS

By Ann Ambrose (Bentham Development Trust)

The www.bentham.net website is being updated and we would ideally like to include more sporting information. If you have information you would like included on the website, including fixtures, results, interesting information about your club or organisation, please e-mail this to: benthamnet@yahoo.co.uk

Information can be sent to this address at any time and it will then be added to the website. We are aiming to provide a more useful and interesting service to local people as well as to visitors.

REPORTING FOOTPATH FAULTS

By David Gibson (Joint Access and Rights of Way Committee for Ingleton, Bentham, Thornton and Burton)

Anyone wishing to report problems regarding footpaths in the area, should please contact: **David Gibson:** Telephone 015242 61942, or by Email: David-Margaret@kepphouse.fsnet.co.uk

It would be appreciated if as complete details as possible could be supplied regarding location and the nature of the problem. A map reference and footpath number would also be helpful.

CHARITY THANKS

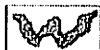
On behalf of the Royal British Legion Kay & Frank Piper and Wendy & Anthony Smith thank all local folk who purchased poppies in November. The total collected in High and Low Bentham was £650. Thanks to all premises which housed collection boxes.

The committee of Low Bentham Victoria Institute thank all who contributed to their "Trash & Treasure" sale on 15th December. £260 was raised for the garden fund.

Ingleton Middle School thanks everyone who contributed so generously to their "Auction of Promises", those who donated the fantastic items to sell and those who supported with generous bids. Thanks also to the auctioneer, Gary Capstick. It was a wonderful evening, raising an incredible £2,200. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Springfield Bowling Club. Further to last month's update Springfield Bowling Club would like to add thanks and appreciation to the following for their support for our new pavilion. Ruth Parkinson, former Bentham resident, David Alder, Bentham Post Office, Geoff Langdale, (Langdale Chartered Accountants).

The project is progressing well and there should be more news next month after our Extraordinary General Meeting. Many thanks to everyone who has given their support in any way. Ray Shannon, Project Fund Raiser.



WHEILDON & COATES

TIM WHEILDON & IAN COATES HEATING & PLUMBING SERVICES

- ♦ HEATING INSTALLATION
- ♦ BATHROOM INSTALLATIONS
- ♦ DOMESTIC & COMMERCIAL
- ♦ GAS & OIL SERVICING
- ♦ CARAVANS & LPG

- ♦ BOILERS, FIRES, STOVES ETC
- ♦ SERVICE, REPAIR & INSTALLATION
- ♦ ALL MAKES AND TYPES MAINTAINED
- ♦ LANDLORDS / OFTEC CERTIFICATES
- ♦ COMPETITIVE PRICING

TEL / FAX 015242 62257

MOBILE 07801819482 & 07917568785

wheildonandcoates@mac.com



REGISTERED ENGINEER

LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Janice Every

Slow and Simple Living

This 'health and wellbeing' workshop will now be held on Saturday 16th February. There are still a few places available, so do give us a ring.

Patchworth Quilting Group

We are planning to start a patchwork skill-sharing group in the Spring, so if you are interested in learning – or developing – quilting skills, please do contact us.

Ideas?

If there is an arts, crafts or health and wellbeing course that you might be interested in that is not already running in the area, please do get in touch.

Newsletter

If you'd like to be advised of activities and events at Looking Well through our

quarterly email newsletter, please contact us with your name and email address.

Activate Project

Please contact us on: 015242 62672 or janice@pioneerprojects.org.uk

CALLING ALL TEENAGERS

By Linda Kellaway (Youth Worker)

Want to try a new sport? Or just improve your skills? Then come to Lancaster University Sports Centre to play aeroball, squash, table tennis or just swim. There are now 12 places available for teenagers on Wednesday evenings on March 5th, 19th and 26th.

We will be leaving Benthams at 6.30pm and returning at approximately 9pm. These trips are free of charge. If you would like to find out more or book a place then contact me, Linda Kellaway, or Annie Neligan, on 62672.

Benthams Sports



Sale!

Footwear and
Equipment

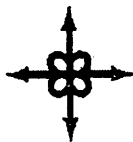
+ Loads more
bargains!



Rugby
and
Football!

Tel: 015242 62001

BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP



By Maureen Ellis

During the last twelve months volunteers (Bev Sim, Tom Connolly and Shane O'Brien) from the Bentham Footpath Group have continued with the ongoing work of maintaining and renewing the stiles/gates/footbridges in the area. This work is carried out together with Mike Gurney, the North Yorkshire County Council Ranger. North Yorkshire provide the tools and materials.

I have set out the work done in a straightforward Month by Month : Before and After layout.

November 2006

● Path between Kirkbeck and Birkwith Lane/Low Bottom.

Before Completely broken, single step timber stile - unable to use.

After Two step timber stile with hand post.

● Path between Fourlands and Raygill, on the Ingleton/Bentham parish boundary.

Before An awkward to use, timber railed construction (a sort of stile) which obstructed the use of the existing stone step stile.

After A new four post arrangement with cross rails on the top of the wall (lamb proof!) A new stone step was also put in, on the Bentham side, to make the first step-up a little easier.

December 2006

● Footpath between Lund Farm and Country Harvest.

Before The old concrete beam 'footbridge' had fallen into the beck many years ago. It was ok to cross the beck in dryish weather, but very difficult and very wet at times of heavy rainfall.

After A new timber footbridge and handrail - extremely handy for the local sheep!!

● Bridleway between Enter Farm and Nutstile near the 'pond'.

Before Old timber gate, difficult to use,

After New timber gate/ clashing post/ rider friendly opening device/ rails to close the gap to the side. Used existing concrete hanging post.

Horrible, soft, squelchy digging.

January 2007

● Behind Fowgill, on path between Summerfield Farm and Batty Farm.

Before Old single step timber stile; very short tread on one side.

After New two step timber stile with hand post. Also made the approach through stones/ boulders easier and safer to use.

