

BENTHAM NEWS

BIG THANK YOU FOR A BIG RESPONSE

Bentham News and the Health Centre Extra Care Fund would like to say a BIG THANK YOU to all of our readers who so generously donated to our 200th edition appeal. The envelopes were opened ceremoniously by a group of BN committee members who were thrilled by what they found. The cheques, notes and cash amounted to an amazing £1,000! BN decided to donate a further £200 from its own funds, bringing the final sum raised to a staggering £1,200.

On Friday 25th July a cheque for this amount being handed over by Shirley Brown, on behalf of Bentham News, to Shirley Macdonald, Health Centre Manager, who commented "Thank you - it is magnificent, I'm thrilled, your readers are so generous". We agree.



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

By Sue Camacho

High Bentham

Our July meeting was a "hands on" with Sue Martin from Settle, who demonstrated Creative Cards. Then it was our turn to make cards, and very nice they were too! Everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves. The competition for a decorated thimble was won by Ruth Wylie. Next month's meeting will be at the Town Hall on 14th August at 7.00pm.

Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

With only a few hours notice, Mrs Margaret Cressey stepped in and gave an interesting talk about "Hearing Dogs", the worthy charity she has supported and promoted for many years. After she retired she spent some of her leisure painting, giving many of the water colours to friends and relatives.

It was suggested that some of these could be photographed and then reproduced and made into Christmas Cards. Three thousand of these have already been sold in aid of the charity.

The dogs all come from dogs' homes and are all sorts of breeds and sizes. It costs £2,500 to do the initial training and a similar amount for continual assessment. Doctors and other professionals refer profoundly deaf patients to the centres. A dog trainer then visits the patient's home to assess them to see whether they can and are willing to look after a dog, for the dog must be happy. They try to match the dog with the type of person. There is a two year waiting list for a dog unless it is a replacement one. There is always a desperate shortage of money and and training centres have been forced to close. As well as being trained to alert its owner when the phone or door bell is ringing, the dog is road trained. When out, they wear a jacket with "Hearing Dogs" displayed. Besides speaking about the problems of being deaf she had some amusing tales to tell.

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TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

Five Cllrs. were absent from the July meeting, namely, Cllrs. Adams, Barnes, Birkbeck Stannard and Pilkington.

Police. The Cllrs. are still concerned about the time it takes to convey messages to our local police force from the police control centre. They had received an unhelpful and irrelevant reply to a previous query. The police were asked to concentrate on illegal parking at the H.S.B.C. Bank and to watch out for groups of youngsters congregating under Wenning Bridge. If anyone notices bad behaviour at the railway station please pass on details to the Transport Police (01524 841658), or the Police.

Highways. The lease for Low Bentham Car Park is due for renewal in June 2004. Craven District Council has been monitoring its use during the day because there appears to have been interest in developing it for housing. Cllr. Lloyd thinks the deeds preclude this. Cllr. Hurlley has urged Craven to renew the lease because it is the only car park in Low Bentham and is used by those visiting the Victoria Institute, by walkers and by over 20 residents in the evening. The Council agreed to write supporting the case. The Council agreed to write pointing out that a 'shunt' accident had occurred on Mount Pleasant because the priority signs are thought to be the wrong way round. The Cllrs. congratulated the town hall caretakers on their efforts to improve the appearance of the Black Bull Car Park.

Wesley Place. Thync Housing is having trouble evicting a resident. Cllrs. have had a meeting with the organisers and have agreed on soundproofing, installing a lead tenant and improved monitoring.

Flooding. A letter was read complaining about the floods which occurred on 25th May. Cllr. Ireton explained the increase in housing and the 'run-off' from roofs etc. into inadequate gullies was to blame. Railtrack has agreed to attend to the obstructions on its land but the Cllrs. thought this may not solve the problem and that it may be necessary to look at the entire length of Church Beck and increase the diameter of the culverts. This will require the coordination of several organisations. The Council has requested a site meeting.

Local Government Reorganisation. The government is planning to hold a referendum seeking our views on becoming part of a regional government. Nobody seemed sure of the details but we could be part of a region controlled from the North East or Humberside. At best Craven may have to unite with Harrogate and Richmondshire to make sure its interests are represented. The Council is to write expressing its grave concerns.

Ford House has been bought by Ridgeway Park School, Silverdale and will become a School for boys with serious problems. The Cllrs. were incensed that there had been no consultation and felt that Bentham was being used as a dumping ground for all sorts of problem groups. The Council had received horrifying reports of the effects of Ridgeway Park on Silverdale and plainly did not want similar problems here. Cllrs. agreed to write making their view felt.

Planning. The Council agreed to recommend that planning permission be withheld for the two applications for Bridge House because of dangerous access and to seek clarification for a development at 6 Victoria Buildings because the plans did not include a side elevation of the proposals.

Erratum

In the July edition of the Bentham News, we reported that the police had been advised of problems at Wesley Close. This should have read Wesley Place. We apologise for this error.

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FREE BUS TO BURTON AND INGLETON IN AUGUST

By Lin Barrington

Bentham Community Transport is running a free daily bus service from Bentham to Ingleton and back via Burton-in-Lonsdale during August.

The BCT minibus will fill the mid-afternoon gap left by the Stagecoach service so that swimmers can go to the Ingleton pool for the afternoon session and those who wish to can go visiting in Ingleton or Burton, or come to Bentham.

The minibus will run from Monday to Friday. It will leave Low Bentham at 2.30pm and arrive at Ingleton at 2.51pm. It will continue its circular route and be at Ingleton at 4.20pm to pick up swimmers and others. The usual bus stops will be used and the service will be on a first come first served basis.

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FAMILY FUN EVENING AT GOODENBER PLAY AREA

By Marie Colyer

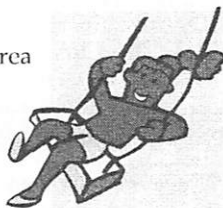
The Goodenber Play Area Committee wants to invite everyone to a family fun evening at the Goodenber Play Area in High Bentham. It is a perfect chance to

come and have a night off from the cooking with a barbecue, party games and music. You can enjoy socialising with other families, and let the kids loose with the games and music as well as playing on all the equipment.

