

BENTHAM NEWS

BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS IS ON!

We are pleased to announce that the bonfire will take place on the 30th October in the Bentham Auction Mart Yard as on previous occasions. We hope to have some fiery entertainment for you plus a Hog Roast and other refreshments. This year the lantern procession to the Bonfire will be led by Bentham's very own Brazilian Samba band (fresh from Notting Hill Carnival) and David Clough's firework team will once again be setting off a spectacular range of fireworks from around the world.



Lantern Procession

The lantern procession leaves Cleveland Square at 6.30pm reaching the Auction around 6.50. Family lantern making workshops will take place at Looking Well every day of half-term week from 2.30 pm to 4.30pm starting Saturday 23rd October. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Entrance Fees

The entrance fee into the Bonfire and fireworks this year will remain the same as last year - £2.50 for adults and £1.00 for children. This fee applies to lantern bearers as well so please be ready to buy tickets to avoid a hold up at the Auction entrance.

Bonfire

The bonfire can be built from Thursday 28th October. Garden cuttings or wood is ideal but please do not dump tyres, builders waste, glass or mattresses etc.

Stewards needed

As on previous occasions we shall need numerous stewards and ticket sellers and would be grateful if any one willing to help would contact either Looking Well or Bentham Sports.

TRADERS & GOLF CLUB FUN DAY RAISES £840 FOR SCHOOL

The pictures show Wendy Dowbiggin, Chair of Governors, Gordon Downing-Stewart, Chair of Trader's Association, Mrs. Boocock, Headteacher, HBCP School and Dave Lewis, Secretary of Traders; "Murphy" - alias Tom Guy, the lead entertainer. See report on page 29.



RECIPES

By Doreen Park

This month for a change I thought we would have a fun page. As you know, I love old recipe books, and whilst looking through some I found this which shows even the style of presenting a recipe has changed.



Marrow Ginger *(By an old maid)*

Last night I was presented with two fine vegetable marrows. A little boy from the village brought them with a kindly message from his father. Nothing could have delighted me more for now I can make some of that most delicious of preserves, Marrow Ginger. Luckily my marrows are just the kind that is best for the purpose, they are almost round in shape and have dark skins; this sort is always beautifully firm and free from any reproach of insipidity. Mine are quite fresh cut, so I shall stand them not in the bedroom window as is so often done by the cottager, but on a sunny sill in the kitchen; three or four weeks of this treatment will dry the sap and result in an incomparably finer preserve. When the marrows are ready I shall peel them extravagantly because it is best to do so and take out all the seeds as well as the fibre that surrounds them. All the pretty yellow pulp I shall cut into dice about an inch thick, next I shall weigh it and pound for pound add to it proper preserving sugar. For every six pounds of pulp I shall slice two lemons thinly. Then the juicy cubes will be tipped into one of my big earthenware bowls that I purchased in the village. With a wooden spoon I will stir in the sugar and the lemons till I see the sap is tingeing the crystals and then, though it seems a waste of time, I shall leave my precious concoction for 24 hours (once I did not and the flavourless preserve that resulted reduced me to tears). When the time is up I shall bruise two ounces of ginger with a wooden spoon mallet and tie it in a muslin with a drachm of chillies; these quantities, no more or less, impart a most

agreeable tang to six pounds of pulp. In a copper pan I shall next boil everything all together taking care not to waste one drop of the liquid that had drained from the marrow cubes in the pot. I shall not let my burnished pan come into contact with the actual fire as it injures the pan and may burn the preserve to have it too near. I shall be hovering about it stirring it at intervals and at the end of one hour I shall take out the ginger and chillies and from this moment I shall not leave it, stirring incessantly. I shall let it slowly boil till it becomes beautifully clear and then I shall ladle it out into jars. When it has cooled I shall place a round of white brandy soaked paper on top and tie down my preserve with covers soaked in milk. I shall then fare sumptuously every day on my golden marrow ginger.

If this was present day there would be NO recipe page in Bentham News.

This is just a thought published in a cook book dated 1934

What kind of cook are you? Do you shine when you've got to make a shilling do the work of two, or do you only make a good show when you can buy what you please? There's nothing much to be proud of when you never count the cost of your ingredients. There's nothing much to be proud of when you have as many eggs and as much butter and cream as you want to cook with. Rather something to be grateful about. No, to me, the best cook is the one who can prepare and serve well balanced meals out of inexpensive ingredients.

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SEPTEMBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

All the Cllrs. were present except Cllrs. Hurtley, Lloyd, Reynolds and Ireton. The meeting was held in the upper room at the Victoria Institute. As a venue it was a little tight but it felt more informal and one could hear what the Cllrs. said.

The Police. Acting Sgt. McClurg said that the clear up rate in our area was now close to the 35% target set for Craven. He noted the presence of parked cars in Cleveland square which obstructed the market and also pointed to a series of credit card frauds made possible by banks posting cards and pin codes to their customers in the same envelope!! He explained that a new staffing system had been introduced which harmonized all the shifts across the area. The Cllrs were concerned that the new system would draw the police for this area down to Skipton leaving us with scant protection. They resolved to raise this matter with the police authorities at the next Area Forum Meeting.

Highways. The Cllrs. are still reviewing possible modifications to the parking restrictions. The changes could not be implemented immediately after resurfacing because of regulations that demand a minimum time to elapse between the proposals being made and their implementation. The Area Traffic Manager is to be asked to consider revisions to the existing yellow lines to improve traffic flow. The Cllrs received a letter detailing a general deterioration in the road conditions on Graystone Gill and Green Lane. They also decided to complain about the B.T.'s unannounced road closure of the B6480 at the Punch Bowl. They are to press Russell Armer to install better streetlights on the footpath near the railway bridge leading from the new bridge erected at Miller's Ford. They had received several useful suggestions about the location of dog waste bins and narrowed them down to four sites.

Town Hall. The refurbishment work had not commenced but the Cllrs. were expecting action soon.

Market. There had been 17 stalls at the car boot sale in August. The next car boot sale will be on 2nd October. The Cllrs. are also considering asking the farmers market to change to a Saturday morning rather than a Wednesday. If this happens the first occasion would be the first Saturday in November. They are also looking at plans to improve signage advertising 'Bentham Market Square'. It was also agreed to ask the traders if they would welcome stalls on the Market Square at the late night opening if the square was floodlit.

Telephone Boxes. B.T. is busy assessing the commercial value of some telephone boxes. The boxes at Lowgill, the Green Smithy and Keasdon are likely to be removed.

Bentham Development Trust. The Council received a letter from the Chairman of the Trust asking permission to post the Trust's minutes on the Town Hall notice board. Permission was granted. The letter went on to point out the benefits to Bentham if all the voluntary bodies in the town cooperated with each other.

Looking Well. Cllr. Birkbeck said that the organisation was having considerable success in attracting grants for the refurbishment of the Freezer Center. It is planned to commence building work in December.

The Taxi Voucher Scheme is about to become operational. The vouchers are ready and those selected to participate in the scheme should soon be contacted.