The very windy day and hard digging made it interesting for everyone!!

February 2007

● Between Oldfield and Flannagill on moor edge, on path from Slaidburn Road (above Battersby's) to Flannagill

Before Timber railed stile with breeze blocks as first steps; difficult to use. The approach from the moor was up a stone built retaining wall; tricky to climb.

After New two step timber stile with hand post. Fixed two rails to enclose the straining wire on the fence. Re-arranged some of the stones on the wall to make it easier to negotiate, especially those with a smallish inside leg measurements!

A bit nippy; the snow late in the day sent us packing.

March 2007

● On the path south from the road at Willow Tree towards Oakhead, a few yards away from the Yorkshire/Lancashire county boundary, but still in Yorkshire.

Before Timber pallet in fence, acting as a gate into the field.

After New timber hand or pedestrian gate with new hanging post/ clashing post/ fence posts/ rails. Replaced original netting to make secure.

Also new signpost on road at Willow Tree pointing north towards Bentham.

April 2007

● Down the fields from Willow Tree on path north to Mill Lane.

Before A high single step stile with a rocky approach from both sides; difficult to use.

After Moved the stile a few yards to the east and put in a new two step timber stile with hand post.

● South East of Ridding Lane on the Heritage Trail

Before Netting covering a squeeze stile.

After A new lamb gate and hanging post. Also fixed a small timber step on the low side to replace some breeze blocks.

May 2007

● Bridleway near High Bottom Farm.

Before Old metal Gate.

After New metal Gate with rider friendly opening device.

Very, very wet. Almost the wettest yet!! Horrible!

July 2007

● On Heritage Trail. The last stile before emerging onto the road at Greystonegill Bridge.

Before 'Tired' lamb gate covering a stone step stile.

After New lamb gate and hanging post.

● On Heritage Trail below Linghaw Farm near the old quarry.

Before Loose hanging post holding a lamb gate which covered a stone squeeze stile.

After New hanging post and spring. Re-used existing gate. The vegetation encroaching on the squeeze stile was also cut back.

September and October 2007

Self imposed Foot and Mouth restrictions by NYCC. Ranger and volunteers stayed off farmland, so we concentrated on -

● Bridleway from Robin Lane towards Tatterthorn.

Cleared much encroaching and overhanging vegetation from bridleway making it far easier for horse riders to use. Also fixed bridleway marker post at end of hard surface section of the bridleway.

30th November 2007

BFG Programme for February

All February's walks start at 9.30am from Lairgill. On Saturday 2nd February, the Killington walk has plenty of parking and will take the Old Scotch Road with a picnic at the Church; there are few stiles and no steep climbs. On Thursday 7th February, the Clapham-Norber circular walk has only a short, steep climb at the start and goes on to Wharf and Austwick, then back to the start. For the Annual Dinner on Friday 8th February at New Butts Farm, you MUST

book with Keith Hartley or Sue Pilkington in good time. The walk on Thursday 14th February goes to Bowker House, Big Stone and on to Burn Moor and the Standard at the summit, with a return by Branstone Beck. The walk on Sunday 24th February will be a surprise route in the Staveley area, depending on how things take the leader.



WENNING DESIGN

Joinery work, doors,
shelving, household jobs.
Floor sanding and finishing.
Also garden fencing.
No job too small.

Call James on
015242 63316.

INTERCOUNTY DRIVING SCHOOL VAL KAY

**THEORY TRAINING
AVAILABLE
015242 62794**

e-mail:

val@bentham999.wanadoo.co.uk

COLIN WOOF GARDEN SERVICES

Patio cleaning/power
washing.

Hedge laying

and "Mr Kirby's Carpet Cleaning Service!"



Tel: 015242 61387

LOCAL EVENTS IN FEBRUARY

Sat 2nd Bentham Footpath Group walk, Killington, 6½ miles, leader S. Cross 62103. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

St. Margaret's coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 

Farmers' Market at the Town Hall, 9.00am-2.00pm.

Mon 4th Craven Customer Services at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm. and every Monday.

Toddle-in at Methodist Church Hall for children 0-nursery age and parent/carer. 10.00-11.30am and every Monday.

Indoor Bowls at the Town Hall Ballroom, 1.00-4.00pm and every Monday.

Adventurers - for 4-6 year olds at Methodist Church Hall, 4.30-5.30pm and every Monday except half term.

Springboard - for 7-10 year olds at Methodist Church Hall 6.15-7.30pm, and every Monday except half term.

Youth Cafe at the Wenningdale Room, 7.00-10.00pm, and every Monday except 11th.

Town Council Meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Gentle walks for women, leaving from Lairgill, 9.30am-12.00noon, and every Monday.

Tue 5th Tuesday Strolls, very gentle walks, Looking Well, 2.00-3.00pm and every Tuesday.

Pilates at the Town Hall, Pilates beginners 3.45pm, Pilates 5.00-6.00pm and every Tuesday.

Youth Cafe at the Wenningdale Room, 7.00-10.00pm, and every Tuesday except 12th.

Wed 6th Bentham Community First Responders at Horse & Farrier, 7.30pm. All potential volunteers welcome.

Youth Cafe at the Wenningdale Room, 7.00-10.00pm and every Wednesday except 13th.

Wed 6th

Lent Lunch (bread and cheese) from 11.30am-1.15pm at Methodist Church Hall organised by Churches Together £3 - proceeds to Christian Aid.

Community lunch at Looking Well, 12.30pm, and every Wednesday.

Art class at Looking Well, 2.00-4.00pm and every Wednesday.

Keep Moving Well at the Community Centre 2.00-3.00 and every Wednesday.

Teenagers' trips to Lancaster University Sports Centre, Community Centre, 6.30-9.00pm and fortnightly.

Thu 7th

Indoor Bowls at Town Hall Ballroom, 1.00-4.00pm and every Thursday.

