

BENTHAM NEWS



BENTHAM COMMUNITY BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS

By Lynda Graveson

Don't miss this year's spectacular lantern procession, bonfire and fireworks, which will take place on Saturday 1st November. The lantern procession will set off from Cleveland Square car park at 6.20pm,

reaching the Auction Yard around 6.45pm. Main Street will probably be closed to vehicles for approximately 20 minutes.

The Bentham Samba Band will accompany the procession and the fireworks team will provide a stunning display of fireworks from around the world. Hog Roast and other refreshments will be available. Please come and join the procession with your lantern.

Lantern Making

Family lantern making workshops will take place at Looking Well Studios every day from 2.30-4.30pm, starting on Saturday 25th until Friday 31st October. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bonfire

The bonfire can be built from 31st October. Garden cuttings or wood are ideal but please do not dump tyres, builders waste, grass or mattresses etc.

Entrance Fees

The entrance fee into the Bonfire and Fireworks this year will be £3.00 for adults and £1.50 for children. This fee applies to lantern bearers as well so please be ready to buy tickets from ticket sellers on the street to avoid a hold-up at the Auction Yard entrance.

Stewards needed

We need numerous stewards and ticket sellers and would be grateful if anyone willing to help would contact Lynda Graveson at Looking Well, 62672, Gareth Adams, 61182, or Bernie Wills, 61438.

NEW CCTV CAMERAS AROUND BENTHAM STATION

Northern Rail have recently invested in new CCTV cameras, which have been positioned at strategic sites in the Bentham Station area. This is in order to help protect against vandalism, which has been continuing, although on a much smaller scale. They have also indicated that they will prosecute to the fullest, anyone found vandalising the station.

It is easy to understand why Northern Rail have taken this action but we hope that there won't be a need for any more CCTVs in other parts of Bentham.



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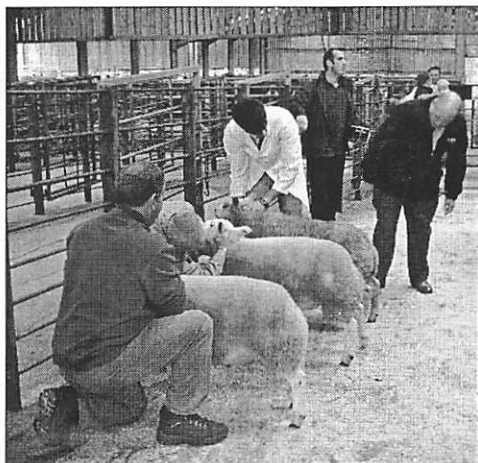
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BENTHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

By Val Lawson

The management committee would like to thank all those people who support the show through generous donations, sponsorship, collection of subscriptions, subscribers, exhibitors at the show, gate keepers, judges and stewards who give so generously of their time. Thank you to the Directors of Bentham Mart for the use of the Auction Mart at such short notice. This is very much appreciated by the Management Committee. And thank you to everybody for your support at our 136th show. The 10th annual quiz is to be held on 6th February 2009 in the Town Hall.

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SEPTEMBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By Shirley Brown

The only councillors absent were Gerald Hurtle and Cllr Ireton. There were also 12 members of the public present, but no police representative. This report is my personal view of proceedings, and Jo Burton's excellent, detailed minutes can be accessed, after they have been agreed on 6th October, at the library or at benthamtowncouncil.co.uk

Highway Matters

Parking on Main Street might be altered in an attempt to get better traffic flow through the town. NYCC have come up with a plan for cars to park on the other side of Main Street between the Post Office and the Chinese Takeaway. It is not yet clear what is proposed for Station Road, but when plans are available they will be circulated to traders and homeowners in the vicinity for comment. Nothing will happen quickly and 2 years is the likely timescale for any change to be implemented.

Feelings are running high in Hillside Road about houses being built on land previously used for parking and turning of cars, resulting in congestion and a less safe environment for residents. Cllr Wills wondered if, when the land round Low Bentham School is sold, it could be a condition of any planning application that land were released to provide space for parking. Cllrs resolved to follow the process through to a Public Local Enquiry.