The Family Fun Evening is being held on Friday 15th August from 6-9pm. It is open to all, parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles and especially the children with free entry for all.

Continue to support us

Thank you for supporting the Goodenber Play Area which is run by a small band of volunteers. Running costs are covered entirely from fund-raising and donations; annually it costs about £1000 to keep up the maintenance, insurance payments and health and safety inspections on the playground, all of which are absolutely necessary to keep the playground open to the public. This is your chance to support our local playground in a really productive and fun way.



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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL NEWS

By John Pilkington

Car Park Review

A Best Value review of all District Council car parks is taking place. A survey of the condition of the car parks has been completed and shows that a considerable amount of money is needed to bring them up to a reasonable standard. About £100,000 will be required for the two car parks in High Bentham. A separate report is being prepared for the Low Bentham car park. The results of the survey will be used to prepare the Council's capital funding strategy for the next few years.

Boundary Committee Review

The Government has made it clear that before a Regional Assembly for Yorkshire and the Humber can be set up, the present two tier system of local government must be replaced by a single tier. However, the new single tier system will only take place if the people of the region vote for the Assembly in a referendum to be held next year. The Boundary Committee is required to recommend at least two options for changes to form a single tier structure. The possible options for North Yorkshire are:

- All the District Councils including Craven are abolished and North Yorkshire County Council becomes a Unitary Council.
- North Yorkshire County Council is abolished and the existing District Councils each become a small Unitary Council.
- North Yorkshire County Council is abolished and two or three Unitary Councils are formed by merging groups of existing District Councils.

- All or parts of existing District Councils are merged into existing Unitary Authorities such as York.

The Boundary Committee will soon be publishing its initial recommendations and there will opportunities for members of the public to comment on them. Eventually a set of options will be presented to the Government. There will be a referendum later this year or early next year in which

you will be able to vote for one of these options.

Note: There will be two referendums, one about the single tier structure if a Regional Assembly is set up, the second for the Regional Assembly itself. There will be no change to the present arrangements if a Regional Assembly is not supported in the second referendum.

Recent Planning Applications

► 08/2003/3303 Andrew Durham, 68 Otley Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1ET.
2 No. Detached dwellings at Bridge House, Main Street, Low Bentham, Lancaster.

► 08/2003/3304 Andrew Durham, 68 Otley Street, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1ET.
Alterations to existing buildings to form 5 dwellings at Bridge House, Main Street, Low Bentham, Lancaster.

► 08/2003/3332 Stephen Craven, Tipperthwaite Barn, Paley Green Lane, Giggleswick, Settle, BD24 0DY.

Alterations to existing conservatory at Gruskhholme, Mewith, High Bentham, Lancaster.

► 08/2003/3333 Stephen Craven, Tipperthwaite Barn, Paley Green Lane, Giggleswick, Settle, BD24 0DY.

Listed Building consent for alterations to existing conservatory at Gruskhholme, Mewith, High Bentham, Lancaster.

► 08/2003/3347 Keith Holmes Design, Croft Cottage, 5 The Croft, East Morton, Keighley, BD20 5YB.

Conservatory to rear elevation at 32 Millholme Drive, High Bentham, Lancaster.

► 08/2003/3370 VWB Architects, Milford House, West Street, Congleton, Cheshire, CW12 1JW.

Demolition of existing outbuildings and erection of single storey extension to enlarge the sales floor of an existing convenience store at Co-op Village Store, Main Street, High Bentham, Lancaster

► 08/2003/3376 Alison Rowland, 137 Skipton Road, Colne, BB8 0NY

Outline application for a farm worker's dwelling at Barnfield Farm, High Bentham, Lancaster

BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE



By Val Marshall

July was a hectic month for local activities and our team of helpers has again been very busy. In addition to our Coffee Morning in Bentham Town Hall, the same day saw the Galas at Low Bentham and Ingleton - with Clapham Street Market just a week later. These events, as well as earning money for looking after cats in our sanctuary and helping O.A.P.s with their vet bills, always provide an opportunity for us to explain our work to those who visit our stalls. Frequently we can offer assistance when cats are becoming a problem and can often put potential cat or dog owners in touch with available animals.

This month we have had four lots of kittens, which require homes, but some have already been placed - including three who will remain together in their new home. At the other end of the age scale, there is a dear elderly tortoiseshell female who requires a quiet retirement home. She has had a long spell in a cattery but unfortunately her present owner will not now be able to return home with her. If you can help, please let us know.

In August our popular Book Sale at Watershed Mill, Settle, will run for a full week instead of the usual weekend. This will be from from Saturday 9th to Sunday 17th August. Entry is free. The other attractions on the site will also be open.

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132nd BENTHAM SHOW

By Val Lawson

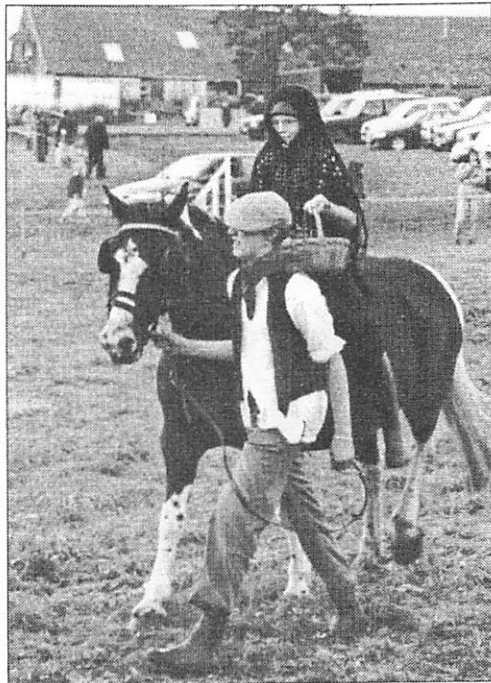
The 132nd Benthams Agricultural Society Show is to be held on Saturday 6th September on Bullfleckers Field. This year's president is Mr. Frank Davies, a farmer from Devon, who is a past chairman of the society.