High Bentham W.I. at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. Sue Naylor - Aromatherapy & Essential Oils.

Cancer Support Group drop-in & lunch, Looking Well 1.00am-1.30pm, and every Thursday.

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Clapham, Norber, 7 miles, leaders J. Harrison & V. Smith 61100. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Fri 8th

Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10.00am-2.30pm, Colin Etherington "Extend Exercise".

Bentham Footpath Group annual dinner at New Butts Farm. Contact Keith 62373.

Sat 9th

Bentham Community Transport coffee morning at the Town Hall. See  page 30.

Tue 12th

Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

Bright Hour at Methodist Schoolroom 2.15pm. Speaker Judith Whitehouse.

Drop in pottery painting workshop, Looking Well, 2.00-5.00pm.

Wed 13th

Bloomin' Bentham, 1.00-3.00pm. Meet in painted bus shelter. see page 22.

Pantomime "Puss in Boots" at the Town Hall. Curtains open 7.30pm All tickets £3.50 from Bentham Sports.

- Wed 13th NSPCC monthly meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.
- Thu 14th Bentham Footpath Group Walk-Standard on Burn Moor, 9 miles, leader F. Royston 41725. Meet at Lairgill, 9.30am.
Pantomime "Puss in Boots" at the Town Hall. Curtains open 7.30pm Tickets £3.50 and £5.50 from Bentham Sports. And Friday 15th.
Friendly Hour at Low Bentham Methodist Church 2.30pm. Speaker Mary Hartley.
- Fri 15th Age Concern at Masonic Hall, 10.00am-2.30pm. Gordon Kennell - Bentham First Responders.
Waste paper collection at Lairgill car park, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
Copy deadline for March edition of Bentham News.
Bingo at Low Bentham Institute, organised by Friends of Tatham Fells School. Entrance 50p includes refreshments.
- Sat 16th NISCU (Christian Schools Worker) coffee morning at Town Hall, 10.00-11.30am. 
Looking Well, "Slow and Simple Living" 10.00am-4.00pm.
Pantomime "Puss in Boots" at the Town Hall. Curtains open 6.30pm. Tickets £3.50 and £5.50 from Bentham Sports.
- Mon 18th Pioneer Projects AGM at Looking Well, 6.30pm.
- Tue 19th Mothers' Union in Burton Church Room, 2.00pm.
- Thu 21st Low Bentham W.I. at Victoria Institute, 7.30pm. See posters for details.
Welcome-in at Methodist Schoolroom, 2pm. Dominoes, refreshments. Transport 62272.
- Fri 22nd Age Concern at Masonic Hall 10.00am-2.30pm. David Johnson - more slides.
- Sat 23rd Pet Rescue coffee morning at Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
Valerie Boulard and her Singers evening of "Music from the Shows", 7.30pm Clapham Village Hall. £5. Come in costume if you feel inspired.
Wesley Guild - Mike Scott & Young People, 7.30pm, Methodist Schoolroom.
Jewellery making, Looking Well, 10.00am-1.00pm.
- Sun 24th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Staveley, 7 miles, leader D. Chamberlain 21436. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
- Mon 25th Ewecross Historical Society meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. Dr. Andrew White - Kendal Carriers.
- Tue 26th Bright Hour at Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15pm. Speakers Eric & Dorothy Brennand.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
Asian Cookery Class, Looking Well, 7.00-9.00pm.
- Fri 29th Prize Bingo, 7.30pm, Victoria Institute, Low Bentham. Raffle, refreshments. In aid of NSPCC.
Bentham News published.

Bridge House Farm Tea Rooms, Wray.

Open Tue to Sun 10.00am to 4.00pm

2 Course hot lunch £6.50, Wednesdays. Sunday Roast every weekend.

Tel 015242 22496.

Bridge House Bistro, Wray.

Open Thursday, Friday and Saturday 6pm to 9.30pm. Tel 015242 22496.

We are a fully licensed restaurant with a menu catering for all tastes.

Bookings are now being taken for the special Valentines Weekend from 14th to 16th February. We are also available for private functions and outside catering on any day of the week.



fresh food. fresh air

KIRKBY LONSDALE EMBROIDERERS

By Ann Hunter

Our December meeting was a very enjoyable afternoon with a Jacobs Join and a very informative talk about Stumpwork given by one of our members, Anne Reid.

The January meeting was a 'hands on'. We welcomed Marie Constance-Brown who showed us how to create a Trapunto, (stuffed that is), Toadstool. Fascinating and we also had a lot of advice and very handy tips along the way. We all enjoyed ourselves and - something which doesn't very often happen - we went home with a completed piece of work!

Our next meeting is on Thursday 14th February at the earlier time of 1pm. Val Osborn will be showing us how to create Shadow Work at a workshop. Visitors and guests are most welcome and we meet at Barbon village hall.

Further details from Ann Hunter on 015242 41120.

Wenningdale Home Repairs

We offer a good range of home improvement and maintenance jobs such as:

- Sanding of floors
- Sash windows repaired
- Interior decorating
- Exterior painting
- And much more

*Local, professional & very competitive
Mobile 07854 - 596391*

G M SOAR CHIMNEY SWEEP & VAC



20 Years Experience
Fully Insured
Tel: 01524 770194
84 Sycamore Road,
Brookhouse, Caton,
Near Lancaster,
LA2 9PE.

Ashfield House

Dental Practice

Now accepting new patients

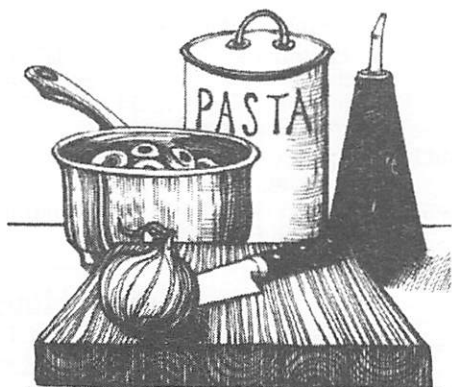
*We can provide your routine dentistry
and we also offer*

WY10 Power Whitening, Cosmetic
Dentistry, Smile design, Dental Implants,
Orthodontics, Sedation, Oral Surgery,
Sports Guards, Soft Splints, Anti-Snoring
Appliances, *And correction of Bite
problems.*

*For an Information leaflet or to make an
appointment telephone Joanna White on
015242 64813, 66 Main Street, Bentham*

Dr Mark Jonathan White
BMSc(hons), BDS(hons)

KITCHENS ~ BEDROOMS HOME STUDIES ~ COOKSHOP



NEW! KNIFE SHARPENING SERVICE

Bring your blunt kitchen knives to us
for a new lease of life!

