

# BENTHAM NEWS



Our photos show a smiling couple, Judith and David Johnson, at the Town Hall during the very successful exhibition of the history of "The Benthams" which David organised (see interview on page 5). The other is a general picture of the display. During the Easter weekend the exhibition was open for 3 days and just under 1,000 people attended.



## RECIPES

By Doreen Park

Here, as promised, are two more Phil Vicory specials for your delight.

### Spicy Crab with Green Beans, Broccoli, Lime & Ginger

For 2 persons, preparation time 10 minutes.  
Cooking time - nil.

#### Dressing

4 tbsps sunflower oil  
juice of two large limes  
finely grated zest of one large lime  
2 tbsps sesame oil  
1 tbsp grated ginger  
1 clove garlic, crushed  
1 tsp chopped red fresh chilli  
canderel to taste  
salt and freshly ground black pepper

#### The Main Dish

2 x 220 tins crab meat, well drained, or fresh crab meat  
250 gms just cooked broccoli florets  
4 flat string or runner beans, raw, sliced diagonally  
2 heads pak choi roughly sliced  
2 tbsps roughly chopped coriander  
chopped honeyed cashew nuts

Mix the oils, lime juice, lime zest, ginger, garlic and chilli together, add a little salt and pepper and whisk well. Sweeten with canderel to taste. Ensure that you have a good balance between acidity and sweetness. Leave to infuse for 30 minutes. Meanwhile, mix all the vegetables together and add the well drained crab meat. Pour the dressing over this and mix well. Pile into a large bowl and sprinkle with the nuts and coriander. Serve straight away. (I sampled this and it was superb).

### Creamed Rice with Pink Rhubarb and Fromage Frais

For 4 persons, preparation time 15 minutes.  
Cooking time 40 minutes.

1 pt milk, 100mls skimmed milk and 55g pudding rice  
1 vanilla pod, split  
4 tbsps canderel  
250 gms fromage frais



225 gms forced rhubarb chopped finely  
1 tbsp freshly grated ginger  
1 glass white wine  
Zest and juice of one large lemon

Pre heat the oven to 150C, Gas Mark 2. Bring the milk and vanilla pod to boil in an ovenproof saucepan, stir in the rice, mix well and cover. Place in the oven for 40 minutes until thick and creamy.

When cooked, remove from the oven and cool. While the rice is cooling, place the rhubarb and ginger in a saucepan with the white wine, bring to the boil and simmer with lid on until you have a thick puree. Remove the lid and strain off most of the moisture and then allow to cool. Then add 2-4tbsps canderel to taste, and chill.

When the rice has cooled spoon into a large bowl and break up with a wooden spoon, add the skimmed milk, fromage frais, lemon juice, zest and canderel to taste. Mix well and chill. Then place on 4 serving dishes and top with the chilled rhubarb - delicious!

## TAMING THE TIGER

**The remarkable story of a Kung  
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Bentham Town Hall 7.30pm.**

Raised in China, Tony Anthony became a 3 times World Champion and a Master of the art. In his early 20s Tony worked as an elite body guard, travelling the world protecting some of the world's richest, most powerful people.

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## APRIL'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

All the Cllrs. attended except Cllr. Stannard. **Planning.** The Bridge House development came up again with an application to leave some walls without a stone face. The Cllrs. recommended refusal so that the houses were in keeping with others in the area. There was also a letter objecting to the development of land adjacent to 4 Goodenber Road. The Cllrs. felt that most of the points raised in the letter were more of a legal nature rather than planning concerns and they recommended acceptance of the development because it would be an improvement over the current position.

**Highways.** The Cllrs. felt that there had been a better response to recent requests. They seem to be making some headway in their desire to see bollards outside Barwise's to prevent vehicles mounting the pavement and damaging the blind. The bollard at the Punch Bowl Cottage will be marked with reflective material. Some Cllrs. wondered why a 20 mph speed limit had been introduced at Burton but not at Low Bentham.

**Footpaths.** The footpath at Far Sunnybank was the subject of a letter from the landowners who explained that their drive will be re-aligned in the summer but that this will not affect access to the footpath. There is some controversy about a non-prescribed right of way leading from St. Margaret's Church to Ridding Lane. The new owner has attempted to restrict its use but regular users have made an application to the Rights Of Way Officer to have the path officially recognised.

**Low Bentham Playing Field.** Cllr. Hurtle said that the site looked run down and that the play equipment was well past its useful life. He thought one of the first tasks of the new Council would have to be a decision to improve the facilities.

**Community Gardens.** The Cllrs. welcomed a letter from Bentham News to discuss an initiative by the Cllrs. raised at the March meeting to revive the small gardens near the welcome signs which were so successful a

couple of years ago. Some of the Cllrs. had already decided to try to do something themselves.

**Transport.** The Cllrs. welcomed two initiatives. One is free bus travel for the disabled and those over 60 and another is the launch of the Leeds/Morecambe Community Rail Partnership aimed at further enhancing the route and opening up leisure and recreation facilities. The partnership will be launched on 20<sup>th</sup> May at Carnforth Railway Station.

**Parking.** Although the Council received a rather negative reply from Craven District Council about the proposed development on Station Road, Cllr. Camacho later assured the Cllrs. that things may not be as negative as had appeared in the letter and that there was a great deal of support for the scheme within the Council. The possibility of linking the car park to the railway platform was also mentioned. Most serious from Bentham's point of view is the likelihood that pay and display meters will soon be appearing at our car parks. The Cllrs. were worried about the impact that this will have on on-road parking and the congestion it is likely to cause.

**Council Elections** will be held on 4<sup>th</sup> May. Cllr. De La Haye complained that the application date had been poorly advertised. The other Cllrs. agreed that it had been a last minute affair. Because of the election date the next Council meeting will be on Bank Holiday Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> May.

**Flooding** The Council decided to try to find out if anything was planned to improve the drainage problems at Wesley Close now that more houses are being constructed in that area.

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## COME TO WRAY FAIR ON MONDAY 1ST MAY



*By Lin Barrington*

Bentham Community Transport is running a minibus to Wray Fair on Monday 1st May. The bus will be leaving from the Auction Mart at 9.45am, 10.45am and 1.00pm (and other times by request), picking up at Main Street, the Horse and Farrier and Low Bentham, and at other points along the way as required. Return times can be arranged with the driver. The fare will be £3 return.

To book your place, phone 62753 or call in at the Bentham Community office on Station Road (next to Tom Guy's barbershop).

## FORMS FOR FREE BUS PASSES

*By Lin Barrington*

We now have application forms for the North Yorkshire Bus Pass Scheme at the Community Information Office on Station Road (next to Tom Guy's barbershop).