It was clarified that although there had been notices about scheduled sewerage work on Mount Pleasant taking either 3 days or 3 weeks in August (*depending which sign you looked at*) in fact no work was done and the notices magically disappeared. We are left wondering, is there, or is there not, a drain that needs replacing? Holes in the road near Banks Way and Robin Lane are being reported to NYCC. Cllr Barrington is finding out who produced the Heritage Trail signs as some are now in need of repair.

Do we need a library?

The Library Strategy document listing the service's admirable aims for the next 15 years

was received – one Cllr asked whether libraries are still relevant, but the answer came back a resounding YES.

New School?

Cllrs will have a meeting with Bernadette Jones on 13th October to discuss the proposed new Bentham Primary School.

Planning

There were no objections to proposals to put a single storey extension on 1 Moons Acre, or for Cllr Marshall to extend Riverside Caravan Park. However there were plenty of objections to the resubmission of a planning application to convert Ingleborough Nursery site into a Stone Processing Yard. This was what the 12 members of the public had waited with admirable patience for, as the item was delayed pending the arrival of Cllr Heigh, who was representing the TC at the induction of Rvd Clive Burgess. Dorothy Faraday spoke for many when she said that it was unfair that residents had to go through the whole process of making their objections again when the previous application had been so resoundingly defeated. Graham Blackwell said he was surprised that the Council had to consider the re-submission, because although it included some minor changes, all the previous objections were still valid. Pollution from noise, dust and lighting are still issues, as are the unsuitability of the access roads. Cllr Wills said this was our one chance for the site to revert to Greenfield and that this development would establish the area, which is an extremely quiet rural location, as an industrial site. This is the wrong place for this development and Cllrs voted overwhelmingly to reject the application, and to keep on top of its progress.

Vandalism and anti-social behaviour

Cllrs Barrington and Barnes reported vandalism at the station and anti-social behaviour in Cleveland Square, and the very poor response from the police was noted.

A fundraiser, Viki Hindle, has offered her services to get things moving at Low Bentham Playground, and Cllr Faichney will meet her to find out more.

GARDENING COLUMN

By Joyce Knapp



Last month I suggested a variety of flowering plants that would withstand both the heavy and prolonged spells of rainfall, and the likely increase in slug and snail populations that we have suffered over the past two summers. When planting up a garden, or perhaps just a small area of a garden, we may also wish to have plants that not only look good, but also do their bit towards attracting, and supporting as wide a range of wildlife as possible.

Whilst we are told that oak trees are able to support an extremely wide range of insect and bird life, most of us will need something on a much smaller scale to fit into our garden. If we do, however, have enough space for a small tree then perhaps a Sorbus (Mountain ash) or Silver birch would be our first choice. Both trees have the advantage of supplying food for a wide variety of insects and birds, but also have open growth allowing us to under plant with a range of ground cover plants around their base. If space is at a premium, but you do have a wall or fence, then growing a climbing plant could provide a solution. The first plant I would suggest is Ivy as this provides food initially for insects and then for the birds that will eat the insects. If you have the space to allow the ivy to grow away from the wall, it may even become sufficiently dense to provide cover for nesting birds.

Finally, I'd like to give a mention, and a very big 'thank you' to all the people who made it possible to go ahead with our local

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Agricultural Show in September. All the people I spoke to on the day were impressed with the tremendous amount of organisation that had gone into re-siting the show at such short notice, and the number of entries was remarkably high given that we were somewhat unsure if the show would go ahead. Here's to next year and if any of you are feeling the urge to get involved, there were one or two classes that would benefit from additional entries, particularly house plants and some of the fruit and vegetable classes.

BENTHAM YOUTH CAFÉ

By Anne Yaman

Following a break during August the Youth Café is now open for business every Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 6.30 to 9.30 p.m. in the Station Building, Bentham Railway Station. If you are between the ages of 13 and 18, pop in and take a look, have a drink and see our fabulous new facilities we look forward to seeing you.