LARGE SHOWROOM ~ PLENTY OF PARKING
OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY

H & M CRAFTSMEN LTD

Industrial Estate, Ingleton (off the A65)

015242 41535

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 of twenty years ago.

February 1988

"We sell quite a nice little range of watches, from the cheap and nasty to reasonable and beautiful."

Now I wasn't around when **Churchill's** shop was in its hey-day, but the advertisement in this edition of BN really makes me wish I had been! The ad takes all the rules of successful marketing and throws them out of the window, before launching into a visual ear-bashing of Mr Churchill's potential customers!

Concise, succinct, direct were never in the Churchill directory of advertising practice, and the ability to afford a full page ad meant the opportunity to write an essay on everything from paint to hand-knitted woollen socks, with an overriding tone that seemed to carry an underlying threat! I quote just one paragraph as an example:

"Leyland Paints have upset me by warning that there is a price rise imminent. Psychologically I haven't got over last July's rise. You had better make the most of what there is before the change. In case you thought of going somewhere else to buy paint, all the major paint manufacturers are increasing their prices too."

Does this, I wonder, indicate why major retailers are failing to maintain their profit margins, or does it perhaps explain why they are still in business?

Although no names were mentioned, there were rumblings of disquiet about the judging of the 1987 Christmas Lights competition, and reading between the lines I get the impression that the judge's decision had been by no means popular.

In his report from the Town Council meeting at which this was discussed, **Tom Cahill** described the aesthetic judgement of the adjudicator as being "completely laughable," but what really took the biscuit for me was a strong indication that judging of the lights actually took place during daylight hours!

This could only happen in Bentham!

Congratulations were offered to Bentham badminton ace **Alan Kellett**, who had been selected to play for Lancaster Town 2nd team. Also to **Andrew Longton**, who since December had lost 10lbs in his bid to enter the singles competition in the March badminton tournament!

Bentham Netball Team started the year with a good 21 - 15 win against St Martins. For the record, the team of '88 was **Beth Wheildon, Shirley Brown, Heather Guy, Shirley Metcalfe, Janette Richardson, Wendy Thistlethwaite and Jen Thistlethwaite.**

Finally, in addition to his monthly exercise of poetic licence, the Bard of Station Road offered a pearl of Yorkshire wisdom, which I'll leave with you to contemplate, along with my respectful (?) suggestion that if Bentham doesn't already have a motto, then perhaps . . . *"If you burn yer bum, you mun sit on t'blisters!"* On second thoughts, perhaps it would lose something of its flavour in the translation to Latin!

Bentham Imaging
Local Photographic Services

Weddings and Portraits
General & Commercial
Photography

www.benthamimaging.co.uk



Mewith, Bentham,
tel 015242 62641
or 07976 255001

SHIRLEY
BPPA

4 Star Ensuite Bed and Breakfast

River Cottage, Brookland,
Burton-in-Lonsdale
015242 64988

<http://RivercottageBandBtripod.com>
Email francati@btinternet.com

**Bed and Breakfast
from £25 per person**

FOR RENT

One bedroom flat situated in
High Bentham.

Consists of open plan living area and
kitchen, one bedroom and bathroom.

D/G & C/H.

£395 per month
(includes rates & bills).

Call 015242 62922
for more details.

Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd

We are an arts and health charity
running

Looking Well Studios. We are seeking:

FINANCE MANAGER

14 - 16 hours/week, @ £11/hr

Send A4 SAE for an application pack to:

Pioneer Projects (Celebratory Arts) Ltd
32-34 Main Street, High Bentham, LA2 7HN
or

email.office@pioneerprojects.org.uk

or

download from our website
www.pioneerprojects.org.uk
Tel: 015242 62672

Closing date Friday 22 February

**Fisher
Wrathall**

BENTHAM OFFICE

- ☐ Residential Sales &
Property Auctions
- ☐ Commercial &
Architectural
- ☐ Business Sales &
Transfers
- ☐ Lettings & Property
Management

20 Main Street
High Bentham
015242 62044
Also at
Lancaster & Morecambe
Associated
office Sedburgh

www.fisherwrathall.co.uk

BENTHAM PEOPLE



Personal Thanks

Liz, Laura, Beccy and family would like to say a huge "Thank you" for the overwhelming support, cards, telephone calls and kind messages received during Mick's illness and on his death. Special thanks to Bentham Health Centre, Jimmy and Stephen for the funeral arrangements and special service. Thank you for all the donations received for the Health Centre's Extra Care Fund and Bentham First Responders; £1,700 was raised between the two charities. He will be sadly missed by many.

Leak. The family of Audrey would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind expressions of sympathy, cards, flowers and donations in her memory for the MacMillan Unit, Lancaster Royal Infirmary and Bentham Surgery's Extra Care Fund, at the time of their sad loss. Special thanks to Dr. McKirdy for her care during Mum's illness, all surgery staff, staff of the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, The Reverend Roger Fox and Joe Morphet of Brown and Whittaker for help and support. Thank you to everyone who attended the funeral.