Cattle and sheep classes are back on the showground this year, under DEFRA Rules and Regulations. The other usual classes include handicrafts, horticulture, photography, stick dressing, horses, show jumping, mounted fancy dress, poultry, shire horses and also this year, pets. The companion dog show, with 10 pedigree classes and 15 novelty classes starts at 1.00pm with the proceeds from the dog show going to HAPPA.

There will be a display of birds by Corio Raptor of Benthams and an ATV bike competition is being organised by R. Taylor & Sons.

The Grand Parade of prize winning animals is at 3.00pm, followed by the presentation of cups by the president. After this there will be a parade of Vintage Cars.

Full schedules are available from the secretary, on 015242 61606 or local shops. We look forward to receiving your entries. Check the diary for closing dates. Entries will be taken on the day for horses, companion dog show and pets. Don't miss this great family day out!



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By Susan Adams N.S.P.C.C. Chairman

A big thank you to all the gardeners who allowed us to look at the results of their hard work, on what proved to be one of the somewhat rare fine weekends so far this year. A special thank you to "The Post Office" at Low Bentham who enabled us to make and serve refreshments.

We do not as yet have the final figure to hand, of the money raised by the event over the weekend, but will publish it in next month's Bentham News, all being well. This money will be divided equally between the two charities.

Thank you once again for your continued support and please don't forget the Craft Fair in the ballroom of Bentham Town Hall on 2nd August, in aid of the N.S.P.C.C.

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Dear Bentham News,

Thoughtless car parking

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Yours sincerely,

Neville Chant.

Dear Bentham News,

On Friday the 11th July we had the ignominious headline in the Lancaster Guardian "A Dumping Ground for Problem Kids". That's what your councillor thinks Bentham is now turning into. A proposal to turn Ford House on the Low Bentham Road into a residential home for four children who have had emotional difficulty in their lives, seemed to have caused concern amongst some of our councillors and seven residents of Bentham.

Councillor Thomas Marshall is quoted as saying "We have to try to fight it for the people of Bentham" and then "I will still be against the home irrespective of the outcome" (a prospective discussion with the carers). Councillor Felicity Hey says "Bentham has nothing to offer children and we have no facilities for them". Councillor Wendy Heigh says "People are not happy

about it, and I don't think it should come to Bentham.

Well, can I say that these councillors do not speak for me, and many other Bentham people feel the same way.

There are two ways of looking at this. One is what can we do to help children who have often had a raw deal in their young lives so far? They may have been severely traumatised as infants so perhaps they are difficult to deal with. So we show care, affection, acceptance, consistency in the hope that they might heal as time goes by. We demonstrate what basic goodness is, something that they may have been denied as young children.

They come to Bentham and perhaps they like the countryside, they like to hear the sheep, they like the breeze in the trees, and perhaps they have an inkling to climb that great hill and see what's around the next corner. And even after a time, they still yearn for a McDonalds, or a Disneyland a little bit of Bentham might somehow absorb into their consciousness, particularly if they receive a positive response from people.

We are a large community of thousands of people and many hundreds more coming to the caravan site every year with their families to enjoy the country life; so I think it is very easy to be hospitable to four children in a community with virtually no crime or social problems.

The other way to look at this is one of fear and doubt, i.e. these children are the great unknown, they frighten me, they might break into my house, I will have to buy a better burglar alarm; they might make more noise than the morning cockerel, they might swear even more than the television. They might influence my children. I think its best we just put a lid on it, and let them go somewhere else, preferably deportation.

So come on Bentham people, let's vote for compassion and dignity, we are big enough and who knows we may all need a helping hand some day.

We don't want to see headlines in our newspapers like that again.

Yours sincerely,

Kevin Watt.



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LETTERS (Continued from page 9)

Dear Editor,

I was sad to read in our local papers the report of the July Town Council meeting, particularly the hostile, negative comments from some of our town councillors about the use of Ford House as a residential part of a special school.

I can understand some residents of Low Bentham Road having concerns about this. I hope these will be dealt with by the provision of open days with staff at the house and the opportunity to ask questions. With good supervision by staff, there should not be cause for concern.

But it seems to me that these attitudes are very much a case of 'not in my backyard'. I would also like to remind everyone of the Jewish/Christian traditions of welcome and care for the orphan, the widow, the stranger. Bentham has long had a reputation for its friendly welcome.

We may not have much commercial entertainment, but our community has opportunities for participation in a variety of activities, for example, sporting at the playing fields, arts based at The Looking Well, dramatic with the 'panto group', and many more.

I suggest that Bentham has room in its community for this project and the school and staff need our support.

Yours sincerely,

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BENTHAM THEATRE GROUP REVIEW

By Pauline Hill

A gathering in Bentham's Town Hall recently was astounded to learn that two eminent Town Councillors and a respected local worthy, supposedly jointly celebrating their 25th wedding anniversaries, were not, and never had been, married!

Luckily this scandal was neither local, nor true, being the performance by Bentham Theatre Group of J.B. Priestley's play "When we are Married" set in the fictional town of Cleckleywyke in 1900.

The celebration takes place in the home of Alderman Joe Helliwell (Richard Knowles) and wife Maria (Margaret Cowling). Guests are Cllr. Albert Parker (Pete Armstrong) and wife Annie (Sue Bloxham), Mr. Herbert Soppitt (David Lloyd) and wife Clara (Heather Guy). These three couples had been married on the same day by a young parson who, unknown to them, was not qualified to perform the ceremony.

This information is revealed to the "husbands" by Gerald Forbes, (Ben Johnson), the young chapel organist, called in by Alderman Joe to be reprimanded regarding his carousing in his free time in Morecambe. Can this news be kept quiet to give the three the chance to marry discreetly? Alas, the conversation has been overheard by vindictive charwoman Mrs. Northrop (Anne Preston), smouldering over her minimum wage, who informs t'wives and also departs for the "Are & Ounds" public house to spread the news. Add to this the maid, dippy Ruby Birtle (Sue Halsall), a persistent reporter (Stuart Oliver) and beer-soaked photographer (Kingsley Harrison) from the local paper, the "Yorkshire Argus", not to mention gaudy Miss Lottie Grady (Anita Corless), a madam with a dubious past and an "up front" cleavage.