Wheelie Bins. We are all likely to receive another recycling bin. This time for paper and glass!

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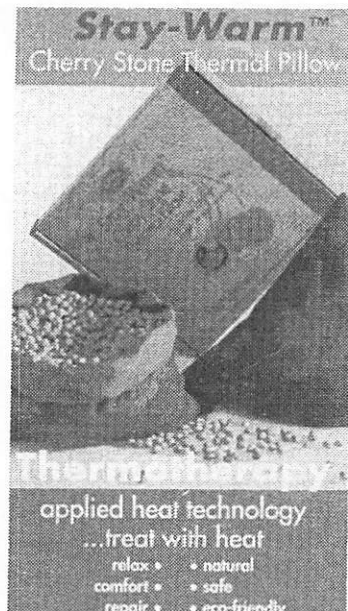
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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

By Gerald Hurtle

North Craven Area Forum:

The North Craven Area Forum will be held at the Community Centre, Ingleton on Thursday, 7th of October at 7 pm.

Come and have your say, this is your opportunity to speak to representatives of the Council County Council, North Yorkshire Police, Dales National Park and other agencies.

Craven District Council Web Site:

Craven District Council plan to go live with a new web site in December 2004. According to the latest statistics it is predicted that it will get in excess of 55,000 visits to the web site, the equivalent of 1.03 visits per head of population, which is above the average for local government web sites. In addition, the data leads us to think that we should size our web infrastructure to accommodate up to 100,000 visits per annum.

Waste Recycling:

Craven has achieved the targets set by DEFRA for waste recycling. It had to achieve an 18% recycling rate, this is double the previous years target. The garden waste and the blue bag waste paper collections have achieved this.

Craven District covers an area of 450 square miles, with a population of 53,700. Many settlements are in isolated areas. Due to potential costs in relation to the amount of recyclable waste collected it is not viable in terms of financial and environmental costs to implement a collect and recycling service across the whole district.

Effectively this means Craven District Council must collect increased amounts of recycled waste from properties within larger and more accessible settlements in order to achieve maximum returns and strive to meet the statutory targets. These issues have been reported to DEFRA and guidance and advice is being sought based on good practice elsewhere in the county.

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BATALA - THE DEADBEATS BENTHAM SAMBA BAND

By Aid Todd

If you are not aware already, Bentham has it's very own, international Samba Band, "Batala" and as Brazilian culture crosses over with ours more and more, in the form of fashion, film and music, I thought I'd explain a little of what "Samba" actually is and what we as a band have been up to, since we formed in February of this year, and what we've got in store for the future.

Samba is a lot of things and makes up a huge chunk of the Brazilian culture. It's a dance, a million different types of music, a way of life for a big percentage of Brazil, and is literally the heartbeat of the nation.

Samba first appeared in Brazil when the slaves from Africa were dragged ashore in Salvador, on the north east coast of Brazil. It came across as a rhythm, which the Africans would sing/chant along to, to practice Candomble, their spiritual religion. That came to be translated onto, of course, the drums, but also the guitar, the voice and anything else the Brazilians could get to make a noise. The history of Samba is a beautiful and very intricate story which goes back hundreds of years and as you can trace all of the original Samba grooves to their tribe of origin in Africa, we're actually talking about a rhythm that's been making people dance and party for thousands of years.

There are lots of different types of Samba, which means lots of different types of Samba bands. The Samba band in Bentham was set up under the umbrella of the Deadbeats, which is part of the Bentham Arts Forum and is one of a network of 8 bands based all over the world. Each band plays the same rhythms, which are all written by Giba Gonzales, a worldclass percussionist from Salvador, Brazil, who now lives in Paris, where he leads his own 60 piece Batala. There are bands in Brazil, Belgium, North Wales, Portsmouth, La Rochelle, Nantes and

Bentham.

This set up allows us to come together to bring people a Brazilian carnival experience, the like of which is normally only seen in Brazil, as we did for this year's at Notting Hill. 12 players from the Bentham band joined another 75 to parade through the streets of London in the biggest carnival of it's kind in Europe. We've been asked and will be honoured to play in this year's Lantern Procession. Purely through coincidence, Giba Gonzales is coming to Bentham for the first time, to check out the newest link of the Batala chain. He will give two all day workshops, on Saturday 30th October (which is Lantern Procession day) and Sunday 31st, which means that Giba himself will probably lead the band in the procession, which will be a treat for all. This could mean a 50 or 60 piece band to rattle the window frames of Bentham!

If you would like any more information on the workshops or about the band (always open for new players), you can call me, Aid, or my partner, Baf, on Bentham 62937.

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NO SATURDAY MORNING SURGERIES AT BENTHAM

By Jill Adam

The new GP contract which came into force this year, stated that Primary Care Trusts would take over out of hours medical cover from GP practices. Craven and Harrogate Primary Care Trust will take over this responsibility from 1st October 2004. The out of hours periods are from 6.30pm to 8.00am weekdays and all of Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holidays. Bentham Medical Practice would like to announce that from 1st October 2004, the Saturday morning emergency surgery will no longer be held in Bentham. Patients ringing for urgent treatment will be referred to North Yorkshire Emergency Doctors, as has been the case in other out of hours periods for the last few years, and arrangements will be made to ensure that the necessary care is provided.

N.S.P.C.C.

By Susan Adams

Thank you for your support when we changed the venue of our Craft Fair to the Masonic Hall. We had an enjoyable morning and were able to spread ourselves outside into the car park on one of the only dry Saturdays in August.

Our next venture will be the Christmas coffee morning and cracker sale at the beginning of November, again at the Masonic Hall. Over the past few years we have made Christmas Crackers to sell on the day, but we have also made individual orders for various hotels, pubs and organisations such as pensioners' clubs and Women's Institutes, which have had custom made crackers for their Christmas parties etc. If you would like to order crackers for your special events, we can offer a large variety of combinations, and you can have appropriate gifts put inside for your members. Please make your wishes known to us in good time before the date of your event. Please contact S. Adams 61182 or B. Mason 61784, to discuss your requirements.

AUTUMN TRAIN TIMES

By Pauline Hill (Secretary LASRUG)

There are a number of changes to local train times from Monday 27 September. Departures from Bentham will be as follows:

To Skipton and Leeds

Mondays to Fridays

7-43, 11-29, 13-45, 17-21, 19-53

Saturdays

8-45, 11-29, 13-45, 17-21, 19-53

Sundays

18-34, 20-39

To Lancaster & Morecambe

Mondays to Fridays

6-22, 9-34, 11-34, 15-04, 18-06

Saturdays

7-19, 9-34, 11-34, 15-34, 18-06

Sundays

16-16, 18-32

There are also changes to be noted in the return times from Leeds/Skipton and Morecambe/Lancaster - for full details please see the pocket timetables now available from the Post Office, Library and TIC.