The family of the late **Dorothy Winn** would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind support and many messages of sympathy. Thank you for the donations made to the Intensive Care Unit at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary..

Thanks

Mary West. Thanks to all my family and helpers at the Pigeon & Homing Society coffee morning, for your help when I broke my arm.

For Sale

● Electrolux vacuum £10. Electric fridge - free. Caravan Gas Cooker £80 ono. Double mattress - offers. 2 single mattresses - offers. Isabel Carr - 015242 61657.

● Belfast style bathroom sink for sale. Excellent condition (never used) £45. Dimensions are 55.5cm x 39.5cm. If interested please call 07811 174192.

Valentines

To Mary. All my love to the dearest person in my world. Happy Valentine's Day. Looking forward to our 50th next month.



To You



Roses are red
Violets are blue

If you haven't had a Valentine,
This one is for you! x x x x x



VACANCY

PART-TIME WORK
in Office/Showroom/Shop
Knowledge of SAGE would
be an advantage

015242 41535

Please phone for an Application Form
H & M CRAFTSMEN LTD
INGLETON

WORKSHOP SUPERVISOR

Plant/Agric/HGV experience
essential.

Excellent working conditions.

The work is varied and
interesting; largely repairing,
servicing and overhauling
Mercedes Benz Unimogs.

MECHANICS ALSO REQUIRED

Please call 015242 62922 or
email simon@unimogs.co.uk
for more details and an
application form.

ESKEW WOOD – READY FOR THE SPRING (AREN'T WE ALL?!)

By Shirley Brown (tel. 61608)

The January gathering of Bloomin' Benthamers on Sunday 13th saw three volunteers picking up litter in Eskew Wood near the Punchbowl in Low Bentham. This seems to be a popular place for bonfires and revelry and we filled a large container with discarded bottles and cans, seven bin bags of rubbish plus a sleeping bag from the wood and a discarded child's bike from the Beck. It looks lovely now, ready for the spring.

We'll probably try to clear another area, path or road in February when we meet on Wednesday 13th at 1pm at the painted bus shelter. Anyone wanting to help is very welcome. No qualification necessary!

Brownies*

CAN YOU HELP?

By Claire Barber

Alison Hanson has decided to complete her service with Bentham Brownies. I am sure that all the girls who have had the benefit of her experience will agree that she has done a sterling job and she will be missed.

From all Brownies past and present we wish you well in the future Alison, and would like to say a heartfelt thank you.

I will be moving out of the area in February and so we are looking for a new leader for the group ASAP. If you can help or would like to take on some of the joy of being a Brownie leader, please can you give either me or Alison a call? - 015242 63390/62159.

SARAH JONES *CHARTERED ACCOUNTANT*

Bookkeeping
Statutory & Management Accounts
VAT Returns
Personal and Corporate Tax returns
Payroll services including online filing
Tax planning and advice
Competitive hourly rates or fixed fees
For a free consultation and
quote please call

SARAH JONES (BA, ACA)
Tel 015242 61058 /07740 765436
sarah@mewithhead.co.uk

In Pain?



**For Fast, Effective Treatment
with Marie Colyer,
Chartered Physiotherapist
Phone Bentham
Physiotherapy Clinic
(015242) 62216**

Treatment is recognised by all major
insurance companies.



CHURCHES TOGETHER

CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN BENTHAM

By Alastair Cook

Quakerism was founded during the religious and political ferment of the English Civil War when revolutionary ideas led to a large number of sects. Of course, as now, none of them could agree with each other and what were frequently theological twins became the bitterest of rivals. Naturally the Friends - as Quakers are more formally known - claimed that they alone were the true Church, practising Christianity as the Lord intended. I don't suppose that any Church or denomination thinks much differently to this day!

However, in order to start afresh as it were, many of the then extant conventions were abandoned. For example all the days and months are named after non-Christian deities or celestial bodies, their names were therefore profane and should be substituted by a numbering system. So Sunday became the First Day and March became the Third Month etc. Additionally they held that the whole of life was holy not just certain special days and so they had no high days or holidays... Well, over the last 350 years, standards seem to have slipped a bit and we certainly have such things now! At the watch night service I went to in Clapham I was surrounded by Quakers all singing carols with the rest. I did cringe at the mayhem wrought in the English Language by the words of the First Nowell but I did my best! So can I, on behalf of Bentham Quaker Meeting wish everyone a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Candles for Remembrance

A service designed especially for anyone who wishes to remember a loved one who has recently died or to honour treasured memories. A personal act of remembrance for all those we will never forget-husbands and wives, sons and daughters, parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and children. They are all special. You may bring a candle to the altar and dedicate it to the person who matters to you. This service is at Candlemas on Sunday 3rd February at 4pm at St John's Church.

SWF

Millwood, Fourlands, Bentham,
Lancaster LA2 7EX Tel/Fax 015242
63349

Richard Slinger Mobile
07730 948741

S & W Fabrications Ltd
Steel Fabrications.
Mobile Welding.
Security Bars & Railings.
Industrial &
Agricultural Buildings.

Iain Henshaw t/a
S1B.COM

**Stunningly quick
and efficient**



Refurbished PCs from £199.00. New laptops & PCs available

Freeview, DVD recorders and Digital TVs setup

Professional lighting design and consultancy. CAD drawing services.
Electrical design Installation and repairs. Computers supported
and maintained - anti virus - networking - home entertainment.

www.s1b.com

info@s1b.com

015242 61010

The Fish Inn

Takeaway and restaurant



Tel: 015242 61317

Mon	11-2	4.30-7.30
Tue	11-2	4.30-7.30
Wed	11-2	4.30-8.00
Thu	11-2	4.30-7.30
Fri	11-2	4.30-9.00
Sat	11-2	4.30-7.30

Last orders in restaurant
30 minutes before closing.

Fancy something new?

We are now selling scampi and
pollock in the take-away!