All these provided a very funny play, a treat to watch, in the lovely Victorian setting created by Marie and Simon Ammundsen and Aaron Robshaw. Directed by John Neal.

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MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE

By Bill Kennedy

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The total amount granted so far is about £16,000 and there is still about £9,000 left in this delegated fund. The final date for applications will be the 31st December this year so if your group or organisation is considering applying, please do so as soon as possible. The application forms are easy to complete, and are available at the Trust Office or phone 61030/62343 for details.



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FAREWELL TO THE REV. NORMAN PRICE

It was eight years ago, in August 1995, when Rev. Norman Price, with his wife, Catherine, was welcomed as minister of High Bentham Methodist Church as well as the churches at Low Bentham, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Ingleton, Westhouse and Lowgill. Norman came to us from the Salvation Army and had a short period of training before he was ordained as a Methodist Minister in York Minster in June 1998. This was a memorable event when a large party of his congregation joined him for this very special occasion.

Following this event, Norman suffered a considerable time of poor health, resulting in surgery. It was during this time that he really got to know and value the support of those around him. Since regaining his health he has worked tirelessly taking up the position of Chaplain at the Royal Lancaster Infirmary, and being a member of the Churches Together team. An enjoyable contribution has been the formation of the "Shepherd's Choir", made up of 26 members of his various congregations.

On 6th August Norman and Catherine move to Oswestry to take charge of six Methodist Churches. We thank Norman for all he has given to this area, for the times of fun we have shared, with his cheery sense of humour, and for his caring and sharing in times of deep grief.

We wish Norman and Catherine well in their new work and trust that they will settle happily in Oswestry.

CALLING BOTTLED WATER DRINKERS!

By Lin Barrington

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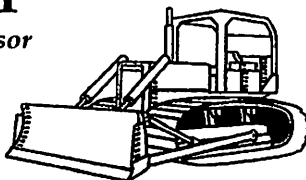
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LOCAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Fri 1st** Bentham News published.
Age Concern at the Town Hall, "Favourite Poems".
Looking Well, 6.00-9.00pm, Black Library Wargaming Club, over 11s, and every Friday.
- Sat 2nd** Craft Fair and coffee morning in aid of the NSPCC at the Town Hall, 10.00am - 12.30pm. Crafts and demonstrations, cakes, plants, books,  raffle etc.
Ewecross Historical Society, visit to Outhwaite in Roeburndale, led by Jonathan Ratter and Jennifer Holt, 2.00pm. Full details from Chairman John Wilson, 61594.
- Sun 3rd** Bentham Footpath Group walk, Sedbergh, 9 miles, leaders A. Staveley and C. Ramwell, 61682. Please meet at Lairgill at 10.00am.
- Mon 4th** Looking Well, 10.30am-12.00 noon, Baby Buddies, parents and under 3s. 1.00-3.00pm Cancer Support Group Paper Cut designs with Nikki Johnson. Both every Monday.

LISTING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

Date.....Time.....
Event.....
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Venue.....
Contact Tel. Number.....
Name.....

Please complete and return to the Sports Shop, Main Street, High Bentham.

- Mon 4th** Town Council meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.
- Tue 5th** Looking Well, 2.00-3.00pm, Women's Support Group and every Tuesday.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 8.30-11.30am.
- Wed 6th** Looking Well, 1.30-3.00pm, Mucky Buckets, parents and under 3s play session, and every Wednesday.
Citizens Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Thu 7th** High Bentham W.I. outing. Details from the secretary, W. Dowbiggin, 61573.
Bentham Arts Forum, 7.30pm at the Byers.
- Fri 8th** Age Concern at the Town Hall. Connie Holt - "Two Ladies in Paris".
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Parkfoot circular, 4 miles, leaders S & J Bargh 61745. Please meet at Lairgill at 6.00pm.
- Sat 9th** Bentham and District Pet Rescue Book Sale at Watershed Mill, Settle. Open all week until 17th August. See page 6.
Settle Book Fair at the Victoria Hall, Settle, 10.00am-4.30pm.
Conservative Association coffee morning at the Town  Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon. Cakes, raffle etc.
- Wed 13th** Looking Well, 7.30-9.00pm, Alzheimer's Disease Carer Support Group.

Wed 13th Farmers Market and weekly market at Cleveland Square, 8.30am-2.30pm.

Fri 15th Copy deadline for September edition of Bentham News.

Family fun evening at Goodenber Play Area 6.00-9.00 pm. Barbecue, party games and music. (Bring the family and a rug to sit on). See page 4.

Waste paper collection at Lairgill Car Park, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to the NSPCC.

Age Concern at the Town Hall - quiz.

Sat 16th Arthritis and Rheumatism Council coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon. 

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Hutton Roof/Lancaster Canal, 11½ miles, leader P. Parkin 61767. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.

Burton-in-Lonsdale and District Horticultural Society Annual Show.

Tue 19th Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 8.30-11.30am.

Wed 20th Citizens Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.30pm.

Fri 22nd Age Concern at the Town Hall, meeting with Father Angelo Phillips.

Sat 23rd Peter Trust coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon. 

Mon 25th Looking Well closed.

Low Bentham Street Market from 10.00am, with home made refreshments at the Victoria Institute. Barbecue etc. See page 19.

Mon 25th Bentham Agricultural Society closing date for entries in the cattle, sheep, handicraft, photography and stick dressing classes for the Bentham Show on 6th September.

Tue 26th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Slaidburn area, 7 miles, leaders T & J Connolly 42129. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.45am.

Fri 29th Bentham News published.

Age Concern at the Town Hall - Sharing Holiday Memories.

Sat 30th Motor Neurone Disease coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon. 

Local events in early September

Mon 1st Bentham Agricultural Society closing date for Horticulture entries for Bentham Show.

Town Council meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Tue 2nd Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 8.30-11.30am.

Wed 3rd Citizens Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.30pm.

Thu 4th High Bentham Women's Institute at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. "Garden Design" by Margaret Wilding. Competition - Small flower arrangement.

Fri 5th Age Concern at the Town Hall. Foxglove Footwear "Shoes & Slippers".

Sat 6th Bentham Agricultural Show, see page 7.