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CRAVEN CONCERNS

By Cllr Manuel Camacho 015242 62074

The summer months tend to be quieter than normal, but I have found a couple of items worthy of note. The first appears to be worthwhile but like all these schemes it is advisable to apply quickly to avoid disappointment. In the second case while the documents are desperately hard reading, the contents are important and may affect your future.

Electrical Safety Council - Electrical Safety Improvement Grants

The Electrical Safety Council (ESC) is currently awarding electrical improvement grants to a limited number of people who cannot afford to restore the electrical installation in their home to a safe standard.

They are offering electrical improvement grants nationwide worth up to the value of £800, to resident home owners, aged 60 or over in receipt of a 'means tested benefit'.

If you know of somebody who falls into any of the above categories, and they wish to apply for a grant, ESC may be able to help. So as long as the applicant can answer yes to the following three questions, they will be eligible to apply for a grant.

- 1) Are you aged 60 or over?
- 2) Are you in receipt of a means tested benefit? (Income Support, Job seekers Allowance, Pension Credit, Housing Benefit Council Tax Benefit)
- 3) Are you the homeowner of the property the grant is being applied for?

If you would like to nominate somebody for a grant please e-mail their name, address, contact telephone number and confirmation that they have agreed for ESC to contact them to: grants@esc.org.uk. The ESC will then contact the nominated person to discuss the grants scheme and if they initially appear to meet the requirements will send an application form. Only the homeowner can make the application, however should you wish to discuss the grants scheme you can either e-mail grants@esc.org.uk or call 0870 040 0561. *Please note that due to restricted funding the scheme is subject to closure at short notice, however any applications received whilst the scheme is closed will be considered as a*

priority when the scheme is re-opened.

Have Your Say on Key Land Use Studies

Craven District Council is currently preparing the Local Development Framework, a new spatial plan for Craven which will guide land use and future development in Craven outside the National Park up until 2026.

As part of the process CDC is urgently seeking both the views of residents and local organisations, as well as any relevant information they may have, which would have a material influence on three studies which have been prepared and which will be amended in light of the information that residents provide.

Views are being sought on:-

The 'Strategic Housing Market Assessment' which assesses the factors influencing demand and supply of housing.

The 'Strategic Housing and Employment Land Availability Assessment' which identifies sites for potential future housing and employment.

And finally, the 'Employment Land Review' which investigates potential future employment land supply.

When completed these studies will underpin the District's future planning policy. The documents are available for a 6 week consultation period from 29th August until 10th October 2008 and can be viewed on the Council's website, in the County Libraries or at Craven District Council's offices in Skipton and Settle. Further information can also be obtained by contacting the Council's Planning Policy Team on 01756 706472 or email ldf@cravencd.gov.uk

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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

By Maureen Ellis



Despite the very soggy weather there have been many wonderful walks this summer and the much looked forward to weekend away was a great success. Many thanks to everybody who has a part in the organisation of The Bentham Footpath Group. I'm sure everybody will want to send Pat Parrott all good wishes for her 80th year and to congratulate those who made her celebration 'railway walk', that took place in September, a day to remember.

As for October there is a full programme starting on Thursday 2nd with The Salter's Way of 9 miles with an initial gathering at Lairgill at 9.30am. This walk had previously been cancelled because of bereavement. It is linear and it is imperative that the leaders are contacted on 62540 because transport is being arranged at the end of the walk, for a limited number of around 11 people, to return to their cars. The walk is in the Forest of Bowland and on old bridle ways.

Another Thursday, the 9th, brings the Hawes Millenium Mosaics 1-10, meeting at Lairgill at 9.30am or at the playground at the far end of Hawes at 10.30am. From there the walk follows the first part of a trail looking for mosaic plaques made for the year 2000, depicting a variety of subjects such as flowers, birds and sheep. It then heads gradually uphill towards Buttersett and along to Gayle and then following Duerley

Beck to Aysgill Force and onto a green lane and over fields back to Hawes. There are lovely views all the way. Other points are that the route has quite a lot of squeeze and gate stiles, and in places it may be muddy and the length is nearer 6 than 5 miles

On Friday 10th there will be the very important Annual General Meeting and Jacob's Join Supper at 7.30pm at Bentham Townhall.