MURDER MYSTERY

By Pam Woof

Bentham Traders Association is holding its annual Murder Mystery Evening on the 9th October at the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham. As we need to make a prompt start at 7.30pm, we would ask you to arrive no later than 7.15pm please and bring your own drink!

To avoid disappointment, book early as this is a popular event. Tickets cost £15 per person including a hotpot supper (tables of 8 maximum). For booking and further information phone Thomas Marshall on 62163.



A CONFERENCE WITH A DIFFERENCE

By Andrew Firth

You may not be aware that there are many people in the local community who have a learning disability. Some of these people recently got together to have a small conference to talk about their lives, hopes and aspirations. The conference was organised by Adult Placement Services and St. Anne's Community Services, two charities which support people in the areas of Ingleton, Bentham, Settle and Skipton. It was held in Settle and focussed on the ways in which things could be improved to make peoples lives better and more enjoyable.

Most people said that they would like better information to enable them to look at different leisure opportunities, work or college courses. More importantly, they talked about how crucial it is to be supported by people who you get on with and can trust. They said that their ideal person would be kind, helpful and friendly, be good at finding information, take the time to listen, ask you what you want and help you to be independent. The delegates also said a support worker certainly shouldn't get angry or shout at you, be bossy, nag you, push you too far, think they were always right or talk about you behind your back.

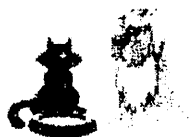
It is sad and disturbing to think that many learning-disabled people in our community have experienced bullying or discrimination. Their expectations are often the same as anyone else and their greatest desire is to live as "normal" a life as possible.

Those who attended found the conference to be very beneficial. It also taught many of us that the most basic and simple things that we take for granted are not enjoyed by others, and that we all have a part to play in improving the lives of those living in our communities who have a disability.

If you would like to get involved as a volunteer or feel being a Support Worker would interest you, see our advertisement on page 25 of this Bentham News or come to one of our open days, 11am-3pm 13th October at Bentham Community Centre or Victoria Hall, Settle on 10th November.

BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE

By Val Marshall



As the year progresses our fund raising activities draw to a close, and we would like to thank all our supporters for their generosity throughout the year. This makes it possible for us to look after those poor abandoned pets that come into our care and to give some financial help to any O.A.P.s. who are unable to pay the high costs of veterinary treatment for their pets.

The tragic case of the cat caught in an illegal gin trap, which was highlighted in all the local papers, is a case in point. The horrendous injury to this cat had to be seen to appreciate what this poor animal suffered. However, we are glad to report that she is doing well and coping with only three legs. We are amazed that nobody has reported the loss of such a wonderful cat as she is obviously a well cared for domestic moggie. Soon she will be ready to go to a new home. This will have to be with someone who understands cats and she needs to be the only pet in the household. Our kittens have now been homed apart from one of 4 months old, but we still have 6 cats awaiting new owners. Please telephone us at Bentham 62512 if you can help.

Bentham Agricultural Show was our last outing and our popular tombola stall raised over £150 – thank you all for your generosity. Our last book sale in the new room at Watershed Mill was most successful – despite the flooding on the Wednesday afternoon! We will be there for a few days late in October and notices will be around the area nearer the time. These sales could not take place without those who kindly donate books to us and whose generosity is much appreciated by us all.

At the time of writing this many of you are sending in your Animal Quiz answer sheets. The names of the winners will appear in the next issue of Bentham News, but in the meantime many thanks for your efforts!

THE 133RD BENTHAM SHOW PRESIDENT

By his long-suffering daughter

Who is this chap who proudly is sat?
We only know him in a builder's cap,
His smart dress is bound to end in disaster
Cos he's usually covered in cement and plaster.

Many years he has helped organise our show,
Over this time seen kids "n" ponies come
"n" go.
He's swapped his waterproofs, wellies "n"
facial bristle,
And put down his stopwatch and passed
on his whistle.

To the horse section he has been a "God
send",
Yet they got him as President in the end!
A committed show worker in weathers bad
"n" good,
Either sweltered in straw trilby or
splattered in mud.

Years he has spent build show jumping
courses,
Little ones for ponies and big ones for
horses.
But today he hasn't to course build much
But advice may be needed for the finishing
touch.

Fond of his "osses" visited shows near and
far
And at the end of the day often propped
up the bar,
Celebrating winnings or commiserating
losses,
Winner or loser he'll always love his
"osses".

In his wonderful garden, many hour is
spent,
Flowers and vegies to exhibitors he has
lent!
The horticultural tent, never has time to
visit
But could be overall winner, as he "sisit".

He's run round the show rings, competitors
nagging,
And helped those kids whose ponies are
flagging,
At our local show he'll always be about,
If he can't be seen you can hear 'im shout!

Being born on "D" Day, gives his age away,
A builder and tradesman of his day,
Years are getting less before he can retire,
More time for committee work, no time to
tire!

Being President I'm sure he will find a
pleasure,
He'll walk around at his leisure,
President for the day
Replied "Haven't time, there's just no way.

But we've all tried our best to run your
section today,
"N" if you interfere, you'll be sent on your
way!
Hand out the trophies and put on a pose,
There'll be plenty more work at Bentham
Shows.

So, President and wife enjoy your role,
To be approached to be President is the
ultimate goal,
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TRAMPS' OPENS THIRD SEASON OF FILM SHOWS

By Chris Bell

TRAMPS (The Ribblesdale Area Moving Picture Show) starts its third season of cinema shows at the end of this month. During the last twelve months volunteers from Bentham have held a successful series of films in the Victoria Institute at Low Bentham - these have included 'Chocolat', 'Chicago', and, most recently, 'Pirates of the Caribbean'. Other venues have been the Victoria Hall in Settle, Ingleborough Community Centre in Ingleton, and village halls at Clapham, Hellifield, Langcliffe and Kettlewell. Suggestions for other venues are always welcome.

TRAMPS has been generously supported with funds from the Millennium Commission through the Scarman Trust, and from the Tubney Trust, Craven District Council and Craven Area Committee. This support has enabled the volunteer working group to acquire all its own screen, projection and sound equipment, costing in excess of £5000.

All shows start at 7.30 pm with doors open from 7.00 pm. Coffees, teas and soft drinks are available before the film starts and during the 15 minute interval a range of ice-creams and other snacks are provided by the TRAMPS catering volunteers. Tickets are priced at £3.50 and are sold on the door.

For annual subscription of £25.00 members of the Film Society have free entry to all shows. Information on how to join can be obtained at 'Practically Everything', next to the Co-op in Settle Market Square.

Forthcoming attractions:

Saturday 9th October, Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton

'Girl with a Pearl Earring' (12a)

starring Colin Firth, Scarlett Johansson and Tom Wilkinson

Saturday 13th November, Clapham Village Hall, Clapham.

'Seabiscuit' (PG)

starring Toby Maguire and Jeff Bridges

For further information, and offers of support, please telephone 51610.