Sun 7th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Catrigg Force, 6 miles, leader G. Amos 01729 822604. Please meet at Lairgill/Langcliffe School 10.00/10.30am.



GARDENING PAGE



By Joyce Knapp

As we move into August most of the soft fruit crops will have been harvested, so we can now turn our attention to caring for the plants, carrying out a variety of tasks aimed at either increasing the yield next season or reducing the incidence of pests and diseases. Once any protective netting has been removed from strawberries, individual plants can be pruned by clumping all the plant material together and cutting it off two to four inches above the crown. This material, plus any straw mulch and surrounding weeds, should be removed and burned to avoid a possible build-up of disease. Anyone wishing to increase their stock of plants, or perhaps replace ageing ones, can propagate from runners produced by the existing plants. This is easily done by pegging down two or three runners from the healthiest parent plants either into three inch pots or directly into nearby soil. The accepted practice for the pruning of summer fruiting raspberries is to remove all the old, fruited canes just above ground level. Three or four of the strongest new canes from each root are then tied in to their support wires about four inches apart. It is worth burning all the prunings because they can hold spores of cane blight, raspberry rust as well as aphid eggs.

In September I hope to run a gardening course covering general garden maintenance procedures such as planting; pruning; feeding & watering; pest & disease control and composting. Other topics to be covered include the cultivation & improvement of soil and fruit & vegetable growing. The course will take place each Thursday 9am-1pm, will run for 30 weeks and will be delivered primarily as practical outdoor workshops, informal talks & demonstrations with some classroom work included.

Anyone wishing to know more about the course can come along to the enrolment evening at Millers Court in early September or phone me in the meantime on 015242 61355 (evenings).

By Eleanor Fisher

There is a well worn adage that a weed is a plant in the wrong place. Handsome as buttercups and dandelions may be in full flower in a meadow, they are not welcome guests in the garden. But there are quite a few garden plants that sow themselves about to the extent that you are not sure whether you love them or you loathe them.

Columbines or aquilegias are a case in point. They are so graceful and attractive in May, but leave the seedheads on too long, and there will be seedlings popping up all over the place the next year - and they pass from small seedlings to substantial clumps in no time at all.

What might have started off as a choice seed strain with good sized flowers in a range of colours also reverts quite quickly to murky purple or pinks. Similarly, the good strains of foxgloves in apricot or white never seem to persist as long as the typical purple. The Ladys Mantle, *Alchemilla mollis*, so beautiful with its scalloped leaves and showers of lime green flowers in June, seeds with gay abandon in to every crack and cranny.

All these plants are beautiful in their own right, if only they could behave in moderation. The only answer is to cut back hard after flowering before the seed gets a chance to ripen.

Other self sowers seem to get the balance right. Once you have grown Borage, with its clear ultramarine star flowers, or Fennel with finely cut foliage in green or bronze, you will always have a few welcome seedlings appearing. Among annuals, nasturtiums, antirrhinums and the Love in the Mist, *Nigella*, seem to self generate happily from year to year.

The worst enemy is the Welsh Poppy, so seductive with its yellow or orange flowers which tolerate even dry shade. But every flower is followed by a pepperpot of fine seed, and every seedling has roots as tenacious as a little parsnip, and the weeding will never end....

THRIVING BENTHAM FARMERS MARKET

By Bill Kennedy

On 9th July the Farmers Market, together with the normal Wednesday market, attracted 15 stallholders, as well as a large number of shoppers. Many of these shoppers were visitors, some of whom came to the town specifically for the market.

It was good to see Cleveland Square so busy, and with such a wide range of excellent quality merchandise available. We hope that this widespread support will continue so that the Farmers Market, on the second Wednesday of the month, will become a regular feature. The influx of visitors for the market generally is beneficial for the other traders in the town and for the economy of Bentham. The next FM is on Wednesday 13th August.

Some people have been asking if we could have a cheese stall, so if any local farmers produce cheese, this may be an excellent marketing opportunity.

LOW BENTHAM STREET MARKET

By Lin Barrington

Low Bentham Victoria Institute will be holding its popular street market on Bank Holiday Monday, 25 August. The market will start at 10am, and home-made refreshments will be served in the Institute building throughout the day. There will also be a barbecue providing delicious bacon butties and hot dogs.

If you would like to book a pitch, please phone Heather Carter on 61949. The cost of a pitch will be £6, with an additional cost of £2.50 for the use of one of the Institute's tables.

FARMERS MARKET

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SIERRA LEONE

By Staff Sgt Gavin West

(Gavin married Maxine on 21st September 2002 in Darlington on a beautiful Indian summer day. Gavin is now with the Army Air Corps, some of who are in Kuwait. These are some highlights from his final 3 months in Sierra Leone).

Getting There

At one point I thought I was never meant to return. Firstly the airline I was meant to travel on went into receivership, and then my plane from Newcastle to Gatwick had a faulty engine. Then the plane from Gatwick was over booked, and after standing in three queues and my luggage disappearing and me having to go through security to reclaim it, I failed to make the flight! When I finally made it on to a flight I even managed to get extra legroom, and sat between two rather large black ladies, one from Gambia and the other from Freetown. We laughed together about their size and how they could keep me warm through the English winters, although I pointed out that I was newly married and that they were both in their seventies!

Two Trips

First I visited our Light Air Detachment at Lungi, who are in support of 15 BDT Infantry. We arrived at the ferry port at 7.30am with market produce, goats and chickens and had an uneventful journey apart from occasionally seeing local fishermen paddling for their life to avoid being swamped by the ferry. On arrival we had the usual overjoyed welcome from the

Sierra Leone soldiers. The visit was to find out about what equipment was required and to check on the correct procedures for running a unit. Our work completed, we arrived back at the ferry to find we were in for a long wait as it could not leave Lungi because the other ferry run by the Government wasn't full at the Freetown end. Politics! So we had to sit sweating on the ferry for four hours, and as it was Ramadan, the Muslims on board had time to pray twice! The next trip was for the same purpose up to Benguema Armed Forces Training Camp, the home of the Sierra Leone Basic Infantry Training where the British Army were running programmes to reintegrate guerrillas and ex-army personnel into the army. We found a tidy, well laid out camp with obvious signs of the British Army's involvement over the last two years.