You can send the application by post as long as you include a recent passport-size photograph and proof of your age and address. (Craven District Council is willing to try using photographs taken with a digital camera as long as they are good quality images on good quality paper).

## TOURIST INFORMATION HELPERS WANTED

*By Lin Barrington*

We are looking for more volunteers to help in the Bentham Tourist Information office. Until now, we have worked on the basis of one volunteer per two-hour session, but now that we are setting up an office in the Town Hall, we would like to find extra volunteers willing to be on duty alongside an established volunteer, so that we have two people covering each session. If you are able to help us, please call the Tourist Information office on 015242 62549, or drop in and have a chat.

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# DAVID JOHNSON: BENTHAM'S HISTORY MAN

*By Trevor Blackwell*

I can't believe it - I can see two elephants drinking water in the middle of Bentham! David Johnson puts the 1930's photograph back amongst the hundreds of pictures and personal memoirs packed into two rooms of his house in Low Bentham, and tells me how it all began.

"When I became head teacher of the primary school in 1973 I had the children of some quite well-established Bentham families in my class, and through the children talking about the projects on the history of Bentham their parents offered me photographs. People learned gradually that I was interested in photographs, and also, quite importantly, that if they lent something to me it came back quite quickly - in one piece!

When we had to raise some money to buy a school computer, Peter Bolton, my deputy head, and myself, decided that we'd put together a history book of Bentham - "Bentham in Times Past" - from the photographs we'd collected. We published this book in 1984/5 and we were absolutely amazed at the interest. We ordered 500, and we finished up ordering 1200, and they all sold.

And then of course people knew where to bring their photographs, and quite often now an elderly person dies and their relatives will come with photographs or articles which need copying and preserving. I don't really count myself as a historian. It's just that people know where to bring things.

It's like finding hidden treasure sometimes (laughter). I've just found out about an eccentric who lived up on the moors in a caravan with no light and no water who sent bills to people. This chap who lives near here showed me one of the bills he sent to Ford who had the silk mills in Low Bentham, and this bill is five and a half feet long - I measured it - and two feet wide, and this eccentric reckoned that he'd lent Ford a pig, but Ford hadn't paid him for the use of the

pig, and so he calculated how much Ford owed him at compound interest. This bill was dated 1919, and it was eleven million pounds! I've seen it but it's so delicate we couldn't put it in the exhibition. It's difficult to know how to preserve it.

I did a millennium exhibition in 2000 in the Town Hall, and lots of people came. People nowadays are very interested in the memorable past - in what they can remember their grandparents telling them about.

I think originally I didn't pay enough attention to the importance of naming groups of people, but I've grown to realise that's what people really are interested in. I've realised the importance of naming and dating.

Bentham's a very vibrant place now, but when you look back to the Fifties and Sixties you see how much more home-grown entertainment there was then, and how much stronger societies and groups were. There were the Phoenix Players which put on two or three plays a year, and took part in the Hornby Drama Festival. Bentham on a Saturday night absolutely hummed with the sound of dances. There even used to be a small orchestra.

What am I going to do with my collection? I don't know. There must be over 800 photographs, and lots of articles and narratives, which need preserving. It is a bit of a headache. Because what is there in life now that's permanent, that you can rely on? If you give it to an organisation how can you guarantee that the organisation will still be there? And who will keep the collection within Bentham?

I realise through meeting people how little I really know about the history of Bentham. But all I'm doing is my little bit of trying to collect and preserve things for the future."

At David's crowded exhibition at Easter I found a buzz of excitement as people recognised faces and places from their past and shouted "Come and look at this!" And it was clear that David Johnson has done something very important for Bentham. He's become the man who helps people connect the present and the past. He's become Bentham's history man.

## ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS FOR LOW BENTHAM

At the local elections on Thursday 4th May, there are five candidates contesting the four seats in Low Bentham. We asked each of the five candidates to provide a brief article and photograph. We include, below, all the articles which were submitted by our deadline.



**Martin Faichney**

My name is Martin Faichney. I moved to Bentham about 18 years ago, and then to Low Bentham when I settled down with my wife. I run a small building firm, employing local people and using local suppliers.

I feel that the time has come when I would like to try and put something back into our local community and to represent the locals and hopefully do things for Low Bentham that will enhance the quality of living both for the young and older generation.

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My name is Lin Barrington and I have lived in Low Bentham for twenty years, and I manage Bentham Community Transport and Bentham Community Information.

I have been attending Town Council meetings for several years as a 'spectator', and decided that I would like to help with the decision making (if I am elected!).

I have been on many local committees, and was a parent governor of Low Bentham Primary School. At the moment, I am treasurer of Low Bentham Victoria Institute, and I am also interested in helping to improve the play area, which is owned by the Town Council. Play equipment is very expensive, and we will need to do some fundraising.

With the prospect of the Primary School being moved from Low Bentham, and all the new housing, things are changing in Low Bentham. I will do my best to help keep the village a good place to live.



**Lin Barrington**



**Paul Reynolds**

My name is Paul Reynolds and I am the Headmaster of Sedbergh Junior School at Low Bentham. I have lived in Low Bentham since August 2002 when we moved onto the site of the former Bentham Grammar School. Since then we have expanded steadily and our numbers have risen from 74 to 114 as a co-educational day and boarding school.

Close involvement in the local community has always been a priority for me. Our boarders attend church at St. John's in Low Bentham regularly and our choir has sung at both churches in High and Low Bentham and given concerts in High Bentham. The local badminton and football clubs use our sports hall often and we also run a weekly Gym Jumpers Club for local nursery children.

I am married to Adele, who is the school nurse at SJS, and we have two children, Tom and Kayleigh, who manage to ensure that our bank account is rarely healthy!

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The five candidates from whom four will be elected to represent Low Bentham are as follows:

**Lin Barrington  
Martin Faichney  
Paul Reynolds  
Gerald Hurtle  
Tim Stannard**

**Remember that votes can be cast at the High Bentham Town Hall, Victoria Inst, Low Bentham and the Village Hall, Burton, between 7.00am and 10.00pm.**

## PRESS RELEASE

### The Titterington Trail – April 18<sup>th</sup> 2006

Bearers of this unusual surname met for the first time at Easter 2005 in Halifax, West Yorkshire to welcome their distant American cousins Lowell and Phyllis Titterington who came to visit the homeland of their ancestor Thomas Titterington who emigrated from Halifax to start a new life in America in 1815 with his 4 young children, following the premature death of his wife.