GARDENING COLUMN

By Joyce Knapp

In October, as we drift steadily into autumn, our thoughts may turn to the harvesting and storage of quite a wide variety of both vegetables and fruit crops from our gardens. We may already have picked early varieties of apples such as the dessert apple 'Red Ellison' or the culinary one 'Grenadier' in September. The variety Red Ellison is particularly suited to our weather conditions locally and can usually be relied upon to bear a prolific crop of distinctly flavoured, very juicy red fruit. Grenadier is a variety that is equally suited to growing in our region and bears a good crop of flat, green apples with a magnificent flavour (they are also capable of winning first prize in Benthams Show).

It is worth noting that these early varieties are less likely to keep well in store, so it is advisable to use them as soon as possible, relying on later maturing ones such as 'Newton Wonder' to provide fruit throughout the winter months. This variety, although picked in October, can be used from November through till May and is versatile as it can be used for both dessert and culinary purposes.

By October, as the blackberry season draws to a close, we can start preparing cultivated plants for next year by removing all the old, fruited canes at ground level. Once these have been cleared away, the new shoots can be tied in to their support either in a fan formation or, for the more vigorous varieties, woven in to their support wires.

I intend to teach a privately run short course on the basic aspects of Organic Gardening, starting as soon as I have sufficient students to make it worthwhile. Anyone wishing to know further details can contact me on 015242 61355.



BENTHAM THEATRE GROUP NEWS

By Margaret Cowling

After all our tempting, advance publicity, we are very sad and reluctant to tell you that our forthcoming production of "See How They Run" has had to be cancelled.

We apologise to our loyal and enthusiastic audiences, and especially to the people of Low Benthams, who were looking forward to having a play presented in the Victoria Institute. Our pantomime will have a rest next year as the Town Hall won't be ready in time for us.

However, we are planning an exciting production for after Easter next year to celebrate the "new look" Town Hall.

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By Doreen Park

The story behind this started last year when members of High Bentham Methodist Chapel, who had a talent, were given £10 and asked to increase this by as much as they could, for the Centenary Fund. I increased my £10 to £124, by baking and selling cakes etc. So this year, when I finished work completely, I started wondering how I could do something voluntary, from home.



The development of Bentham Golf Club to 18 holes was complete and as part of the course passes near to our house, the idea was born. I approached the secretary to put my ideas to the Golf Club Board, and secured their approval, as all the money was to be donated to the North West Air Ambulance. I started in the middle of May.

At first I put out large cakes on a small display table, complete with umbrella, near the 9th tee. But I soon realised that large cakes would not fit into golf bags, so I started to provide smaller portions of cakes and biscuits which I could wrap in cling film. This has been more successful and I have been overwhelmed by the support from golfers, both local and visitors.

I set out aiming to raise £500, and as I write this the total raised so far is a

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HORNBY DRAMA

By Mr. Hopkins

Please come and join us at 7.30pm in the Hornby Institute on Friday 15th or Saturday 16th October, when we shall be presenting four light-hearted one-act plays.

- Harold Pinter's "Victoria Station".
- Alan Bennett's "A Visit from Miss Prothero".
- Alan Bennett's "Say Something Happened".
- Alan Ayckbourn's "A Cut in Rates".

Tickets (£4.50, concessions £4.00) will be on sale at the door. This will be our last activity in Hornby until the re-furbishment of the Institute is completed.

COULD YOU BE A GOOD NEIGHBOUR?

By Bee Pollit

We are seeking volunteers in Low Bentham and Burton-in-Lonsdale. Could you assist two older people (both aged 86) by offering friendship, companionship and, if you have a car, to help them get out and about? Petrol expenses will be reimbursed. We also need a volunteer to paint one room at a house in High Bentham. If you would like more information about the Good Neighbourhood Scheme or Home Service Scheme, please call the Volunteer Bureau of Craven on 01756 701648 or email cravenb@care4free.net

BENTHAM CIVIC SERVICE

Sunday October 10th at 6.30pm at the Methodist Church. This service is to welcome the new Mayor and new Council. The Mayor, Wendy Heigh, has invited High and Low Bentham Primary schools to take part. The GFI Youth Group will perform a sketch, and Bentham Praise Ladies Choir will sing and the junior Youth Group will be providing the prayers. The speaker will be Liz Whitfield and music will be played by the Churches Together Music Group. It should be a lively service.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Fri 1st** Looking Well 6.00-9.30pm, Black Library Wargaming Group, over 11s, and every Friday.
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- Sat 2nd** and Sun 3rd, Bentham Footpath Group Lakes Weekend, contact A. Leigh, 63037.
Car Boot sale at Cleveland Square, 8.30am. Pitches £5.
- Sun 3rd** St. Margaret's Parish Church "Farmers Harvest Festival" 2.30pm. "For everyone who loves the countryside".
- Mon 4th** Looking Well 1.00-3.00pm, Cancer Support Group drop-in session, and every Monday.
Town Council meeting at the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham 7.30pm.
- Tue 5th** Looking Well 2.00-3.00pm, Tai Chi, and every Tuesday.
Looking Well Cottage 2.00-3.00pm, Women's Support Group, and every Tuesday.
High Bentham Playgroup at the Community Centre, 1.00-3.00pm and every Tuesday.
- Wed 6th** Looking Well 1.30-3.00pm, Mucky Buckets and Baby Buddies, parents and under 3s play session, and every Wednesday.
- Wed 6th** NSPCC monthly meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.
High Bentham Playgroup at the Community Centre, 1.00-3.00pm and every Tuesday.
- Thu 7th** Looking Well 7.00-8.00pm, Tai Chi, and every Thursday.
Clapham Dance Club, Old Time, easy sequence dancing, 7.30-10.00pm. £1.50 includes tea and biscuits. And every Thursday.
High Bentham W.I. Annual General Meeting, 7.30pm at the Methodist Schoolroom.
North Craven Area Forum meeting at Ingleborough Community Centre, 7.00pm.
Bentham Arts Forum, 7.30pm at the Byres.
- Sun 10th** Bentham Footpath Group walk, Burton-in-Lonsdale circular, 7 miles, leader C.Crellin 61881. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.
- Tue 12th** Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 8.30-11.30am.
Methodist Bright Hour, 2.15pm at the Methodist Schoolroom. Speaker Rev. R. Fox.
- Wed 13th** Looking Well 7.30-9.00pm, Alzheimer's Disease Carers' support group social meeting.
Citizens Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.30pm.
- Thu 14th** Senior Citizens supper and entertainment at the Methodist Schoolroom, 7.00pm.
- Fri 15th** Waste paper collection at Lairgill car park, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
Copy deadline for November edition of Bentham News.

LISTING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

Date.....Time.....
 Event.....
 Venue.....
 Contact Tel. Number.....
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 Main Street, High Bentham, by 15th of month.