Last Trip Up-Country

We had an early start for our trip to outlying stations. By the time we reached the outskirts of Freetown, we'd flattened a chicken and hit another flight-impaired vulture, both unintentionally. Most chickens here seem to have a death wish and certainly do not know how to cross the road! The road to Kenema is pretty much like a roller coaster, with potholes being held together by bits of tarmac.

The journey took seven hours and we arrived with just enough time to set up our camp beds and mosquito nets in a very sticky 35 degrees. The accommodation consists of a couple of outbuildings with no sanitation or power and a variety of odd tables and chairs. A cold shower under a bucket was the highlight of the day! Next morning we get the usual warm welcome from the Sierra Leone Army electrical and mechanical engineers, and the usual problems of lack of vehicle spares, tools, stationery, office furniture, and the usual pressure from their senior army officers to have their vehicles fixed as a priority. The Kenema workshop is located in an old British colonial timber complex, and the office is nothing more than an old tent with chairs made from welded wheel hubs with wooden seats.

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BENTHAM PEOPLE

Thanks

Ruth Wylie would like to thank everyone who sent get well cards after her accident, and her stay in hospital.

Lily Coates thanks everyone who sent her their best wishes, cards and flowers during and after her recent stay in hospital. Thank you.

Grace Jones thanks David, Ethel and Susan for their help and support, and all her many friends for the lovely cards, flowers and best wishes during her recent stay in Kendal Hospital. Thank you all very much. Patricia and Keith Wear would like to thank the many friends who have expressed good wishes and sent cards on moving to their new home in North Lincolnshire. The personal gifts and those from friends at the Methodist Church, Bentham Development Trust, Bentham Footpath Group and W.I. are much appreciated, and remind us of our Bentham friends with great affection.

High Bentham Playgroup would like to say a big thank you to everyone who supported them on their sponsored welly walk to Shakey Bridge. A brilliant £423.50 was raised. Thank you again and well done to all the children.

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ABBEYFIELD COFFEE MORNING

By Angela Robertson (Secretary)

The Abbeyfield coffee morning, held on Wednesday 18th June, was a pleasant occasion for all who attended. The event raised over £100. We would like to express our thanks to the local tradesmen who donated raffle prizes and to Mrs. Greenfield for her wonderful baking. Thanks to all who attended and helped to contribute to a successful morning.

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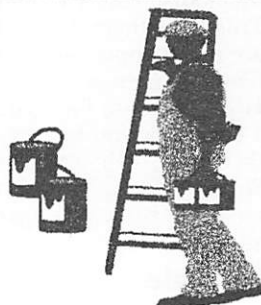


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BENTHAM OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

By Lynda Rushton

Summer Holidays Club

Yet again the Bentham Out of School Club is running for children rising 5 to 12 years, during the summer holidays. A wide range of activities have been advertised around Bentham and the surrounding area. This is a well established club, run by qualified staff. It would be a great shame if this charitable organisation was not known about by those it could help. So please advise all your friends who have children, and give them the chance to experience how good the club is.

The club is open as follows:

Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July

Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August

Monday 18 August to Friday 22 August

Tuesday 26 August to Friday 29 August

Monday 1 September to Wednesday 3 September.

The opening hours are from 8.30am to 6.00pm daily with minibus trips every Friday. Morning sessions are from 8.30am-1.00pm and afternoon sessions from 1.00pm-6.00pm. Cost £6 per session.

The popular Playscheme will also be running, Mondays to Thursdays with sessions from 10.00am-12.00 noon and from 2.00pm-4.00pm. Cost per session is £2.50. For more information telephone Alison on 61800 or just call in at the Community Centre, Main Street, High Bentham.

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TIMES THEY ARE A-CHANGING

By Shirley Brown

The next few weeks and months will see some significant changes in the lives of some of Bentham's traders, and, of course, these will be of interest to the people of Bentham. There may be other developments afoot, but to our knowledge at least three long-standing, local businesses are about to undergo changes of ownership.

One big change is that Nigel and Beverley Bamford, who have been running their greengrocery and floristry business for the past eleven and a half years, are about to move on. Their shop is "under offer" to a local family whose intention is that things remain "business as usual". Nigel and Beverley are hoping that the change of ownership will take place in the near future, and have found a beautiful house to move into, aptly named "Apple Loft". Although unfortunately this is not in Bentham, it is in Cumbria, which isn't so far away, so hopefully it will be possible to keep in touch.



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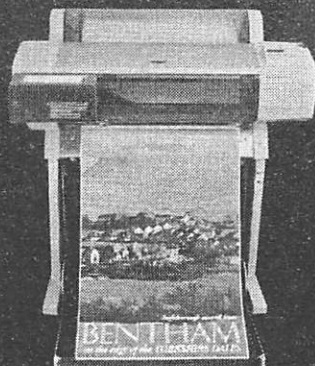
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DRINKS RECIPES

By Doreen Park

Here are some very easily made drinks for Mum, Dad and all the family to enjoy during these lovely long summer evenings.

Lemonade

- 2 lemons
- 1 oz citric acid
- 1½ lbs sugar
- 1½ to 2 pints boiling water

Slice the lemons into a bowl and sprinkle the citric acid over the top. Add sugar and boiling water, stir and leave to cool. Strain and bottle. Keeps for up to a week in the fridge.

Blackcurrant Cordial

- 1½ lbs blackcurrants
- 8 oz sugar
- 1 pint boiling water
- thin slices of lemon

Cook the blackcurrants slowly with the sugar (reserving 1 tablespoon of the berries), mash well then strain and measure the juice. Make up to 1 pint with the boiling water, allow to become cold, then chill and add the tablespoon fresh blackcurrants and slices of lemon.

Chocolate and Banana Milk Shake

- 1 banana
- 2 tablespoons drinking chocolate
- ½ pint chilled milk
- 1 scoop vanilla ice cream

Blend all the ingredients together in a blender for 30 seconds. It works best if banana is added first. Serves two. Very nutritious - ideal for children.