Almost 50 descendants from the UK, with others from the USA, came along to tour the original haunts of their ancestors. Of particular interest in Halifax was the original home of Thomas Titterington (father of the American Thomas) at Old Riding, Luddenden – bought by him in 1777 for his large family including nine children. He came over from Waddington and produced worsted cloth which he traded in markets throughout the area. Known as 'stuff' the cloth gave rise to this group of his descendants being of 'Thomas the Stuffmaker'. Other distinct groups of Titteringtons have their own origins such as 'Archibald the Flaxdresser' and 'John the Bleacher' – all visitors will wear colour-coded badges to introduce themselves and show these origins.

Bob Titterington, who runs a single-name website for the name (and other close variants) is key to the research and he meticulously sifts through ancient documents such as wills and Parish registers, ably assisted by Alan Cookson, a son of Ivy Titterington.

So successful was the day that the organiser from Halifax, Alan Titterington, assisted Bob, Alan and two further Titterington daughters, Carrie Dugdale from Lytham and Ann Flatley from Kendal to plan another Titterington Trail in the truest heartland of the name – an area stretching from Mitton, to Waddington, through the Forest of Bowland, and on to High Bentham where an evening at The Horse and Farrier pub is planned. The day rounds off with a

buffet and various presentations by the organisers. Included here will be recent discoveries by several members covering heraldry, family tree updates, a deeper understanding of family group origins and details of the new scientific advances in the use of DNA testing, which now significantly allows genealogists a microscopic understanding - even into our far distant past. Scientists can now show relationships back to a common ancestor with only minor mutational changes through the male 'Y' chromosome going back as far as The Ice Age or to when man first stood on two legs!

70 descendants including their families and friends are already attending the 2006 Titterington Trail from all over the UK and several visitors are again flying in especially from the United States.

### Further notes of historical interest\*

(Much additional information is given beyond this in a booklet specially produced for the day by Bob Titterington – press copies are available\*) (Continued on page 8)

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All Hallows Mitton – John de Titryngton was the rector here in 1385. Eric Titterington from Blackburn is the present organist. The registers containing many entries will be on display.

The Horse and Farrier. This pub was owned by William Titterington

\*For further information please contact:- Alan Titterington – 07810 202590 or  
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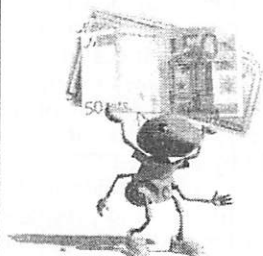
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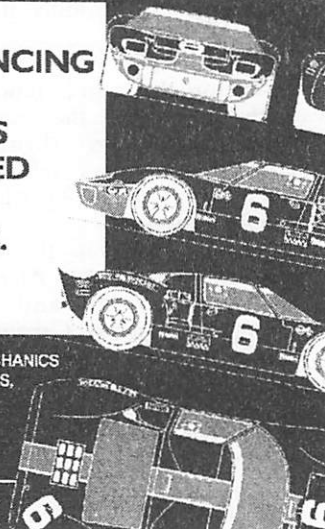
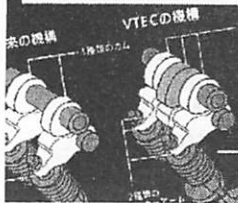
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# CALLING ALL AMATEUR PHOTOGRAPHERS

*By Shirley Brown*

English Nature, along with the Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Malham Tarn Field Centre, is delighted to announce their first ever, photographic competition, "Spotlight on Ingleborough".

Designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest and National Nature Reserve, the Ingleborough massif is host to some rare and beautiful plants, fascinating limestone pavements, historical sites and a fragile environment. These need to be preserved for those who live around it and the thousands who visit it each year. To mark this special environment, the "Spotlight on Ingleborough" team are hosting a photographic competition to celebrate the hopes of a sustainable future for this unique landscape.

## Prepare to be Famous!

The overall winner, judged by Stephen Garnett, the Craven Herald's photographer, will see their photograph made up into a special edition Christmas card. The "Spotlight on Ingleborough" team reserves the right to use any entries and undertake publicity in whatever way they deem appropriate. The sponsors (English Nature, Yorkshire Dales Millennium Trust, Yorkshire Dales National Park Authority and Malham Tarn Field Centre) may also use the photographs in their publicity.

The photographs should be taken in or around the Ingleborough area, and should reflect one of the following themes:

- Walking with Wildlife – wildlife, flowers and habitats
- Landscape Explorers – the geology and physical landscape
- Signs of the Times – historical sites and human activity

Photographs must be the entrant's original work and printed no larger than A4 with the name and address of the

photographer on the back. There must be no multiple entries, no entries can be returned and professional photographers are requested not to submit their work.

There are three age group categories:

11 and under - the winner will win an Explorers Pack

12 to 15 - the winner will win a pair of binoculars

16+ (including adults) - the winner will win £25.

The overall winning photograph will be made into a Yorkshire Dales Christmas card.

The deadline is 5pm on Friday 9th June 2006. The winners will be announced and the best photographs displayed during the "Spotlight on Ingleborough Family Day" on Saturday 24th June at the Hill Inn, Chapel-le-Dale.

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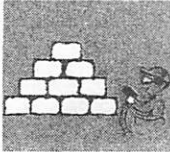
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## A BENCH FOR PAULINE

*By Lynda Rushton*

It was with great sadness in June of last year that the Community Association lost its secretary of many years, Pauline Hill. Pauline had been a part of the Association since its conception, working tirelessly as a volunteer, when ever and where ever needed.

Pauline also worked with many other voluntary groups as well as paid work within Bentham. So it was felt by the Community Association that she should be remembered in some small way.

It was decided that the most appropriate way would be to have a bench made for the front of the Community Centre, so that many who use the centre would be able to see and appreciate it.

After discussion with most of the other groups she was involved with, it was decided that the words 'Pauline Hill 1947 - 2005' would be written on the back of the bench.

The bench is nearing completion and will be placed at the front of the building on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2006 at 2pm with a small ceremony and a few words from Canon Bearpark, who also used to be on a number of committees with Pauline.

There will then be refreshment served in the Community Centre for anyone who would like to attend.

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## OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND

*By Susan Adams (NSPCC Chairman)*

The open gardens weekend, a fund-raising event for the N.S.P.C.C., will take place on Saturday and Sunday, 1st and 2nd July. Last year we were unable to organise this open garden weekend as in previous years, as we did not get sufficient offers of gardens to make the event viable. This year we hope to revive the event with some old favourites and some new gardens. We are always pleased to include new gardens and if you are willing to share your garden with us, no matter how large or small it may be, then please get in touch. We will welcome you with open arms.