- Fri 15th** Bentham Footpath Group walk, Tilberthwaite/Coniston/Yewdale, 7 miles, leader D. Asquith 62619. Please meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
- Sat 16th** Looking Well 10.30am-12.30pm, Lantern making workshop for harvest lanterns.
- Local Action for Justice and Peace - A call to peace - lunch and a talk by Dr. Philip Lewis, 12.00noon at Bentham Community Centre. See page 23.
- Mon 18th** Looking Well 3.45-5.00pm, Lantern making workshop for harvest lanterns.
- Playing Fields Association Annual General Meeting at Sports Club, Wenning Avenue, 7.30pm.
- Burton-in-Lonsdale and District Horticultural Society 7.30pm at the Village Hall. Growing vegetables for shows, by Geoff Knight.
- Tue 19th** Looking Well 3.45-5.00pm, Lantern making workshop for harvest lanterns.
- Wed 20th** Looking Well 3.45-5.00pm, Lantern making workshop for harvest lanterns.
- Thu 21st** Looking Well 6.30pm. Harvest Lantern Procession.
- Sat 23rd** High Bentham Playgroup coffee morning at the Community Centre, 10.00am-12.00noon.
- Bentham Footpath Group walk, Bentham Heritage Trail, 9 miles, leader J. Clapham 62326. Please meet at Bentham Bridge 9.30am.
- Looking Well 2.30-4.30pm, Lantern making workshop and every day up to and including Friday 29th.
- Mon 25th** Ewecross Historical Society meeting at the Masonic Hall, 7.30pm. "Lady Ann Clifford" By Mr. Walter Johnston.
- Tue 26th** Methodist Bright Hour at the Schoolroom 2.15pm. Speaker Mrs. M. Townley.
- Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
- High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 8.30-11.30am.
- Wed 27th** NSPCC coffee morning at 24 Pye Busk Close 10.00am-12.00noon.
- Fri 28th** A.R.C. AGM at Methodist Schoolroom, 7.30pm.
- Fri 29th** Bentham Footpath Group AGM, Community Centre 7.30pm.
- Sat 30th** Bentham Community Bonfire. Procession leaves Cleveland Square at 6.30pm.



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HIGH BENTHAM C.P. SCHOOL NEWS

By Mrs. Boocock

A very big thank you to Margaret and Henry Hayton for the picnic bench they have donated to the school in memory of Angela Cook. All the benches we have received are really enjoyed by the children at play times and lunch times.

We welcome Mrs. Sue Marshall, who is teaching Y2/3 to our school. Miss Rachel Yates has changed age groups but has stayed in the same classroom and is teaching Y3/4. Mrs. Libby Wheildon and Mrs. Jane Callus Whitton have spent a lot of time in the summer holidays setting up their new Reception classroom, which looks great.

Relief Midday Supervisors

Please telephone school on 61412 for more details if you would be interested in becoming a relief Midday Supervisor.

Volunteer helpers in school

We welcome volunteers into school to help in classrooms. If you would like to come in for a morning and afternoon each week then please ring the school. You will need to have a Criminal Records Bureau check. We really do appreciate the extra help.

School Meals

School has now taken over the running of the kitchen and we are using local suppliers wherever possible and aim to improve the quality of food we provide. We are keen to offer healthier school meals to the children and we have noticed how much tastier the meals are. If parents or family groups would like to have a dinner at school then we charge £2.50 for a main course and a pudding; you just need to book the day before.

Sponsored Events - Summer Term

Reception Class raised £286.30. Nursery raised £136.80. We raised an amazing £733.20 for "Jump Rope for Heart", the British Heart Foundation and £244.40 was raised for school funds. All the money raised for school has gone on resources for individual classes.

INGLETON MIDDLE SCHOOL - 75 YEARS OLD!!

By Chris Leeming

We need your help. In January 2005 Ingleton Middle School will be 75 years old. We are keen to speak with ex-pupils who have interesting tales to tell about "the olden days", particularly those who attended the school in the 1930s and 1940s.

We are preparing a photographic display as well. If you have any interesting old photographs of your classmates or school trips, then we would like to borrow them. We promise to take good care of them!

Finally, a variety show is being organised for January at the Community Centre in Ingleton. If any ex-pupils or ex-staff would like to dance, sing or perform in any way, please let us know and the stage is yours.

LUNESDALE ROTARY CLUB - YOUTH WANTED

By John Henderson

A search is on in the area bounded by Barbon, Ingleton, Bentham, Caton and Burton-in-Holme for a youth (male or female) aged between 14 and 16 years on 28th March 2005.

The successful young person will be sponsored by Lunesdale Rotary Club on a Rotary Youth Leadership Award course to be held near Grange over Sands. The course lasts one week in April 2005 and is aimed at increasing confidence and team building skills through indoor and outdoor instruction and activities in teamwork and leadership. The course will examine and test mental and physical abilities.

If you are interested in applying, please write to our Rotary Club member, Lawrie Baines, at Robinson House, Burrow, Carnforth, LA6 2RJ, with a letter of up to 100 words stating why you are interested and should be interviewed for this sponsorship. The only qualification is the desire to take part.

CHURCHES TOGETHER

St. Margaret's Church

By Nigel the Vicar

Greetings

It is always pleasant to hear visitors speaking of Bentham as a friendly place. It seems we are good at welcoming people amongst us, a virtue commended to us in the Bible. Hospitality is not of course, dependent upon faith, Christian or otherwise, but it does require recognition of another's worth, as well as self-giving on our part. To deny another's worth, to live safely for one's self, is contrary to all true religion and impoverishes us first as individuals and then as communities.

"The Call to Peace; Living in the shadow of 9/11" is a public event organised by Local Action for Justice and Peace (LAJP). This will be on 16th October at 12noon in the Community Centre and is free of charge. I commend it to you.

The Hebrew word for peace "Shalom", means much more than the cessation of violence, that period between hostilities. It refers rather to a state of harmony, right relationships, the dynamic outworking of the principles of peace, a way of life. This inevitably includes recognizing another's true worth as well as our own, that we are all children of the one Creator God. Jesus' own teaching means we cannot be blind to this fact, true peace begins within us.

There is an old saying "If there is peace in the heart, there is peace in the home. If there is peace in the home there is peace in the nation. If there is peace in the nation, there is peace in the world. Love and peace.

At our 10.00am service on Sunday 31st October we will be remembering in prayer, loved ones who have died this last year. If anyone wants the name of a loved one included, drop into the vicarage and/or come to the service.

The Quakers

The Quakers are a "peace church", non-violence being one of their basic tenets. In World Wars 1 & 2 many Quakers became conscientious objectors, choosing non-

-combatant forms of service in the Pioneer Corps or as stretcher bearers in the Friends Ambulance Unit. Others chose to go to prison, leading to a continuing concern with prison reform. Post-war, Quaker volunteers worked in Displaced Persons Camps with refugees and with starving German families. Meeting for worship is at Calf Cop, Low Bentham on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month.

Methodist Church

By Olive Calverley

A church is not a building, a cathedral or a chapel! It is a group of people which worships Christ as Lord. A family of loving, helpful, caring people who serve one another and also the world. Meeting together, they pray and encourage, then they go out to obey Christ's True Word - to remind everybody that Christ Jesus loves them - grow closer together supporting each need - to challenge injustice - be neighbourly, helpful.- to invite everybody Christ's challenge to heed. Which is - Love God - love your neighbour.