Punch

This is just for Mum & Dad & Friends

- 9 bottles Reisling wine
- 2 drops angostura bitters
- 7 fl oz cointreau
- ½ lb sugar
- squeeze of lemon
- ½ bottle brandy
- fruit



Add the fruit to the brandy, sugar and angostura bitters. Allow to stand overnight. Mix all the other ingredients together in a large bowl and stir in the brandy and fruit mixture. Stir until the sugar has dissolved. Some fruits can make the punch go cloudy, especially soft fruits. Avoid these if you prefer a clear punch. Decorate with slices of citrus fruits and apple. (Tinned fruit can be added in the first mix instead of whole fruit).

Congratulations to Mrs. Val Sedgwick, Staggarth, Bentham, who wins the Paignton Pudding competition. I estimated the weight to be 3126 lbs. Val was nearest with 3642 lbs.

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BENTHAM WEBSITE

By Bill Kennedy

We've had some interesting "hits" recently on the website, www.bentham.net including one from Pennsylvania in America, seeking details of a contact for St. John's Church, and the following: "I am one of those strange potholers (and dive underwater down there). Yesterday in an underwater cave in Chapel-le-Dale I found a piece of broken pottery stamped with "C. Knowles &...." and "Bentham" with a "6" stamped underneath. I don't know what it originally contained, but would be curious to know if anyone can shed any light. I would be happy to deliver it to anyone associated with the family concerned.

Scoff. The email address is as follows: scoff_cavedivinggroup@hotmail.com".

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SEDBERGH JUNIOR SCHOOL

By Paul Reynolds (Headmaster)

It is hard to believe that our first year at Sedbergh Junior School has just come to a close; since returning from the Easter school ski trip in France, Summer Term has flown by, ending what has been ten weeks of ceaseless and varied activity.

The 1st XI enjoyed a successful season in which they won five of their matches under the captaincy of Jonathan Terry, with William Parker scoring a season's best 50. Highlight of the season was the final match against Ripon Cathedral Choir School when Alexander Elletson and Sam Stuart put on an unbeaten 166 for the first wicket.

The U13 Rounders team won three of their matches and, like the cricket, it was good to be able to play on such expansive games fields, immaculately kept by our games staff. There were also good performances in both swimming and athletics at Catteral Hall and our first House Athletics Competition in the final week of term saw a victory for Wenning House with the Donald Cup for the Most Outstanding Athletes awarded to Tom Barratt and James Butler.

The term ended literally on a high note with our Junior School Brass Band performing on Prizegiving Day, and a second CD is in the offing. The choir gave a moving concert at St. John's Hospice in Lancaster where a cheque for £300 was presented to the Hospice as a result of a collection at the 'Smike' performances last

term. Our first House Music competition was a marvellous occasion and showed that music can be for all and is a team performance as well as an opportunity for individuals to show their talents. The School Concert in the final week showed our music at its very best and it was a fitting way to end a breathless catalogue of musical performances masterminded by the ever enthusiastic James Westall.

There was a good set of results for our Year 8 leavers in the Common Entrance to match the eight scholarships awarded in Lent Term. Year 8 finished their term with an Activities Week including local history trails, walks, sports activities, followed by a very successful Outdoor Pursuits week at Patterdale. Year 7 enjoyed a week of French language, culture, food and activities in Normandy where perhaps the highlight was their Headmaster losing in the final of a snail eating competition while dressed as Superman!

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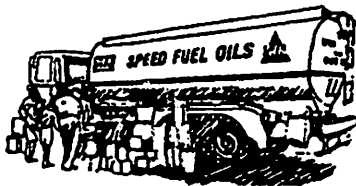
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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

By Maureen Ellis

One of the joys of being retired or semi retired is to be able to go walking during the week, and so it was that I enjoyed a wonderful ten mile walk with Bev Sim to Brownthwaite Brow on a Tuesday. We went from Kirkby Lonsdale through village and onto the fells to enjoy the views and the exhilaration of exercise. Sadly I was not able to get to the three other walks in June.

The days of August are not dog days in the Bentham Footpath Group, there are four walks all on different days of the week, which means there is perhaps a better chance of being able to go on one or two.

Last year Aileen Stavely and Catherine Ramwell led a tremendously well researched and attended walk from Sedbergh and they



are in the process of putting the final touches to another walk in that area.

The happy evenings of summer provide some of the most relaxing and pleasant walks of the year, with opportunities to enjoy to the full the long light evenings. Janet and Sam Bargh are leading a walk over the golf course down to Warth Farm and then on to Ray Gill and returning by Foulrlands and then onto Boiling Well and back to Bentham. Peter Parkin leads a walk starting and ending along the Lancaster Canal with good views over to the Howgills from Hutton Roof. The route will then drop down to Old Hutton and take the valley to rejoin the canal. Along with Aileen and Catherine's walk this will also be an opportunity for a longer walk.

Joyce and Tom Connolly know the Slaidburn area like the backs of their hands and are well known for ingenious and well thought out routes there. If you enjoy walking in a smaller group, this walk takes place on a week day and may have fewer people than weekend walks.

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CHARITY DAY

By Gill Birkbeck

Kidde (formerly Angus Fire) are holding a charity day in aid of "Children in Need" on Saturday 6th September. One of the attractions will be a tombola stall and if anyone would like to give any tins or small gifts for this event please leave them at the Looking Well, King Street. Thank you for your support for this worthy cause.

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LOOKING WELL CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

By Jean West

"In the same boat"

Nic Gomersal, MacMillan Nurse, who serves an area from Manorlords Hospice at Oxenhope, near Keighley, to the Dales and North Craven, visited our group on Monday 7th July.

Nic has now been in the post a year and gave an update on how his job had progressed. As Nic has always stated his work would not be possible without the committed help and team work from all the doctors, nurses and others in the area. He also let us view a video of work going on in Romania for cancer patients which was very humbling. Services there were non-existent for cancer patients over sixty five, and very little for other age groups. Now there is a small hospice and people who have been trained to visit patients and administer pain relief in their own homes.

Availability and cost of drugs is still a problem. With help and some money raised in Great Britain there is now a centre to train people in palliative care. Nic was involved with some of this work in the early stages and gets regular updates and hopes to return in the future.