For people new to the area or the garden scheme, the weekend follows a set pattern. Gardeners offer to let people look around their gardens, which are part of a pre-arranged trail. A map is provided with a list of the gardens to visit. This can be bought at designated shops in the town, or at any of the participating gardens on the day. This programme admits one person to all the gardens. Some people choose to select gardens they have not visited before, or to re-visit old favourites. Whatever your preference, an enjoyable weekend is promised.

If you would allow us to include your garden in the scheme, for either one, or both days, then please contact either Caroline Woof (62254) or Susan Adams (61182), before the end of May please, so that the list can be compiled in time for the Bentham News. People who have taken part in the scheme should have received a letter asking for their support again. We thank you all in advance.

### Post Script

If gardening is not your forte and you would like to help the N.S.P.C.C. in some other way, perhaps with our other fund-raising events - waste paper collections, Craft Fair, Cracker Sale, next year's house to house collection or smaller events we arrange - please get in touch with us at either of the numbers above.

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## DEATH BY MURDER, OR WAS IT?

*By Shirley Brown*

On the last Friday evening in March, Bentham Town Hall and an enthusiastic audience of 30+ people witnessed a rare treat, the opportunity to see a play which had only received its world premiere the week before in Settle. Theatre North and the Arts Council of England presented an exciting comedy, murder mystery play featuring two professional actors with strong local connections.

**Simon Guy**, originally from Bentham, who has appeared in many Bentham Players productions, including 'Bouncers' and various pantomimes, is now making his name in a variety of dramatic roles nationally. He has recently played the lead at the Kenneth Moore Theatre in Ilford and had an important part in a play at the Thorndike Theatre in Leatherhead, as well as appearing in the last series of Footballers' Wives on TV.

**Martin Lewton** has worked as an actor, writer and director across the country, and was for four years Resident Dramatist at Nottingham Playhouse. Now he is based in Settle and has a key role in Settle Youth Theatre and the Victoria Centre.

Simon and Martin skilfully played 8 characters in the play, 'Death by Murder'. The slick costume changes were a feature of the production, exhausting for the actors and tantalising for the audience, with Simon's appearance as buxom, mini-skirted Charity,

bringing gasps and wolf whistles from a delighted audience. The play had moments of dark humour and provoked some genuine confusion: Who was the murderer? Who was dead? Was anyone who they pretended to be? Thankfully Simon's cigarette on stage did not set off the Town Hall's sensitive smoke alarms, and the audience went away happy, and really pleased that they had taken the trouble to turn out on a wet night and been rewarded by seeing such high quality entertainment.

If you would like to find out more about future productions you can phone 01729-822058 or visit the website at [www.theatrenorth.co.uk](http://www.theatrenorth.co.uk)

## DRY STONE WALLING

*By Lizzie Star*

Craven College is running a series of dry stone walling courses in Bentham. We will rebuild your dry stone wall in return for cups of tea and the use of a loo! Please contact me (61155) if you have any walls in need of repair.

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Applications must be received before 30th June 2006.

## GARDEN COLUMN

By Joyce Knapp

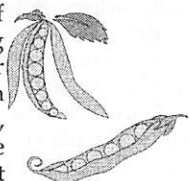
I have had quite a few questions, recently, about how to improve a predominantly clay soil, as it can be difficult to work in/on particularly in the wet conditions we have suffered this spring. I would suggest, as a first step, that we could add some sharp sand as this will help the soil form larger particles, thereby allowing more air into the soil and providing better drainage. The next step would be to add some organic matter and this could be in the form of garden compost, leaf mould, well-rotted farmyard manure, or as a last resort, spent mushroom compost. It is also worth considering creating beds in which to grow vegetables and paths between these beds. That way, we could avoid compacting the ground by walking on it, especially important during a spell of wet weather. It is worth remembering that a clay soil is usually very fertile and by adding both sand and manure, the nutrients will become more readily accessible to the growing plants.

If, on the other hand, our soil happens to be rather sandy, we can still improve it by adding copious amounts of compost or manure as this will help stop nutrients being washed out of the ground and will help hold the particles of sand together.

By the beginning of May we will no doubt have most of our main crops in the ground but there is still time to sow seeds of brussel sprouts (for a late crop) and purple sprouting broccoli. I have found it best to rear the seedlings in pots or trays of compost

in the greenhouse, until they are approximately three inches tall, when they can be planted out in their designated area. If, however, you lack either the time, space or the motivation to grow your own brassicas from seed, then they can be bought at the 'ready to plant out stage' from local suppliers.

There is still time to sow a late batch of pea seeds at the start of this month, and by doing so you can extend their cropping season considerably. Currently, my favourite variety is one called Greenshaft as it combines a wonderful flavour with being suitable for freezing, though not many make it to the freezer!



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## RECYCLING PLASTIC

By Shirley Brown

### No, not an April Fool this time!

A Craven District Council Press Release tells us that there is a new facility for recycling plastic bottles in Skipton's High Street Car Park. It will take drinks bottles, milk cartons, detergent bottles and shampoo bottles. However, this is quite selective, and if any other plastics are deposited the load will be rejected by the recycling merchant.

Craven tell us that: "It is envisaged that full scale plastic collection services will be delivered when Craven are able to collect plastic material with paper, cans and glass in mixed form. Work is already under way across North Yorkshire to develop comprehensive waste management services."

So now you know, but if you are still confused or want to find out more, just contact Waste Management on 01756 706203.

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# HIGH BENTHAM SURGERY

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Overall, you were highly satisfied with us. There are 20 nationally set targets and we surpassed 19 of these. We are very fortunate to have an efficient, friendly and dedicated staff team supporting the health care professionals in delivering a high standard of care.

### You told us you were very happy with:

- ◆ The reception staff.
- ◆ Phoning through to the practice.
- ◆ How quickly you could get to see a doctor when you were happy to see any doctor.
- ◆ The consultation with the doctor.
- ◆ Our care and concern for you.
- ◆ Our ability to help you understand and cope with your problems.
- ◆ The practice as a whole.

### You wanted us to improve on:

- ◆ How fast you are able to see your own doctor.
- ◆ How long you have to wait in the surgery to see the doctor.
- ◆ Phoning through to the doctor for advice.
- ◆ Giving you information on keeping healthy.
- ◆ The waiting room environment.

Many of you were disappointed that we are no longer responsible for providing medical care "out of hours". Some of you suggested more evening and early morning appointments for working people.

We had a meeting with the doctors, the nurses, the practice manager and the senior receptionist. We talked about the things that you wanted us to improve on.

### How fast you are able to get an appointment with your own doctor?

- ◆ Dr. Sullivan was off sick during the

the survey; fortunately he is back with us now, in fine fettle!

◆ Dr. Story only works part-time and has few routine appointments.