On Sunday 19th, meeting at Lairgill at 9.30am there is the 8 mile Cotterdale walk starting at Appersett. This moderate walk goes along the Ure valley to Mossdale Head and back through Cotterdale

On Saturday 25th, again meeting at Lairgill at 9.30am, the Ingleton 8 miler goes to Fellside and Masonghyll Hall and on to Overhall at Ireby and then back to Ingleton; the route may vary a little according to weather conditions

It is very important for your own convenience to check with the leader for precise secondary starting venues as they may have to be changed at the last minute because of weather conditions

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BENTHAM YOUTH CLUB

By Rachel Rabjohns

The NYCC Benthams youth club meets on a Thursday evening 7-9pm at the community centre, Main St, Benthams. We meet every week during term time and offer some activities during the holidays. We are looking for new members to join the club and are focusing on 13-15 years olds. We have had an established group with us for some time and are now trying to reach out to other young people in Benthams and surrounding areas to start the club from fresh this year.

The youth club provides a safe meeting place to meet with friends and socialise. We have use of the hall for sports, and the activity room with pool and table tennis. We encourage members to design the programme of activities and events that will take place in youth club time, such as sports, art projects, trips out etc. The youth work staff can provide information and guidance for young people and aim to raise awareness on important issues for young people.

We will re-open youth club on Thursday 2nd October, 7-9pm. Please come along and see what's on offer and meet the staff. All 13-15 year olds welcome. We will require you to fill in a registration form, and we will not be charging for the first session, but subsequent sessions will be 50p. For further information please contact Rachel Rabjohns, Area Youth Worker on 01729 823312 or email Rachel.rabjohns@northyorks.gov.uk.

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IN PRAISE OF THE SUE RYDER SHOP

By Trevor Blackwell

Even before I moved to Bentham I loved the Sue Ryder shop. What else better to do on a wet afternoon (and it does occasionally rain in Bentham) than to browse books at cheap prices, examine 1950s bric-a-brac, and look for a new pullover for under two quid?

But my impression is that the shop is getting even better. Today I found the Hamlyn All Colour Vegetarian Cookbook, the Complete Illustrated Guide to Feng Shui and the Foundations of Buddhism living happily side by side with Robbie's Secrets, All About Motorcycles, Computers for Dummies, and I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings. And there are jigsaws, bright balls of wool, complete watercolour painting sets, assorted sunglasses, dinosaurs, elephants, cut-glass vases, violins, and loud ties with Top Dad embroidered on them. It is said that books do furnish a room, but from this Sue Ryder you can furnish a life, still have change left over, and at the same time feel you are helping other people.

Meeting the new manager, Laura Christman, I asked her to tell me a bit more about how the shop works. She beckoned me down the steep steps which lead to a room under the shop where there is a treasure trove of objects waiting to be sold. She told me she's finishing her first month at the shop, which she runs with Elaine Nutter, and a team of about a dozen volunteers.

"Sue Ryder couldn't work without volunteers", she said. "Any time anyone can give is fantastic. If you're interested in being a volunteer, just come into the shop, and we'll have a chat. The majority are ladies, but we do have one gentleman who works here."

The money we make in the shop goes to looking after people who suffer from cancer, multiple sclerosis, strokes, brain injuries and dementia. Sue Ryder specialises in providing palliative care in people's homes and in care centres and hospices.

You might like to know that Bentham is the best shop in the area for receiving donations through the door! We get so much

support from this community that it's amazing. People sometimes think they won't bring something in because it's a bit dirty. Please bring it in because we can also recycle goods, and that gains Sue Ryder some money as well. It all gets used!

Our shop is really good for bric-a-brac, ladies' clothes, and books. The reason the books section's so good is that Shirley, one of the volunteers on a Tuesday, sorts through them every week, so every week there are new books on the shelves. And every two weeks we check the clothes, and if they haven't been sold they get moved on to other shops, so there's always something new.

Later this year we're hoping to have a special day when the volunteers who have been working in the shop for five years or more have their work recognised, and are presented with their Sue Ryder certificates and badges.