Oak Roid
BAKERY

*High quality
hand made cakes,
puddings and breads.
Consistent quality at value for
money prices,
treat yourself to one of our
award winning puds!*

Open Mon-Sat

17 Station Rd, High Bentham LA2 7LH

015242 61219

www.oakroydbakery.co.uk

BENTHAM LINE DANCERS

By Audrey Shallcross

Bentham Line Dancer's most recent contribution to a local charity was £100 to Springfield Bowling Club, for their new pavilion, and we wish them success in this venture.

Our Christmas Party was very enjoyable, with an excellent supper and lots of dancing. The meal was, as usual, provided by Jean Newhouse, who donates the proceeds to M.S. A cheque for £150 was sent by Jean to the Settle and District Multiple Sclerosis Branch.

We are now looking forward to another enjoyable year of Thursday evenings at New Butts Farm.



FLOWERFIELDS

015242 61904

7 MAIN STREET HIGH BENTHAM

Order flowers, teddies, balloons,
chocolates and lots more.
Wide range of fruit and vegetables
for many worldwide recipes.
Free range eggs

Newsholme & Son

Electrical Engineers (Est. 1950)

Station Road, Clapham,
Lancaster LA2 8ER.

Write or phone 015242 51383

Domestic, Agricultural Installations. Security
Lighting and Burglar Alarms Fire Alarm
Systems. Additional Electrical Circuits. Faults,
Breakdowns, Night Storage Heater repairs. No
call-out charges. No VAT. Free estimates.

FREE COURSE ON PAEDIATRIC FIRST AID

By Viki Hindle

Are you interested in doing a course in Paediatric First Aid? *Skills for Life* is running a course based at Richard Thornton Primary School, Burton-in-Lonsdale, in conjunction with Burton Under Fives, on 25th February and 10th March, from 9.30am-3.30pm.

The qualification which you gain is suitable for childcare practitioners, or anyone who just wants to have knowledge of Paediatric first aid. You have to attend on both days to qualify. The usual cost of a course like this is approximately £75, but this one is free!

For further information contact Sam or Caroline on 0770 969 4839, or call in at the school. There are limited places available and they will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Creche facilities are available, for which there will be a charge.

M.J.WALKER

PLASTERING

All types of plastering and pebble dashing work undertaken.

Tel: 015242 61369

Mob: 07863 123320

**ACCEPT what life throws at you
CHANGE its effects on you
LEARN simple techniques**

Contact Tony for initial **FREE** consultation without obligation.
Home visits made.

Tel: 015242 61944 or 07788474700

Email: releft@macunlimited.net

Peter Allen FLOOR COVERINGS

UNIT 2, SOWARTH IND EST, **SETTLE** (Opposite TIMBERWORKS)

**KARNDEAN
FLOORING
DESIGN
SHOWROOM**

**LARGE
CARPET SHOWROOM**

**Made to Measure
ROLLER,
VERTICAL &
VENETIAN BLINDS**

STOCKING FULL ROLLS @ DISCOUNT PRICES

**QUALITY PINE &
OAK FURNITURE**

**BEDS &
MATTRESSES**

**CURTAIN POLES
& TRACKING**

"QUALITY CARPETS WITH QUALITY FITTING"

TEL: (SETTLE) 01729 825122

OPEN: MON, TUES, THURS, FRI: 10am-4pm. SAT: 10am-1pm CLOSED WED

BENTHAM FILM GROUP

By Ann Ambrose

There will be a meeting at The Victoria Institute, Low Bentham on Wednesday 5th March at 7pm in the upstairs meeting room, for anyone interested in forming a group to show films in Low Bentham.

We are able to hire equipment from The Ribblesdale Area Moving Picture Show (TRAMPS) and if there is enough interest it would be possible to have a regular monthly film show locally. Lots of skills are needed and you would not need to be technically minded, although technically minded people would be very useful too! The types of activities involved would include choosing the films, setting up the equipment, showing the films, selling tickets on the door and helping with refreshments, making posters and advertising films. It can be great fun! If you have any interest at all in being involved then please come along or contact Ann Ambrose or Sharon Haslam on 015242 63162/61800 for more information.

TOTAL WELLBEING

Beauty & Bodywork Salon

NEW

Calgel nails
The everlasting treatment
for hands & feet.

All beauty treatments
inclu. Facials,
Manicure, Pedicure, Waxing,
also Eye Treatments Eyelash
& Brow Tinting, Eyelash
Perming.

Special offer on Eyelash
Perm & Tint for £25.00

(treatment lasts one hour)

Tel: 63223.

C.M. SLINGER & SONS LTD

BENTHAM (Established 1820)

BUILDING, ROOFING & JOINERY CONTRACTORS

Extensions and Alterations - Refurbishment Work - Re-roofing &
Repairs - Brickwork & Stonework - Plastering - Patios & Drainage -
Made to Measure Doors and Windows - Porches & Conservatories -
Kitchen & Bedroom Fitting - Shelving & Purpose Made Cupboards -
Fascia and Barge Boards - All General Building, Roofing & Joinery
Work Undertaken.

"Generations of experience through to the latest methods and
technology"

TELEPHONE 015242 61333

LIBRARY NEWS

By John Frankland and Liz Farmer

Home Library and Information Centre

Could you help to deliver books to people who can't get to the library? Would you like to have books delivered to your home?

North Yorkshire County Council's Home Library and Information Service provides a free home delivery service for people who, perhaps because of ill health or disability, find it difficult to get to the library or to carry books. The books are carefully chosen for each customer by the library staff and then the volunteers deliver them every two weeks. The volunteers do spend time at each house having a chat about the books and the customers enjoy having a regular visitor.

The local scheme in Bentham and Ingleton needs more volunteers, especially drivers, so if you think you can help, or if you would like to have books delivered, please ring (01609) 533800 to find out more.