◆ It is inevitable that when you are highly satisfied with the care we give, you will want more. Try to consider alternative ways of accessing medical advice so as to free up your favourite doctor for when you really need him or her! (e.g. speaking to a relative, a pharmacist or a nurse, using the internet - [www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk](http://www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk))

◆ We are going to review our appointment system and the way we arrange follow-up of ongoing problems.

### How long you have to wait in the surgery to see the doctor:

◆ Please read the leaflet "While you are waiting".

◆ We are working on providing an electronic book-in system, which will tell you on arrival if the doctor or nurse is running late (of course this can change suddenly if the patient in front of you is seriously ill or doesn't turn up!)

### Phoning through to the doctor for advice

◆ In an emergency the on-call doctor will speak to you or arrange to see you very quickly.

◆ Always consider if there is someone else who could help you with your enquiry.

◆ We are going to hold a formal review of telephone consultations.

### Giving you information about keeping healthy

◆ We have a patient library in reception. Please feel free to borrow books.

◆ Please ask the nurses about any aspect of healthy living such as healthy eating, reducing alcohol intake, maintaining a work-life balance and exercising regularly.

◆ Practice Nurse Rachel Clay runs "stop smoking" clinics at the surgery and would love to see all smokers!

### The Waiting Room Environment

◆ A few small additions are planned - see if you can spot the changes! (*Continued on page 18*).

# LOCAL EVENTS IN MAY

**Tue 2nd** Town Hall 7.15-9.30pm  
Bentham: Environmentally Sustainable Town? Discussion arranged by Local Action for Justice and Peace - Can we make Bentham greener?

Looking Well, 2.00pm gardening, and every Tuesday.

Playgroup & Toddlers every Tuesday and Wednesday, 1.00-3.00pm, Wenningdale Room, Town Hall.

**Wed 3rd** Indoor market at the Town Hall  
Classical Indian dance classes each Wednesday at Melling Institute, 6.45-8.15pm. Details from Sue Flowers 21233..

NSPCC Monthly Meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.

**Thu 4th** Elections - Town Hall, Victoria Institute and Village Hall Burton, 7.00am-10.00pm.

High Bentham W.I. 7.30pm, Wenningdale Room, Town Hall. See page 18.

Rounders at the Sports Club, 7.00pm. More details from Ingrid Ellershaw 62345.

Looking Well, 6.45-7.45pm, Evening energiser aerobics at the Town Hall, and every Thursday.

**Fri 5th** Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, John Henderson - "Cosmology".

GFI (1) Years 6,7 & 8. 6.45-8.00pm. GFI (2) Years 9,10 & 11. 8.15-9.15pm, Methodist Schoolroom, and every Friday in term time.

**Sat 6th** St. John's coffee morning and plant stall, Town Hall, 10.00-11.30am.



Farmers' Market, Town Hall, 8.30am-2.30pm.

Looking Well, 10.15am-12.00noon, Children's Theatre and Arts Club, and every Saturday.

Melling Institute - 7.30pm, Wave Over Wave, A celebration of Newfoundland Culture, details and tickets from 015242 21233.

**Sun 7th** Bentham Footpath Group walk, Dunsop Fell, 9 miles, leader Sandra Robinson. Meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.

**Mon 8th** Springboard for 7-10 year olds, in Methodist Schoolroom, 6.15-7.30pm and every Monday in term time.

Town Council meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

**Tue 9th** Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 9.30-11.30am.

**Wed 10th** Alzheimer's Society Carers Support Group 7.30-9.00 at Looking Well.

**Fri 12th** Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, "Twenty Questions".



**Sat 13th** Low Bentham W.I. coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon. Cake stall, raffle etc.

## LISTING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

Date.....Time.....

Event.....

Venue.....

Contact Tel. Number.....

Name.....

Please complete and return this entry to the Sports Shop, Main Street, High Bentham, by 15th of month.

- Sat 13th     Bentham Footpath Group 20th Anniversary walk, Heritage Trail, 5 or 9 miles, leader B. Ellershaw, see page 28.  
Yorkshire Wildlife Trust Diamond Jubilee guided walk, Kingsdale, 10.30am. Details from Roger Neale 015242 41155.
- Sun 14th     Yorkshire Wildlife Garden family activities and teas 2.00-5.00pm. Details from Liz Neale 015242 41155.
- Mon 15th     Copy deadline for June Bentham News.
- Tue 16th     Mothers Union at Burton Church Room, 2.00pm.
- Wed 17th     Indoor Market at the Town Hall.
- Thu 18th     Low Bentham W.I. at Victoria Institute, see page 18.  
Fire Service National Benevolent Fund Benefit Dinner, 7.00 for 7.30pm. Tickets, raffle prizes, donations, please contact Karen or Naomi at Coach House 62305, or Fire Crew Manager Mick Green 62574.  
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Tunstall Church, leader C. Crellin. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
- Fri 19th     Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, Chris Broadhead - Musical Quiz.  
Waste paper collection at Lairgill car park, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.  
YDNP guided walk, Clapham, 2.00pm. Details from Roger Neale 015242 41155.
- Sat 20th     Age Concern coffee  morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon.  
National Community Rail Day - Launch of Leeds-Morecambe Community Rail Partnership. Talk by W.R. Mitchell, 2.00pm at the Town Hall. Refreshments.
- Sun 21st     Bluebell Walk in Roeburndale, meet at Looking Well, 11.30am.
- Tue 23rd     Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.  
High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 9.30-11.30am.
- Wed 24th     Bentham Footpath Group walk, 3 miles, focusing on using a compass and map, led by Annie Neligan. Meet at Lairgill 6.30pm.
- Fri 26th     June Bentham News published.  
Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, "Word Power".
- Sat 27th     Bentham Conservative Association coffee  morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon.
- Sun 28th     Car Boot Sale 9.00am-1.00pm at Riverside Caravan Park. Bacon Butties, Tombola. Proceeds to Bentham Tourist Information Office.  
Songs of Praise at Riverside Caravan Park, 6.00pm. All welcome.  
Jean West Memorial Walk. Meet at Lairgill 2.00pm.
- Mon 29th     Open Garden & Teas, Bank House, Higher Westhouse, 2.00pm, in aid of Village Hall & Green.
- Wed 31st     Indoor market at the Town Hall.