Most of all I just want to thank the people of Bentham for supporting the shop - and especially I want to say thank you to people for everything they give to us - those donations are what Sue Ryder relies on. Someone might think when there are clearing out their cupboard, "Oh no, I'll just chuck it in the bin", but actually by sending it to the shop they are providing money to look after someone in a care centre, they are doing their bit, and it all really helps. So I hope we can continue to make money to help people, and can keep our customers happy!"

I sometimes think that heaven might turn out to be a bit like the Sue Ryder shop in Bentham.

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YOUR LETTERS



Dear Bentham News,

Retracing my family

I would like to try and trace any photographs or anecdotes relating to my family. My name is Peter Fry and I live in Allithwaite in Cumbria with my wife and two children. I am now aged 53. I teach Outdoor Education.

I left High Bentham when I was 16 to go into the army. My mum was called Kathleen Fry and for many years she worked in Wenning Silk Mill. Mum died when she was 52 and I was 15. My Dad Norman Fry worked at George Angus for most of his life and some years after Mum died he moved to Rochdale. Dad died many years ago. I had three brothers: Anthony (Elvis), Stephen, and Andrew and a sister called Shirley. We all attended High Bentham School and then Ingleton. We lived up Goodenber Rd. at no.65.

Andrew now lives in Settle and Shirley and Stephen still live in Bentham and we meet up occasionally.

When Mum died it was if the epicentre had gone from our lives and with it any family history and photos got lost along the way. Having seen some photos of our family in David Johnson's books on the history of Bentham that has made me want to find out about any other knowledge or photographs that some Bentham people may have about my family before it is lost for ever.

I have fond memories of my childhood in High Bentham from Go kart racing (homemade buggies out of pram wheels) down Goodenber Road, scrumping for apples (raiding orchards) messing about in the Rivers Wenning and Greta and trying to earn pocket money by working on Harrison's farm during hay-time, doing paper rounds and helping set up the tents at Bentham show.

Bentham was a great place for me as a young lad, down to earth and friendly with everyone looking out for each other.

If you can help me I would look forward

to hearing from you and would be very grateful. I can be contacted on 015395 35125 or e-mail: mountain.fry@btinternet.com.

Pete Fry (ex brylcream boy from Bentham).

Dear Bentham News,

What a fantastic Bentham Show. After the disasters of the last couple of years I was determined to support the event no matter what. I feel heart felt congratulations should go to the organising committee for the speed in which they moved the event into the Auction Mart. As for the Auction Mart; what a fantastic venue! Under cover, not that that was so important as I think I saw the sun on several occasions. The feel and atmosphere of the show was terrific and the Auction Mart added to that greatly. I understand the horse events could not go ahead as there is insufficient space which was a shame. Nevertheless I wonder if the committee and Auction Mart would consider this the shows new *dry* home? There must be somewhere nearby the horse events could take place and be integrated into the show? Can you get temporary arenas? I felt the show was particularly important this year as the poor summer had meant very few social occasions and it was great to wander around and have a natter with friends we'd hardly seen through the summer - straw poll: how many BBQs did you have this year? My only negative comment would lie with what I thought was a generally poor turn out by the town, I believe the organisers were happy and that's what matters. Three Cheers for the Bentham Show Committee and Auction Mart, hip hip hooray!

Regards

Iain Henshaw.

Dear Bentham News,

We, the residents of Fourlands, are very disappointed to see the re-application of the Stone Processing Factory on the Nursery site.

The Town Council, Craven Planners, the Planning Officers and 540 residents of Bentham, Burton and Wennington all rejected the application because of the unsuitability of the site and the devastating

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impact it would have on the area, with increased very heavy traffic, noise, dust, vibration and the visible impact of the building. The site is out of the planning jurisdiction and on Council plans should revert back to a green field site if the Nursery ceases to trade.



Despite all of this, our ward councillor Camacho has acted as a consultant to Mr. Fairhurst and fought very hard for him first time round, trying to discredit and ridicule the people who objected. He strongly disagreed with the Planning Officer's recommendations, and tried to say the Council expert's noise report was flawed. Let us hope on this occasion he acts for the people he was elected to represent, and not for one entrepreneur!