Computer Taster Sessions

You might already know that the Internet helps you to keep in regular touch with your friends and family, but did you know that you can now bank, shop, book holidays and research your family tree online?

If you are interested in logging on to the Internet but have never used a computer before then perhaps we have the answer. Libraries across the county provide free regular absolute beginner computer taster sessions. These sessions are informal and are designed to get you confident in using computer controls like the mouse and keyboard, and to give you an opportunity to discover the full advantages of logging on to the World Wide Web.

In the next few months we'd like to hold a number of these popular sessions at Bentham Library. If you're interested in attending then please visit or call the Library and give your name and telephone number to a member of staff and we'll contact you when we have arranged some dates. For more details about the different courses we can offer contact John Frankland at Skipton Library on 0845 034 9532.

HIGH BENTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Anne Yaman

The first meeting of 2008 was held on Thursday 3rd January in the Town Hall, presided over by Wendy Dowbiggin and attended by 25 members. Arrangements for a trip to Coulsons restaurant on 17th January were made and the names were drawn for the teams at the Federation Quiz to be held at Tunstall on 28th January.

The talk this month was by our Treasurer, Chris Lewis, on her round the world trip last year to celebrate her ruby wedding - a wonderful experience for her and a presentation which we all enjoyed - thanks go to husband, Dave, and Nigel Wilson for their help in the presentation. The competition for a tea towel was won by Margaret Hayton with Joan Sharman second. The next meeting will be held on Thursday 7th February in the Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm when all visitors will be most welcome.

**Pick up your euros
and US dollars at
Bentham Post Office
015242 61650.**

**No commission to pay
No need to pre-order**

**Travellers cheques available
Plus 70 currencies available
through our pre-order service.**

**Travel
insurance on
demand.**



www.postoffice.co.uk

MOBILE IRON WORK



Barry Smith

- ◆ Gates
- ◆ Railings
- ◆ Balconies
- ◆ Repairs etc.

MOBILE: 07964572319

TEMPTATIONS

31 Main Street, Benthams 015242 61868

Stockists of Poppy, Paul Separates, Finn Karelia, Playtex, Vanity Fair and Elle.

Cash's Name Tapes, Haberdashery,
Knitting, Wool.

Needlecraft and Card Making Supplies,
Dolls House Miniatures.

Casual / Regular Session Helpers

Tuesday 10:30am - 2:30pm @ £6.50/hr

To prepare and serve lunch, assist the session leader and artist and support the group. Food Hygiene Certificate desirable and CRB check.

For further details contact:

Looking Well Studios,
015242 62672

Email office@pioneerprojects.org.uk

FRANK PICKERING

Painting, decorating, tiling.

Also man and van for
light removals, etc.

Tel: 015242 61461

Mob: 07866051491

COACH HOUSE RESTAURANT

Main St, High Benthams

POPULAR 2-4-1 LUNCH OFFER Tuesday - Saturday EXTENDED
NEW SEASON'S DINNER MENU 6pm - 9pm TUES - SAT inclusive
Plus

Chef's own 'SPECIALS' based on LOCAL FARM PRODUCE

oooooooooooo

MONDAYS - Chef rests while we play FREE QUIZ - 8pm!

WEDNESDAYS - Discount STEAK NIGHT with Aged LOCAL Meat

oooooooooooo

SUNDAY - Lunch 12 - 3pm Featuring SPIT ROASTED Gloucester Old Spot
Pork, Aged Rib of Beef or Fell bred Lamb £10.50 for two courses

SUNDAY - Evening 6 - 8pm FULL SERVICE of Roasts, Specials & Menu!

oooooooooooo

Tel: Benthams 62305

**GIFT VOUCHERS
AVAILABLE**

HIGH BENTHAM CP SCHOOL BAG2SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

By Fiona Ward (School PTFA)

Are you ready for a winter clear out of unwanted items? Bag2school is a unique opportunity to do this. By raising funds for your school you can assist the environment and create employment both at home and abroad. Bag2school is a company which collaborates with schools. It was founded in 2001 where items are shipped to Eastern Europe. A wholesaler then sorts them out and sells them to market traders and boutiques in Eastern Europe at affordable prices. It is a business not a charity. However 76% of the gross turnover in 2005 was paid to schools, 20% went on operating costs and 4% was profit. Bag2school is proud of its achievements and over £4 million has been paid into community projects.

Bag2school specialises in good quality secondhand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from High Bentham CP School on Friday 22nd February before 10.00am. All bags collected are weighed and we will pay the school £250/tonne.

We collect the following items for reuse:

- ★ Adults and Children's clothing, bedding
- ★ Curtains, soft toys, shoes, belts and handbags
- ★ There is no limit - Bag2school Free Fundraising For Schools
- ★ No Bric-a-Brac please.

Remember the more you collect the bigger the benefit to your community school, so please fill as many black bin bags as possible and bring them under the school veranda no later than 10.00am. on 22nd February. So far High Bentham CP School has earned £319.10 by enlisting Bag2school for fundraising for school resources. Please help with fundraising this year - for history boxes and a climbing wall. Many thanks.

High Bentham CP School News

By Catherine Boocock, Head Teacher

Santa's Sleigh

Thank you to all at Wennington Hall, the staff and their students, who were on hand

to help Santa and a willing team of High Bentham Elves collect £388 from the generous folk of the town. This is a superb effort and a testament to the organisation and determination of a collection of driven staff, parents and community members.

Hamper Draw

Many thanks to Tom Guy for displaying our lovely hampers in his window and a special thank you to Louise Bruns for making them look so wonderful. We raised just under £400. Thanks to all for your support.

SPEED FUEL OILS

FOR DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL
AND INDUSTRIAL USE

COMPETITIVE LOCAL
SUPPLIER OF DERV,
GAS, OIL, KEROSENE &
PETROL



Tel: (015242) 42048, Thornton Station
Yard, Ingleton via Carnforth, Lancs.