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## WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

### Low Bentham

*By Jennifer Watkinson*

At times members were in stitches as Mrs. Liz O'Neale recounted the fun she had experienced in the talk entitled "Making a Splash". She compared Morecambe as it is today and how it used to be, half a century ago. She spoke proudly of its past as a premiere resort with all year round entertainment. With the Winter Gardens attracting the big stars, different festivals, seven cinemas and a huge swimming pool it had hoards of visitors. She passed an audition to join the aqua girl team which specialised in synchronized swimming, back somersaults being their forte. The Aqua Lovelies wore beautiful swimming costumes and pretty hats and attracted large audiences. They became quite famous, doing TV shows and appearing on the front of national newspapers, and even attracted the wrath of Gilbert Harding. Mrs. O'Neale was thanked by the president, Mrs. June Harrison.

Mrs Faith Wilson won the annual Norah Worth award for the beautifully decorated novelty shoe she had made. She was presented with a certificate and award at the North Yorkshire West's council meeting which was also attended by our delegate, Mrs. Christine Jennings. Jaqueline Wilson will be "Singing her Travels" at the 18th May meeting.

### High Bentham

*By Doreen Park*

At the April meeting members went down memory lane with teddy bears. Mrs. Pat Heywood brought a wonderful collection she had made for every occasion you could name. She also described the history and making of this art form. She was thanked by President Wendy Dowbiggin who then introduced two new members and welcomed a visitor. This was followed by the business of the evening - reporting that the trading stall on the 29th March had raised £124. Thanks were expressed to

members and shoppers alike for their support. Arrangements were made for transport to the Group Meeting and copies of the forthcoming Dinner and Theatre Club venues were distributed.

The meeting on the 4th May will take place in the Wenningdale Room at the Town Hall, due to the County Council election. The meeting will take the form of a Birthday Party, with a hot supper, resolutions and entertainment. The competition will be "A posy of flowers".

## HIGH BENTHAM SURGERY

*(Continued from page 15)*

### Out of Hours Services

GPs are contracted by the government to provide specific services. The Primary Care Trust now provides medical care between 6.30pm and 8.00am Monday to Friday and at weekends. This is due to a nationally agreed change over which we had little control.

If you need a doctor outside these times, you can telephone the surgery and you will automatically be transferred to the Out of Hours Service. If you encounter any problems, please speak to Mrs. MacDonald, practice manager.

### Evening and Early Morning

#### Appointments

Morning surgeries generally start at 8.30am. Most doctors run late afternoon surgeries where appointments can be booked between 5 and 6pm.

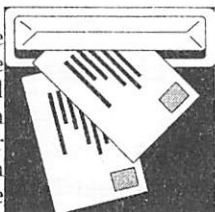


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Dear Benthams News,  
We would like to give some background to the fencing recently erected in the field on the north bank of the River Wenning downstream from Shaky Bridge. We were approached by the Lüne Habitat Group to allow them to fund the erection of the fence to create a wildlife habitat buffer strip along the river bank mirroring their previous work on the opposite bank.



The fence, by excluding livestock from the banks and a two metre strip of level farmland enables the natural vegetation to regenerate to the benefit of both the land and water based flora and fauna. To assist in the regeneration we have planted over 250 trees (rowan, oak, ash, bird cherry, field cherry and crab apple) and berry bearing shrubs.

Coincidental to the erection of the fence we are also addressing two other issues.

Severe river bank erosion is continuing near Shaky Bridge despite earlier work by the Environment Agency and Benthams Anglers. In late March a small area of the field fell into the river taking with it part of the anglers' footpath. The bank although vertical had not been undercut by the river. At its narrowest point there now needs to be a further meter of erosion and the railway embankment is open to attack. At this point the current Ordnance Survey digital mapping shows over 6 meters of field width! We have heavily planted this area with willow which if given the chance to establish should provide further erosion protection.

In this litigious age we have also had to consider our legal liabilities and obligations to "visitors" on the land. Broadly we are liable for personal injuries and in some cases property damage resulting from accidents on our land and if we are aware of a hazard we must take steps to protect people from it. Whilst local people may be aware of the potential dangers of the river bank visitors to the area cannot be assumed to have that knowledge and therefore, in view of the field's proximity to Shaky Bridge, a feature of the Benthams Heritage Trail, we are discouraging access to the field.

The position in respect of Benthams Anglers is unaffected, we still give them the right to fish, it can be assumed that they are aware of the dangers of river banks and they carry public liability insurance.

*Linda & Peter Kellaway, Wenningdale, Benthams.*

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## BENTHAM PEOPLE

### Personal Thanks

**Errington.** The family of the late Marjorie Errington would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, support and cards during their recent bereavement. Many thanks to the Home Care Service, the staff and nurses of Castleberg Hospital and the many friends of Marjorie whose visits and letters were of great comfort during her extended recent illness. Grateful thanks to the Rev. Nigel Thomas and Mr. Joe Morphet for their help and understanding during these sad times.

### Thanks

**Amanda and Luke** would like to say a special thanks to everyone who has sent all the lovely cards and gifts for the birth of **Daniel Paul Robinson**. "The support we've had from everyone has been amazing. Many thanks".

**Gay** would like to say an enormous "thank you" for all the good wishes and multitude of "get well" cards she received during her recent spell in hospital. A wonderful therapy.

### CHARITIES THANK YOU

High Bentham Playgroup & Toddlers say a big thank you to the SBC for their generous donation which is much appreciated.

The Brownie Quiz was won by Mrs. Audrey Leak of Bentham. Congratulations. The quiz raised £149 for Brownie funds - many thanks to all who supported us.

### Come and have your portrait taken

Portrait photographer experimenting with b & w images will be at Craven College, Millers Court, Room 8, on Wednesdays 3rd, 17th, 24th and 31st May from 3.00-5.15pm. Models given 50% reduction. (No obligation to buy image). Model Release form signed by you (or parents if under 18), if you want your portrait included in my next exhibition. Telephone enquiries welcome 62701. [www.gayesart.com](http://www.gayesart.com)



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### HIGH BENTHAM COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL IS SEEKING TO APPOINT:

#### EARLY YEARS LUNCH CLUB

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## BENTHAM OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB GETS GRANT

By Lynda Rushton

The Bentham Out of School Club has received news that it has been successful in a Local Network Fund Application for nearly £7,000. The grant will enable the club to run workshops during term and holiday time over the following year.

The club, which works closely with both High and Low Bentham Schools, will be looking at Social and Emotional Development, Physical Development and Communication, inside and outside the home, using different mediums including art and drama and will enlist the help of specialists within the community to give a stimulating and enjoyable experience to the children who attend.

The club wishes to thank the Local Network Fund for allowing it the opportunity to expand the excellent service

being provided. The club has been running for over 5 years now and has provided a vital service to anyone who cares for school age children up to the age of 12. It is registered through Ofsted with qualified staff, making it a child led safe environment for all.

If you would like to know more about the Out of School facility then please contact Pauline Eastwood or Lynda Rushton on Bentham 61800.