St. Boniface Church

By Alison Hanson

On 18th July, the congregation gathered in the parish garden after Sunday morning Mass, to bless the newly erected Grotto, which was dedicated in honour of Our Lady of Lourdes and built to remember Father Angelo's Silver Jubilee as a Priest, which he celebrated last year, and also in memory of Mark Sexton, the son of two parishioners. Stone was donated and built beautifully by Ian and Kathy Johnson. Please feel free to come and visit the Grotto any time.

St. John's

Do you remember the old fashioned Harvest Festival Services where gifts were brought to the altar and distributed around the village later in the day? This is the type of service we hold at Low Bentham. This year we are delighted to be joined by Sedbergh Junior School Choir. Why not come and join us at 10.30am on 10th October?

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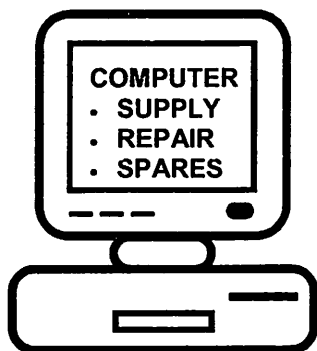
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Eunice Garlick wishes to thank all her family, friends, neighbours and fellow bowlers for all their kind wishes and get well cards, during her recent stay in hospital.. Thank you all.

Shirley Brown thanks all those who helped her mother during her recent illness. Special thanks to Doctors Astle, Burnett and Story, Paramedics Bob and Paul, and all RLI staff in A&E, the Medical Assessment Unit and Ward 2. The kindness shown by friends and neighbours at a very difficult time was also much appreciated.

Louise Bruns - I would like to say thank you to everybody who sent me best wishes, cards and flowers when I was ill.

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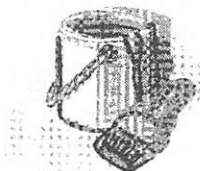
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By Maureen Ellis

2-3 Oct. Following the highly successful Lake District weekend based in Cockermouth last year, the same accommodation has been booked. It is still possible to book through Leigh on 63037.

10 Oct. The theme of this walk will be to highlight the conservation work done by the small group of volunteers who support the Bentham Footpath Group with the stiles, bridges and other maintenance work that keeps the footpaths in an easily walkable state. The leader will plan the exact route when the new O.S. maps, about to be published, (showing any changes in access available because of the new Rights to Roam Act), are available. It will, however, be a walk from Burton-in-Lonsdale to Ingleton and back.

15 Oct. This is a walk of disused quarries and mines, valleys and foothills of fells; in the Southern Lake District. Starting at Tilberthwaite it will cut across the bottom of Ladstones Ridge below Wetherlam, and then go down into a copper mine valley. It will return at a lower level up Yewdale Valley to the starting point.

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LOCAL ACTION FOR JUSTICE & PEACE

By Rose Pierce

The title for this year's public event and talk on 16th October, is "The Call to Peace". Terrorist threats are a reality in our world today. We were recently issued with guidelines by the Government on what to do, now or in the future, should a terrorist attack occur. There is also increased security around national services and resources, such as airports etc. It would seem that deep resentment is part of the cause that results in terrible onslaughts, such as the World Trade Centre on 11th September, the train disaster in Spain, and, so recently, the slaughter of schoolchildren in Russia.

Our world is in rapid change and there are increasing inequalities. There is intolerance of others' views and ideas, absence of communication and excessive competition. People are forced to flee extreme poverty, war and starvation. Economic migrants are driven to seek work in the West with all the problems that are raised by language difficulties, exploitation, (the cockle pickers who died this year on Morecambe Bay), and the loneliness and estrangement for all these people from their families, community and homeland.

There is need for Global Reach to fellowship and cooperation so that all can live in peace and security. This can only be achieved with an adversary and not against them. We are meant to do away with injustice and oppression, not come to terms with it. This raises questions:-

- ♦ How do we learn ways of relating so that we can reconcile difference?
- ♦ Are new structures and new institutions possible? The old structures may not be suitable for global issues.
- ♦ How do we engage our own culture critically?

These and other questions can be raised at the annual Justice and Peace public meeting on Saturday 16th October at 12 noon in Bentham Community Centre. A light lunch will be served to all those attending, free of charge (donations welcome!). The speaker is Dr. Philip Lewis. All are welcome.

HIGH BENTHAM TODDLERS NEED YOU

By Lynda Rushton

Toddlers at Bentham Community Centre on Main Street was established in October 2002. After a steady start it has become a great place to come and sit and talk to other parents, catch up with what is happening in Bentham for young children and give your baby or toddler a chance to mix with others of their own age. It is open for two sessions a week, on Mondays and Fridays from 9.30-11.30am. The Toddlers are from 0-5 years and parents must stay. Older children are welcome to join the High Bentham Play Group on a Tuesday and Wednesday from 1.00pm, so only come along in the holidays. Tea, coffee and biscuits are provided and there will be a safe area for babies, so come along and join us.

New Members Needed

Due to a large number moving on into Nursery, Toddlers will not be able to continue to run without new members, so please do not hesitate to join in and support the youth provision in Bentham.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BENTHAM



By Judith Johnson

CHURCHES TOGETHER
IN BENTHAM

The first Saturday in September is rather Special for Churches Together as it is Bentham Show Day where for many years we have had the opportunity to relate to our local community. This year we decided to concentrate on young people and families.

The big attraction was face painting, and not only faces! There were also lucky bags for families and balloons for anyone who passed by to look at our super display board. Next year we plan to have more attractions for young people. We hope to see you there.

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FLU VACCINATIONS AT BENTHAM SURGERY

By Rachel Clay

Starting on Monday 4th October, the flu vaccination clinics will run throughout the month of October. The clinics will take place at Bentham Surgery, Mondays to Fridays, 10am-11am and 2pm-3pm and at Ingleton Surgery on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 12noon -2pm. There will be no vaccination clinic at Ingleton on Thursday 28th October. No appointment is needed.

An often asked question is "who is entitled to have a flu vaccination?" The Department of Health recommends that everyone aged 65 and over should receive a flu vaccination plus anyone who has any of the following conditions:- asthma, chronic obstructive airways disease, emphysema, angina, has had a heart attack (even in the past), heart failure, diabetes, kidney failure and is currently being treated for cancer with radiotherapy or chemotherapy.

It has also been recommended that anyone aged 75 years or older should have a vaccination for pneumococcal infection. This type of infection can cause some forms of pneumonia. If you have never had this vaccination and are entitled to it, you can have it at the same time as the flu vaccination.

Unfortunately we are unable to offer flu vaccinations to Health Care Workers, Carers and people who are self-employed. If you are housebound or unable to get to any of the flu vaccination clinics please could you let the surgery know at the beginning of October.

If you are unsure whether you are entitled to a flu vaccination or have any questions regarding the flu or pneumococcal vaccinations, please contact the surgery on Bentham 61202.