Our flower arranging sessions have gone well, fresh and artificial arrangements being created with the help of Margaret Hayton, our able and encouraging tutor.



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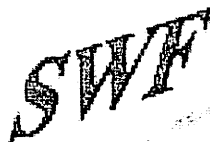
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HB COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

By Catherine Boocock

The children enjoyed a very entertaining afternoon with a theatre group's production of "Red Riding Hood". It was based all around the message of children being safe when playing outside and making sure that parents always know where they are and whom they are playing with.

The Junior children have been swimming each Wednesday afternoon at Ingleton Baths, all of them have a really good time and their swimming skills are improving each week.

We say thank you and goodbye to Miss. Ruth Whitfield at the end of this term. She has been teaching Class 5 for most of the year. She will be moving to Settle Primary School, teaching in their Nursery class in September. Also, Mr. Peter Bolton will be sadly retiring at the end of August so we welcome Mrs. Sara Binns as our new Acting

Deputy head in September and she will be teaching Class 5. The post will then be advertised in the Autumn term and a permanent Deputy Head appointed.

The children had a very exciting time during Music Week with musicians coming into school to play brass instruments, drums and didgeridoos. A singing teacher from Skipton Music Centre came and worked with the whole school for part of one morning. Mrs. Jane Callus Whitton organised all the various musical visitors during the week. At the Open Evening children who play musical instruments and those who are in choir entertained visitors in the school hall for over an hour. The week finished with some super folk dancing involving Class 5 and some of the children who play instruments in Classes 4 & 5 working together with Alison Service, Judith and David Johnson. We are very fortunate to have such a variety of musical talents at our school. Children at the moment are able to learn to play flute, violin and recorders and we have arranged that from September we will also be able to again offer guitar lessons.

Lots of walking has been going on this term with Class 5 walking from Ribbleshead via Denthead and back around the moor to Gearstones. Class 1 walked to Shakey Bridge for a picnic and the Nursery walked to visit the Fire Station in Bentham.

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BENTHAM VIDEO CLUB

By Peter Rollinson

We are planning to make our first short film in September this year. The script calls for several young people, male and female, to be prepared to act in front of the camera. There will also be an opportunity for people to help with the actual filmmaking.

Anyone interested should come to a meeting in the Community Centre between 2.00 and 3.00pm on Sunday 14th September.

KARATE

By Sue Clements

For ages 9-90s! Mixed ability classes and beginners very welcome. Beginning at Wray Village Hall, Monday 1st September. No need to book, just come along.

WENNING AVENUE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA

By Peter Rollinson

Some worries have been expressed as to the future of the play area at Wenning Avenue, as the refurbishment of the playing fields is undertaken. The present swings and slides will have to be removed to make space for the skatepark and the Bentham Playing Fields Committee has always planned to create a new play area as soon as the main work is finished. The swings are coming to the end of their life and so new equipment, meeting modern Health & Safety rules, will have to be bought. This will cost several thousand pounds so funding will have to be arranged, and proper maintenance of the play area will be needed. The Committee would like to hear from anyone who would be prepared to set up a small committee to look into fund-raising and to look after the new play area. Anyone interested should leave their details with Lin at the Trust Office, 61030 or Lynda Rushton 62383.

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"PUPPY POINT" - GOING PLACES



By Sue Whiteley

We all want our dogs to be happy and confident going to different places with us. Between three and twelve weeks of age is the best time to introduce your puppy to as many different things that he will meet in later life such as vacuum cleaners, streets, countryside, trains, car travel, crowds etc. After this age he is more likely to be anxious or fearful of new experiences if they are not managed correctly. Breeders can do such a lot to give their litters of puppies a head start.

Your puppy is more likely to feel good about a new experience if he is gradually introduced to it and progression only made as he looks happy and relaxed. For example, experience traffic from a distance, gradually getting closer, then walk near a quiet road before progressing along a busy main road. Your response to the situation is crucial. Aim to jolly along your puppy, keeping happy and relaxed yourself, rewarding his confidence with praise, titbits or a game, depending on the situation. If your puppy shows any sign of fear (ears down/flat, tail down, shaking, running/pulling away or aggression), do not "reward" the fear with any attention or attempts to try and reassure him. Instead, move further away from the frightening thing, completely ignoring your puppy until he looks relaxed and happy again.

Work on introducing him more gradually to the worrying thing and progress when he seems relaxed. Continued successful introductions throughout the first twelve months of life will help prevent behaviour problems of fear and aggression. For more information contact me, Sue Whiteley, on 015396 21946.

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HOMELESS MINIBUSES!

By Lin Barrington

Bentham Community Transport and Age Concern need garaging space for 2 minibuses and a people carrier.

Geoff Forster, the proprietor of Bentham Garage Services, has just sold up and we now have nowhere to keep our vehicles. Geoff has been very kind to us over the last few years and has looked after our vehicles for us. We are very grateful for all he has done for us and hope he enjoys his new-found freedom.

If you have a secure space for one or more vehicles which you would be willing to let us use, (it does not need to be under cover), please contact Lin at the Bentham Trust office on 61030.

EATING OUT LOCALLY

We at BN know that there are excellent Chinese and Indian restaurants and take-aways, a market day café, a fish and chip restaurant, good British pub menus and a Bistro style café, and we also hear of farms and B & Bs which cater for special occasions. We would like to highlight these, and to encourage local people and visitors to take full advantage of what is on offer, so we intend doing a double page feature on Eating Out Locally in the September edition of BN. If you would like your business included, please get in touch with Bill Kennedy on 62492 or hand in your advertisement at the Sport Shop, by Friday 15th August. P.S. We would be particularly interested to hear from our readers any answers to an often-asked question: Where can you eat out in Bentham on a Monday evening?

SUMMER READING GAME

By Pauline Hill

Over the summer, Bentham Library will be playing the Reading Maze Game. To join in, call in at the library to get your Reading Maze collector folder. Read a book, get a set of stickers. Collect six sets of stickers for your folder and win a medal when you read your way through the maze. Good luck! There is also a Reading Maze website at www.readingmaze.org.uk

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