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# BENTHAM THEATRE GROUP

*By Iain Henshaw*

I asked Peter Armstrong the Director of "Oh What a Lovely War" why he wanted to do it and why people should come to see it? Oh What a Lovely War is the next major Bentham Theatre Group production. It tells the story of the First World War in a series of fast-moving scenes interspersed with the songs and music of the time. It's a wonderful play: lively, hard-hitting, warm, humorous, and moving.

When it was first produced, in the late fifties, it was groundbreaking for the way it mixed song and humour with serious action, and presented the whole in a mock music hall setting. Today it still retains a freshness, and a zest, that can have you laughing one moment, and wiping tears of sadness away the next. One of the great features is the soldiers' songs: self-mocking, darkly humorous and set, often, to well known hymn tunes: 'When this lousy war is over, no more soldiering for me...' (to the tune of 'What a friend we have in Jesus') 'Hush, here comes a whizzbang, and it's heading straight for you...' 'Gassed last night, gassed the night before, we're gonna get gassed tonight if we never get gassed any more.'

The plight of the ordinary soldiers – the Tommies – caught up in a violent conflict beyond their control, is a major theme. But we also see the generals with their strange obsessions and ruinous strategies, and the business men with their profiteering, and of course the women folk, from nurses, to munitions workers, to Emily Pankhurst, to ladies handing out white feathers to those not at the front. As with the Bentham History Show, we hope to remember and give recognition to those from our town who were caught up in the events of the world. The first world war took many men from Bentham, and many never returned, with their families' lives changed for ever. Here is one view, amongst many possible views, to remind us of those times. There's plenty here for those of us in the Theatre Group to get our teeth into, and for everyone else to come and watch, and enjoy, and learn. We will, as

in recent productions, be filming elements of the show, so you will be able to recognise local backgrounds to some scenes. We will, of course, be utilising all your favourite local actors, and probably a few new ones too. We will be including where possible local references and facts. And we will be bringing you the very best in song, music and drama. It will be our most challenging production yet and is scheduled for November.

## First World War Memorabilia

We are still on the look out for any First World War memorabilia, especially if it relates to local people. Anybody like to tell their war stories? We'd love to record them. Are there any bandsmen out there; brass preferably, who'd be happy to take part or be recorded? As part of the rehearsals we will be holding singing workshops at the Community Centre. These will take place at 7:30pm on 26th June and 4, 10 & 18th of July. If you would be prepared to play extras in our film scenes then get in touch.

New! Informal meetings at the Black Bull Hotel on the 1st Tuesday and bi monthly starting 6<sup>th</sup> June 7:30. Like to be involved in writing the panto? The next writing group meeting will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> May from 7-8pm at the Community Centre.

We will be dedicating a bench and planting a tree in the grounds of the Community Centre in remembrance of Pauline Hill. Please join us on Saturday 3rd of June to remember this much missed member of the community.

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*By David Lewis (Churchwarden)*

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The bells were inspected in August last year by John Taylor's bell founders, and it was discovered that a large wheel onto which one of the bell ropes is attached to a bell was badly damaged. This meant that the bells could no longer be rung. An 'appeal for a peal' was about to be launched by the church to raise money for repairs when it was realized that one of the finest wheelwrights in the country lives and works in Bentham. Phil Jowett was approached and agreed to look at the problem. Phil

together with Alton Metcalfe arrived at the church one cold Saturday afternoon and dismantled the wheel. This had to be lowered by ropes from the roof of the tower as the pieces were too large to take down the narrow spiral staircase. In his workshop Phil replaced the broken spokes and damaged joints.

### Two Generous Local Craftsmen

In just a short time the two craftsmen returned the fully functioning bell wheel to the church and re-attached it to the bell. The repair was a gift to the church, for which all the congregation, and many people in Low Bentham are grateful. The bells will be rung again by a visiting team from Leicester on Saturday 29th April between 10.30 and 11.00. If you hear them ringing think of the hard work and generosity of two craftsmen from Bentham who have made it possible.

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## POST OFFICE NEWS

By David Alder

### Last Weekday Royal Mail Collection Times From Bentham

The time of the last collection on Monday-Friday was recently advanced slightly from post boxes and post offices in the area. The last collection from Bentham Post Office used to be timed at 17.15 (actual 17.20) and is now timed at 17.00 (17.05). The letter box outside the post office is also cleared at this time, even though the collection time is shown as 16.45! The afternoon relief collection introduced some years ago has also ceased so to sum up, collections are made about 11.30(am) and about 1700(pm) Monday - Friday.

### Threats to Rural Post Office Business

You may have read in the national press about continued initiatives by government agencies to take away or reduce work done by post offices. The most recent relate to

TV licences, and most importantly the PO Card Account for the payment of Pensions and Allowances (from 2010). Although the official government line is that it wishes to retain a full national network of post offices, including rural areas, and is working with the post office on initiatives to achieve this, its actions often seem to move in a contrary direction! The National Federation of Subpostmasters is organising a petition about the card account soon and in the meantime card account holders should carry on as normal please.

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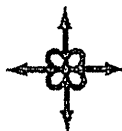
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## FOOTPATH GROUP



*By Maureen Ellis*

On Sunday the 7th May, Sandra Robinson leads a 9 mile walk taking in Beatrix Fell as well as Dunsop Fell. After some steep terrain it's then along the tops and back by the river. The other meeting place after Lairgill at 9.30 am, is Dunsop Bridge car park. For more information phone Joan Clapham on 64906.

## Anniversary Walk

The anniversary walk, celebrating 20 years since the Footpath Group started, takes place on Saturday 13th. Bernard Ellershaw will lead it along the Bentham Heritage Trail where there is a choice of lengths, either 5 or 9 miles, the Pilkingtons leading the shorter version. It will start at Bentham Bridge and very appropriately for this anniversary event Len Moody will be present. There will be tea afterwards in the Methodist Hall, Station Rd.

On Thursday the 18th at 9.30am from Lairgill, (with a second meeting place at Burton) Carol Crellin will lead a walk taking in Tunstall Church where we usually have lunch, and also walking by Collingholme Farm. It is a level walk over fields.

The first of our evening walks this year is rather special. On Wednesday 24th at 6.30pm there will be a map and compass walk lead by Annie Neligan who is employed by Looking Well to promote physical fitness. Because of the nature of the activity it will be a modest 3 miles.

## FOOTPATH FAULTS

*By Alison Hack (Parish Clerk for Ingleton)*

For anyone wishing to report problems regarding footpaths in the area, the details of who to contact are as follows: David Gibson, Tel: 015242 61942. 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.