Missed appointments

62 patients did not attend the surgery for appointments they had made with doctors and nurses from 11th August to 11th September.

SUPPORT WORKERS (£5.89 p/h)

APS is a Charity that provides support to people with learning disabilities in Ingleton, Bentham, Settle and Skipton.



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Someone who is genuinely caring, patient and committed. Ideally you would:

- Be available to work most days of the week including some weekends and evenings.
- Have had a driving licence for at least one year.
- Possess enthusiasm and a willingness to assist people to take part in activities they enjoy. This could involve walking (and having to push a wheelchair) and swimming.
- Be happy to help the person to learn about new things at their own pace.

We know that many people want to do this type of work but are unsure about it because they may never have met someone with a learning disability. Don't let this put you off as although experience is useful, it is not essential. We will give you the opportunity to meet people before you are interviewed so you can decide if this type of work is for you. We would also provide you with in-depth training, induction and on-going support as we want you to succeed, and most importantly, we want the people you support to have excellent support workers.

We are holding an open day in Bentham Community Centre on Wednesday 13th October, 11am-3pm, so why not come along and meet us.

For an application pack phone 0800 7838459 or for an informal chat contact Andrew Firth on 01756 793129

SUNSHINE AGAIN FOR 2ND FAMILY FUN EVENING!

By Marie Colyer

The sun was kind again for the Goodenber Play Area's Family Fun Evening on Friday 30th July. Some 50 local parents, grandparents and kids enjoyed the balmy evening, music and barbecue - not to mention scrambling on all the play equipment (and that was just the grandparents!)

Mike Wynne was the chef supreme and all the committee worked hard to make it a success. The committee would like to thank everyone who came down and supported the playground; we raised £90 towards much needed funds and hopefully raised some awareness about the playground and how it is funded i.e. By fundraising and donations.

If anyone who was present at the fun evening would like to help the committee in a practical way, we need more people for the litter picking rota (about one week every 2 months) as well as people who can be called on for help with fundraising when it occurs. Please contact me on 62216 if you are willing to help in any way.

GFI YOUTH CLUB

By Anthony Smith (GFI Leadership Team)

The GFI Youth Club started again on Friday 17th September at the Methodist Schoolroom, High Bentham. The Fun Day at Wennington Hall had to be postponed from July because of torrential rain, but we were able to rearrange it for 18th September.

The annual Civic Service will be held this year in the Methodist Chapel, and several youth groups will be involved, including GFI. That's at 6.30pm on Sunday 10th October and we will also be going by minibus to the Youth Event in Burton Village Hall for our Friday meeting on 15th October. Everyone is also invited to the Celebration Service in Ingleton Community Centre at 6.30pm on Sunday 17th October.

For more information please come along at the end of one of our regular meetings

WRAYFLIX

By John Millington

The film night this year has reverted to **SATURDAY** in response to popular request and **all films will be shown at 8.00 p.m.** Doors will be open from 7.30 p.m. onwards and of course we will have a break at half time.

Saturday 9 October. Shrek 2 (Cert.U.)

Can't wait to see this film, again! There's so much in it you see something different every time, very clever funny film, Ogres galore in 2004!

Saturday 23 October. Il Postino (Cert.U.)

Gentle, beautiful, lyrical film set in an Italian village. Dreams do come true.

Although the cost of hiring the films has gone up in price, we have kept the price at the same as it was 2 years ago, £2.50 for children under 12 and £3.00 for everyone else, how's that for value?

I know I said this last month, but its such good value I want to say it again. Only trouble is you will have to stand up, we had to sell all the chairs to make ends meet!

You'll just have to buy more drinks and stuff to help us out, thanks. See you at Wray Village Institute then!

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CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

(Operation Christmas Child)

By Peter Phillips

You may recall in the April edition of Bentham News I gave details of the above appeal. Now is the time to get busy filling the boxes! All the Bentham Churches are taking part, as is the Primary School and many of you will probably have your boxes and started to fill them!

A reminder of possible contents:- Cuddly toy; toothbrush, toothpaste, bar of soap and a flannel; a notepad, colouring book, picture books; pencils and pens; set of crayons or felt pens; a hat, cap, scarf gloves; small ball or tennis ball; a puzzle e.g. small jigsaw; for boys: toy car, truck, aeroplane or similar; for girls: jewellery e.g. clip earrings; make up or hair accessories; a greeting card or photo of yourself; sweets (not chocolate) well within sell-by date.

Please do not put in food; war items (knives, toy guns and soldiers); clothing (except as above); glass items; liquids (bubble bath, shampoos, aerosols etc.); marbles or sharp objects; anything of religious, racial or political nature; medicines or books with words.

Because of the cost involved in processing, transporting and distributing the boxes a donation of £2 is requested with each box. Cheques, made payable to Samaritan's Purse, are preferred.

A leaflet giving full details of the appeal is available at the Spar or contact Peter Phillips on 61536 or Liz Whitfield on 61230.

When full the boxes should be brought to the Methodist Church on Friday 5th November between 1p.m. and 4.30 pm. There will be a "Community Afternoon" when people can help with packing extra boxes as well as bringing their own. Everyone is welcome.. (Please note: The school will have its own collection)

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

High Bentham

By Doreen Park

The September meeting took place in the Methodist Schoolroom where President Mrs. M. Hayton welcomed members. Details were given of the forthcoming preview dinner for the Lancashire Federation County Show at Garstang, several members entering the classes. Three teams were formed for the annual Federation Quiz to be held on 29th January 2005, and details were given of the next theatre trip to the Grand, Lancaster, to see the stage version of "The Darling Buds of May". Members were also asked if they would like to form a diners club trying different venues maybe three or four times a year. This met with great approval.

Mrs. Hayton then introduced Henry Holden, Auctioneer, who gave a very amusing talk on his experiences of buying and selling, working for bailiffs and solicitors. This included going into one house to do a house clearance and finding money stuck in the most unusual places, even behind the gas fire outlet. He valued several pieces brought by members. One notable thing was how Beswick Animals had increased in value and were now very collectable.

A group of members were rewarded for their efforts at Bentham Show, winning the Dr. Elizabeth silver tray for the most points in the Handicraft and Domestic Classes, with several members receiving individual awards.

Low Bentham

By Pam Warbrick

Low Bentham Women's Institute spent the evening of 17th August looking round Mary Green's walled garden nursery at Hornby. Mary's husband, Ken, gave us a warm welcome and explained how they had originally rented it from the castle with another tenant.

Recently the Greens have taken over the whole site and cleared the other overgrown half, erecting polytunnels for propagation of ferns, perennials and their speciality, hostas.

We were able to draw on Ken's expertise in choosing the best plants for our particular garden sites. Learning that Mary had gained success at the Chelsea Flower Show, winning a silver gilt award, gave us added confidence in making our purchases.

The damp weather gave us the perfect excuse to warm up afterwards across the road at the "Royal Oak" and continue our meeting in relaxed mode!