The residents of Fourlands.

Katy Parker, Neil & Anna Ferguson, Barbara Rothwell, Arthur Harvey, Graham & Cathryn Blackwell, Dorothy Faraday, Chris & Jane Pink and their families.

Dear Sir,

Whilst I applaud the initiative to campaign for a more frequent train service from Bentham (Bentham News, September) there are several points I would wish to raise. These are from the perspective of someone who travels to work in Lancaster two or three times a week:

➤ For any service to be meaningful, it should be hourly and at the same time past the hour. The present service is not only irregular but infrequent.

➤ In spite of the increase in fuel costs, the marginal cost of motoring is still cheaper than public transport with the added advantage that travel is usually quicker by car. To lure away the motorist, the fare structure would have to be very competitive.

➤ Not only is rail competing with the car but also with buses. Like the railways, the bus service is irregular and infrequent. However, when the timing is right, I occasionally travel by bus as I have a bus pass for free travel.

From my limited experience, quite a proportion of bus users have these passes. How could the railways compete unless similar concessions were introduced?

I wish LASRUG and the B.E.S.T. group well in their negotiations with Northern Rail but Northern Rail, as a private operator, is in business to make profits and for these initiatives to succeed, it requires a change of mindset from government to make things happen and get people on to public transport.

Yours faithfully,

Alistair Gregory, Burton-in-Lonsdale.

Dear Editor,

Many people regularly suffer from anxiety and stress and this can lead to illness. In order to cope, alcohol, smoking or drugs are often resorted to and these can lead to further health problems. An alternative is to come along to the regular Healing Meditation evenings which recently started at Looking Well Studios. The sessions begin with a gentle, guided relaxation routine, followed by a peaceful meditation to the sound of birdsong, during which healing is administered to each attendee.

The aim is to release stress and anxiety and to re-discover that still, peaceful centre which we all naturally experienced early in life. After the session it is usual to go home feeling more relaxed and optimistic, and over a period of time, experience a renewed sensation of wellbeing becoming established. The next Healing Meditation evening is at 7.30pm on Thursday 30th October.

Sincerely, Gavin Wilshaw.



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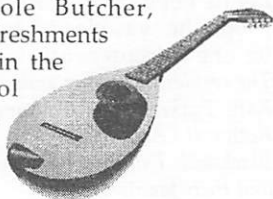
MUSIC IN THE FELS

By Carole Butcher

On Friday 31st October there will be an entertaining evening of music at The Church of the Good Shepherd, Tatham Fells at 7.00pm.

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LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Janice Every

The Cafe IN will open on Wednesdays, 11-1.30pm, starting 1st October, and will be a welcoming place to come for information, internet access, a drop in, meeting friends, registering interest, and sharing transport to outings - not to mention a place to come and enjoy delicious homemade cakes and cookies. Our aim is to make the Cafe IN a central point to find out what's on in the local area, and if there's something you'd like to do we'll try and set it up locally if there are enough people interested.

So if you fancy doing something new and want to find out what's on, or just want a great coffee/cuppa in a friendly, relaxing space then do pop in and see what's on offer - everyone is *very* welcome.

Songs to Remember

The first of our 'Singing Well' activities will be an informal singing group on alternate Tuesday afternoons, open to all ages/abilities/volumes, with a focus on songs from the past.

It's open to anyone who would like to come along, but we particularly welcome those with memory loss and their carers (carers can have a cup of tea and natter in the adjoining room if they prefer not to sing). The first one is Tuesday October 14th, 2.30 to 4pm, and fortnightly thereafter. The sessions promise to be uplifting and enjoyable so please get in touch if you (or

someone you care for) are interested in attending. Better still, come along to the Cafe IN and find out more about it there.

Like to bake?

We are keen to hear from volunteers who could make cakes or cookies for our new Cafe IN - on an occasional or regular basis. If you're able to help we'd be very grateful if you could get in touch with Clare or Janice on 62672.