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# BENTHAM GOLF CLUB, WHERE A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU, EVEN IF YOU DON'T PLAY GOLF!

*By Bill Kennedy*

Following the conversion to an eighteen hole course, a few years ago, I called in at our local golf club the other day, for a chat with the President, Tom Guy and the Men's Captain, Mick Brown. Both are well known personalities in Bentham. I wanted to find out more about what the club can offer to local people, and indeed, those from further away.

Perhaps the most important factor is that we have a magnificent course right on our doorstep. Players enjoy some stunning views from various parts of the course, and a considerable range of interesting wild life and plants add to the enjoyment. As the Sports Editor of the Yorkshire Post said "Yorkshire has gained a new jewel with the extension of Bentham's nine hole course to eighteen". The clubhouse is also an excellent asset, with changing rooms, a bar and spacious function room and a golf shop.

But you don't have to be a golfer to join. You can join as a social member, and this entitles you to meet with your fellow members, have a drink, a bar snack or to hire the main room for that special family or group function. There is a thriving bridge group, meeting regularly on Monday nights, and other organisations hold their annual dinners in the function room. So if you are interested in finding out more about the club, playing or social membership, why not contact the secretary, John Mann, on 62470, or any of the officers of the club?



*The picture shows, from left to right, Club President Tom Guy, Ladies' Captain Jill Taylor, and Men's Captain, Mick Brown.*

## Thriving Junior Section

Looking to the future, the club has developed a very active and successful junior section. Young people, even those under 10 years of age, have been encouraged to play, and receive excellent coaching on a weekly basis. Andy Chappell and Duncan Stephenson have provided the quality of coaching, in conjunction with the club professional, Alan Watson, that has seen many youngsters become quite skilled golfers, playing in regional competitions. Unfortunately, due to a change in his work, Andy is no longer available for training, but the club is grateful for all his dedicated work in the past.

## Club Professional

Alan Watson, a PGA professional, joined Bentham after a successful period as assistant professional at Kirkby Lonsdale Golf Club. He provides a full range of services including golf lessons, repairs, re-ripping and weekly coaching of the junior section.

## Contact

You can contact the Golf Club by telephone on 015242 62455/62470, or by email at [secretary@benthamgolfclub.co.uk](mailto:secretary@benthamgolfclub.co.uk) and the website is [www.benthamgolfclub.co.uk](http://www.benthamgolfclub.co.uk).

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**GOLF CLUB BRIDGE**

*By Peggie Duke*

Like many Golf Clubs, Bentham has its Bridge playing members - golfers or social members - who enjoy an evening of duplicate bridge every Monday.

An Open Bridge Drive was held on the afternoon of 17th March, when 68 people played - 17 tables were comfortably accommodated in the clubhouse lounge.

The Bridge was preceded by an excellent buffet lunch with wine, served very proficiently by golfing members. At the close of play, tea and biscuits were served while the raffle and bridge prizes were presented by the lady captain, Mrs Jillian Taylor.

This event was a concerted effort by members, as all food, prizes and time were given so willingly, making it a very successful afternoon for the Golf Club, and enjoyable for the players, many of whom came from as far as Preston, Ulverston, Kendal, Morecambe, Silverdale and Settle, and on leaving were asking when the next bridge drive will be held!

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*By Alison Jones*

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### Karen's Bluebell Walk

Karen Wright thanks everyone who has given her such support and good wishes since her accident. The walk along Roeburndale that Karen organised last year was so popular that we are going again, this time on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May. We'll be meeting at Looking Well at 11.30 am, and share lifts to take us to the start of the walk. This will take us through ancient bluebell woodland set on a hillside - you'll need to wear good waterproof footwear and be able to climb up some steps. Please bring a packed lunch. All are welcome. For more details, ring Annie at Looking Well on 62672.

### Bradford Chorale to visit Bentham

Advance warning of a special date - Looking Well Studios will be officially opened on Saturday June 17th and to celebrate the occasion the Bradford Chorale have offered to do a Summer Celebration Concert at the Town Hall at 7.00 pm to raise funds to complete the refurbishment. Don't miss it!

### Jean West Memorial Walk

*By Looking Well Cancer Support Group*

With happy memories of Jean West still in our minds, the Cancer Support Group has decided to organise an annual memorial walk on the nearest Sunday to Jean's birthday. Please join us on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May to walk on the Heritage Trail. We will meet at Lairgill car park at 2.00 pm.

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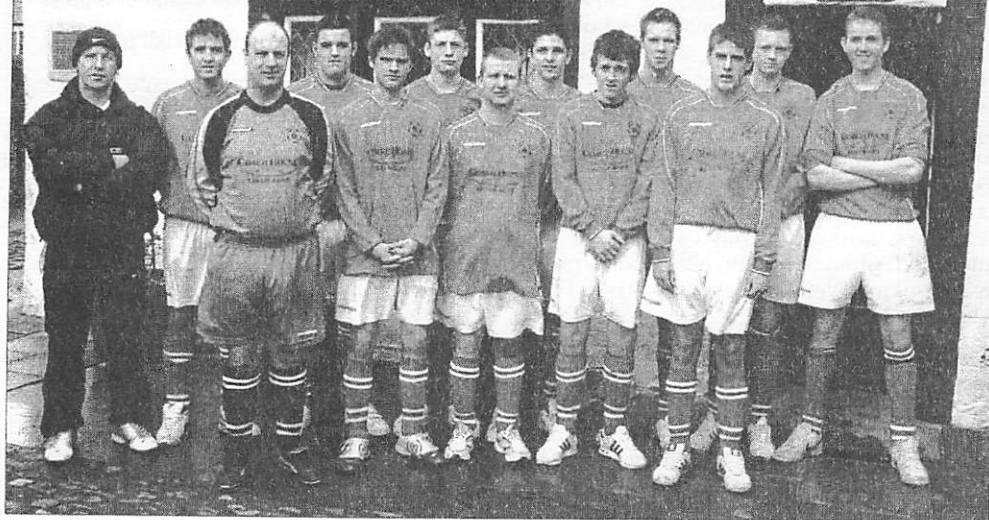
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This is the first season for Bentham's second team. They have been playing in the 4<sup>th</sup> division of the Lancaster and Morecambe League. The ages range from 16 to 40+ which has proved a successful mix as they finished in a respectable mid table position. Four of the younger players have played for the 1st team this season and Daniel Jackson was promoted to the first team permanently.

The first team has played in the first division for the first time this year. They have adapted well to the higher standard of play and are hoping to achieve fourth place having a few games still to play. New members are always welcome. Anyone wishing to play for the club next season should contact Brian Jackson 62439.

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