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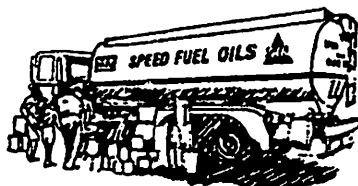
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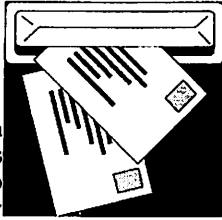
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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Bentham News,
As a tourist operator in Low Bentham I was pleasantly surprised to pick up 2 leaflets lately entitled "The Benthams" and "The Bentham Heritage Trail". My first reaction was that they were eye catching but probably more suitable for hanging in an Art Gallery than a field guide to the area.



My main gripe is that "Heritage" seems to exist only in High Bentham and to the East. Does Low Bentham have no Heritage or are we not part of "The Benthams"? As far as I know in Low Bentham we have "The Railway", "The Mills", "Farming", "Wildlife", "Flora", "Stone", "The River" and "Geology" just like High Bentham, so why were we not included in "The Heritage Trail"? My holiday cottage guests would love to walk a Heritage Trail starting in Low Bentham and of course including High Bentham.

In the leaflet entitled "The Benthams" Low Bentham is mentioned I think twice, once on the cover and once on the back page the word "Low" appears, nothing else, the leaflet is basically all about High Bentham.

I do realise that a public meeting was called in 2002 and I wish that I had attended that meeting to air my views; in future I will ensure that I do attend any public meetings that are of a concern to both High and Low Bentham and would urge other Low Benthammers to do the same otherwise we will be forgotten about.

Anyway I wish good luck to the Heritage Trail and I will certainly be walking it and enjoying the wonderful countryside of our area.

Yours sincerely,

Barry Cartledge, Low Bentham.

BENTHAM PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

By Peter Rollinson

"The end is in sight!"

At long last, after 3 years of blood, sweat, toil and tears, the refurbishment of the sports facilities at Wenning Avenue is very nearly finished.

Funded by The Football Foundation, Sport England, Market Towns Initiative (The Countryside Agency) plus some of our own money, we now have a new Junior Football Pitch, a Training Area and a revitalised Senior Football Pitch, plus splendid new changing facilities. At the same time, the Sports and Social Club has funded a refurbishment of the original clubhouse, with a completely new kitchen, snug and more flexible rooms that can be hired for private functions

All the new facilities will be "on show" at our official opening at 6.50pm on Saturday 13th November, to which all our invited. Bentham Senior Football Club will be playing at home and snacks will be available in the clubhouse after the match.

TRADERS & GOLF CLUB CHARITY EVENTS

Bentham Traders and the Golf Club organised a golf match on Wednesday 22 September, followed by an evening's entertainment at the golf club, to raise money for High Bentham County Primary School. The golf was won by Tom Guy and Marie Colyer with John Hewitt and Richard Colyer runners-up.

Tom Guy (Murphy) and Wendy Dowbiggin provided an enjoyable and at times hilarious, trip down memory lane around Bentham, at the evening function. There was also a quiz to test local knowledge. The funds raised, £210 at the golf match, and £630 at the evening "do", are to go towards the purchase of an interactive whiteboard for the school.

**DON'T FORGET THE LANTERN
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SPRINGFIELD BOWLING CLUB



By Marjorie Hudson

Cardus Cup

On a beautiful Sunday, 5th September, the Cardus Cup semi-finals and finals were played. The first semi-final was won by Audrey Shannon and Diane Chant and the winners of the second were Terry Bates and Ruth Parker. The final was a very enjoyable and close match, with Audrey Shannon and Diane Chant being the ultimate winners by 21-16. The cup was presented by Mrs. Jenny Cardus. We had sun, teas, some sunburned faces and a very relaxing afternoon (for the spectators, that is).

Finals Day

On Saturday 11th September we had our Finals Day, and the results were as follows:-
Ladies Rose Bowl.

Finalists M.Lawson and A. Shannon. Winner M.Lawson.

Mens Butterfield Cup.

Finalists T. Davies and G. Lawson. Winner G. Lawson.

Ladies Jim Bush Cup.

Finalists M. Lawson and S. Bosworth. Winner S. Bosworth.

Mens Challenge Cup.

Finalists T. Davies and R. Bosworth. Winner T. Davies.

The tea, provided by club members, was very good as usual, but we won't mention the weather!

WILL YOU SOON BE ABLE TO TUNE IN TO RADIO BENTHAM?

By Peter Rollinson

The Bentham Development Trust has now started work on the application for a licence to run a Community Radio Station in Bentham.

The application must be submitted by the end of November and a decision will be announced early in 2005.

If our bid is successful, the radio studio will be based at Bentham Railway Station and will be broadcast over a 5 kilometre radius. The scheme needs to establish support from the wider community and so the Trust is hosting a meeting at Bentham Community Centre, Main Street, High Bentham, at 7.30pm on Tuesday 12th October. Any organisations in the area that will be covered are invited to attend to discuss the project and see how it can be of help to their group.



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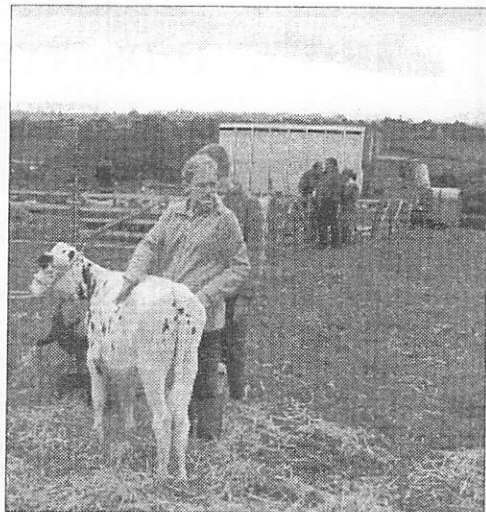
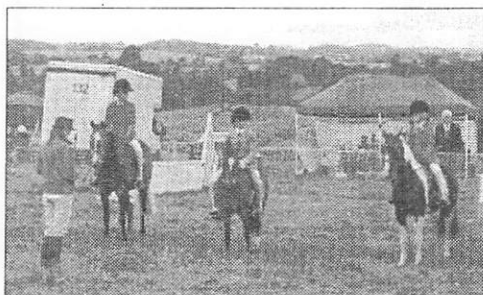
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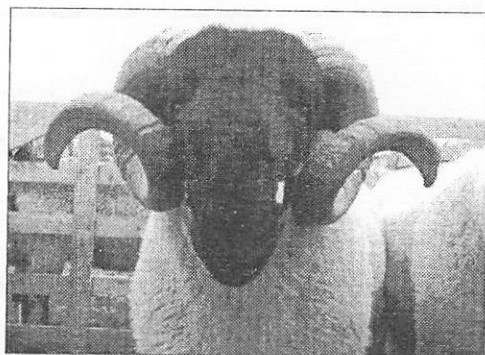


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