GENUINE CROCS FOOTWEAR COMING SOON TO B & C.E. ARMSTRONG

17 MAIN STREET, BENTHAM 64871
NEW SEASON SEEDS & SEED
POTATOES IN STOCK NOW

HORNBY DAY NURSERY

- Fully qualified staff
- 7.30am to 6.30pm
- Pre-school Nursery Education Grant
- Dedicated Baby & Toddler facilities
- Secure outdoor play area

1 Station Road, Hornby.

Tel: 015242 22288

E:info@hornbydaynursery.co.uk

BENTHAM COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



By Lin Barrington

Coffee Morning

Please come along to our Coffee Morning at Bentham Town Hall on Saturday 9th February from 10am. We'd love to see you, and of course any donations of baking, raffle prizes etc. would be very welcome.

February Trips

We are planning two trips in the half term week as follows:

- ◆ Tuesday 12th to Settle Market and Watershed Mill.
- ◆ Thursday 14th to Kendal.

If you would like to come with us, please give us a ring on 015242 62753, or call in to the office at Station Road.



TAYLORS OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS

G.N. Theobald F.C. Optom
Mount Pleasant House
High Bentham
OPEN WEDNESDAY

9.00am - 5.00pm

Tel 01524 32915

for an appointment

Wenning Surfacing

TARMACADAM CONTRACTORS

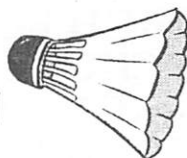
RICHARD BRADSHAW

015242 72189



Free Advice &
Estimates,
Professional,
Commercial &
Domestic Surfacing.

LOW BENTHAM BADMINTON CLUB



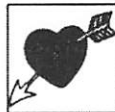
By Julie Bridgeman

All members of Low Bentham Badminton Club now have smart shirts with L.B.B.C., a shuttlecock, their name and the name of our sponsor. Those who chose to, also have a tracksuit with the same logo, their name and the name of our sponsor. Some members also chose to have shorts which are also embroidered with our logo. Many thanks go to Pam Woof of Bentham Sports for offering to sponsor our strip and for organising its production. I think I can say on behalf of all club members that everyone is very pleased and that when we play matches we will be the best turned out team. This is a far cry from our ripped jeans and sometimes disco type tops.

Also a far cry from our earlier years is our results. We used to come home not having won a point let alone a game! The 'B' team still have most of their matches to play but the 'A' team have won all their matches to date this season. People say we're going up a division. Rumour has it that they now have a tough draw against Arkholme in the cup. Congratulations must go to all players for persevering as we're now reaping the benefits. It is also a pleasure to take teams to matches and I'm proud to be part of a group of such delightful youngsters.

Many thanks go to Alan Kellet who has coached players so far this season. Unfortunately Alan cannot continue to coach which is a shame because the players have obviously benefitted. Our training sessions are Tuesdays from 6.00-7.00pm at Sedberg Junior School. We desperately need a coach to continue with the developing of skills. If anyone is willing and able to come and coach please contact Julie on 62276. Many thanks also to Kath and Glen, who drives to matches. Thanks also to Jeanette who has recently stayed to help. To continuing success.

TOM GUY'S FEBRUARY POEM



Does your heart give a flutter
As Valentine's Day comes near?
I think it does for most of us
For someone you hold dear.



Don't forget those cards and flowers
Or whatever you like to do.
Take them out for dinner.
That's the way to woo.



If you're feeling frisky
And you like to go out too
Get yourselves to Golf Club
They have a right good do.



Puss in Boots is the Panto to be
In the Town Hall, come and see.
Bring the kids for a fun night out.
Mums and dads can laugh and shout.



Beware us lads, it's Leap Year
On the twenty ninth of Feb
Some fair maid may fancy you
Would love to get you wed.



Been a scout when you were a lad?
Most of you will now be dads.
It could come back with a little help.
Still got your badge and scouting belt?

ISLAMIC AWARENESS DAY

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY
2008 10.30AM TO 4PM

VICTORIA HALL
KIRKGATE, SETTLE
ALL WELCOME

Computer Services

M A Page

- ✓ PC support for business & home users
- ✓ Friendly and dependable service
- ✓ Callout visits at a time to suit you

Tel. 07982 614651

www.mattpage.com



AIRE VALLEY
Glass



Visit our

Manufacturers and
Installers of Quality

new showroom in Clapham

- Windows
- Doors
- Conservatories
- Roofline
- PVCu & Hardwood

A Family Business Established Over 25 Years

Dalesview	Tel:	Fax:
Old Road	015242	015242
Clapham	51705	51832
LA2 8JH		

www.airevalleyglass.co.uk





IT'S PANTO TIME IN BENTHAM!

This year's pantomime - Puss in Boots - will be performed in the Town Hall on February 13th-16th, and tickets are now available from Bentham Sports (see page 17).

Our pictures (courtesy of Jon Brook of Bentham Imaging) show a brave puss (Stephie Park) protecting the beautiful Princess Camomile (Izzy Wilkinson) from animals (Eleanor Luston and Pdraig Spillane), and a tender scene where the principal boy (Laura Christman) comforts the dying miller (Trevor Blackwell).

BENTHAM NEWS is published at "Latharna", High Bentham, by an editorial committee consisting of Trevor Blackwell, Shirley Brown, Linda Cressey, Judith Johnson, Peter Phillips, Ken Robertson, Pam Woof, and co-ordinator, Bill Kennedy, who can be contacted on telephone 62492. Every effort is made to ensure that information contained in the paper is correct. However Bentham News is an open access paper and views and opinions expressed are not necessarily those of the editorial committee. The committee reserves the right to edit contributions. We are willing to withhold names on request, **but names, addresses and telephone numbers must accompany all items for publication**, which should be handed in to the Gallery, Station Road, by the copy deadline, the 15th of the month prior to publication. The BN email address is: BenthamNews@lycos.com.