Lantern time

Come and make a lantern to carry in the procession to the bonfire. Daily workshops at Looking Well will run from Saturday 25th to Friday 31st October, 2.30 to 4.30pm. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

New Courses

Other new courses starting in October include - Communicating with Confidence on a Computer, Getting the Best from your Camera, and Creative Walks. Contact us at Looking Well on 62672 for more information.

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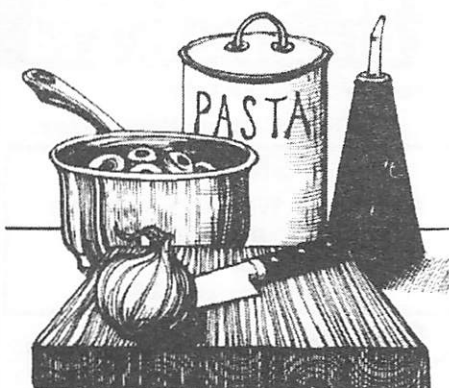
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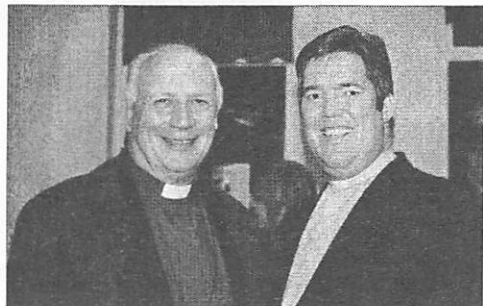
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COLLATION AT ST. JOHN'S



A Collation-But not cold

By Dorothy Pidgeon

The service booklets announced the Collation of the Revd. Clive Burgess as the new Rector of Bentham. To most of us, a collation is a light meal, usually a cold one, but the dictionary informs us it also means "the presentation of a clergyman to a benefice". So it was for this happy event that a packed congregation met in St John the Baptist Church, Low Bentham, to welcome Clive, his wife Nicola, and son, Joshua, to our town. Some of those present had come from Clive's previous parishes to say farewell, and it was clear from what we heard that their loss was indeed our gain.

We experienced a most uplifting service, led by the Bishop of Bradford (*pictured above with Revd. Clive Burgess*) and supported by all the local clergy, in post and retired, several of whom took an active role in Clive's installation. The churchwardens, too, were kept very busy, ensuring that all ran smoothly. The congregation made the responses loudly and clearly, and almost raised the roof with their joyful singing, accompanied by our organist. At the end of the service, representatives from virtually all Bentham's organisations and clergy from other denominations came forward to welcome our new Rector.

After this we moved over to the dining room at Sedbergh Junior School to enjoy refreshments - almost a collation of the other kind! - to bring to an end a most memorable evening.

QUAKER WEEK 4TH - 11TH OCTOBER

By Raymond Jopson

Every year Quakers throughout the country promote a Quaker Week with events to publicise their beliefs, history and activities. Last year some fifty people attended the open afternoon at Calf Cop Meeting House, Low Bentham, a beautiful 18th century building which has been sympathetically renovated over the past few years.

This year it is intended to repeat this on Saturday 11th October from 2.30 to 5.00pm for "Tea and Chat" when local Quakers will have a display of literature available and be happy to informally mingle and chat with visitors. The afternoon will conclude with a short Meeting for Worship after the manner of Quakers at 4.30pm.

The Meeting House is approached up a short lane from the road from Burton-in-Lonsdale to Low Bentham and is signposted.

Community Celebration Service

By Judith Johnson

This year our annual celebration service will be on Sunday October 5th at 6.30pm at St Margaret's Church, as chosen by our Mayor, Gareth Adams. The Mayor also has the privilege of choosing one of the hymns and directing the collection to the charity of his choice. We are looking forward to an interesting service including an address by the Reverend Clive Burgess who is new to Bentham. The Church Music Group will accompany the hymns and we will hear items from both Bentham Praise and High Bentham Primary School.

Churches Together

By Kay Piper

The committee which organised the Free Fun Day, held on 31st August, at High Bentham CP School, would like to say a big thank you to all the willing helpers who came along to join in the fun. Everyone seemed to have an enjoyable afternoon. We feel that it was a great success and intend to hold a similar event in the future. God bless you all.

LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Wed 1st NSPCC monthly meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane, at 7.30pm.

Bentham Playgroup at the Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, 1.00-3.00pm, and every Wednesday.

Looking Well, 11.00am-1.30pm, Cafe IN.

Community Centre, 2.00-3.00pm, Moving Well, gentle exercise for the over 50s and every Wednesday in term time.

Citizens' Advice Bureau at Bentham Health Centre 1.30-3.30pm. No appointment needed.

Coffee morning at Methodist Church Hall 10.00-11.30am, and every Wednesday. Donations to local charities.

Thu 2nd Bentham Footpath Group walk, Salter's Way, ring to book bus home, 9 miles, leaders A & M Speight 62540. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Swimming at Hornby for over 50s (men and women). Cost £1.60. Telephone Barbara Shuttleworth, 62873 to arrange transport. Leaves at 8.45am, and every Thursday.

Looking Well, 11.00am-1.30pm. Cancer Support Group - Drop-in, Art Sessions, Therapies and Lunch, and every Thursday.

Methodist Church Hall, 2.00-4.00pm, Welcome-In, dominoes for all ages, for transport contact Nigel or Kath 62272.

Thu 2nd High Bentham WI AGM at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. See page 20.

Fri 3rd Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10.00am-2.30pm. Quiz-Keith Hartley.

Methodist Church Hall, 7.00-8.00pm, GFI for school years 6, 7 & 8 and 8.15-9.15pm for school years 9+, and every Friday in term time.

Sat 4th St. Margaret's coffee morning at the Town Hall ballroom, 10.00am-12.00noon. 

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

Bentham Film Group film "Kinky Boots" at the Victoria Institute 7.30pm. See page 25.

Quaker week starts at the Meeting House, Calf Cop, Low Bentham, see page 15.

Mon 6th Indoor bowling starts at the Town Hall, see page 30.

Craven Customer Services at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm.

Town Council meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Methodist Church Hall, 10-11.30am, Toddle-in for parents/carers and babies and toddlers, £1 per family, and every Monday.

Methodist Church Hall, 4.30-5.30pm Adventurers for 4-6 year olds. 6.15-7.30pm Springboard for 7-10 year olds and both every Monday in term time.

Gentle walks for women, 9.30am-12.00noon. Meet at Lairgill, and every Monday.

Tue 7th Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

Yoga at the Town Hall, 11.00am-12.00noon and 6.00-7.00pm, and every Tuesday.

Bentham Playgroup at the Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, 1.00-3.00pm, every Tuesday.

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

Thu 9th Charity Fashion Show at the Horse & Farrier, 7.30pm.

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

Event.....

Venue.....

Contact Tel:.....

Name.....

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- Thu 9th** Friendly Hour at Low Bentham Methodist Church, 2.30pm. Everyone welcome.
Senior Citizens Supper and entertainment at the Methodist Schoolroom, 7.00pm.
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Hawes Millenium Mosaics, 1/12, 5 miles, leaders A. Robertson and K. Rowe, 61285. Meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.
Indoor bowls at the Town Hall, 1.30pm and every Thursday.
- Fri 10th** Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10.00am-2.30pm. Extend exercise - Colin Etherington.
Bentham Footpath Group AGM and Jacob's Join supper, Town Hall, 7.30pm.
- Sat 11th** Bowling Club coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
- Mon 13th** Craven Customer Services at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm.
1.00pm. Bloomin' Bentham meet at the painted bus shelter, School Hill. For more information ring 61608.
- Tue 14th** Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 9.30-11.00am.
Bright Hour at the Methodist Church Hall, 2.15pm.
Looking Well, 2.30-4.00pm, Songs to Remember, and alternate Tuesdays, see page 13.
- Wed 15th** Citizens' Advice Bureau at Bentham Health Centre 1.30-3.30pm. No appointment needed.
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- Thu 16th** Low Bentham WI meeting at the Victoria Institute, 7.30pm. see page 20.
Methodist Church Hall, 2.00-4.00pm, Welcome-In, dominoes for all ages, for transport contact Nigel or Kath 62272.
- Fri 17th** Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, from 10.00am-2.30pm. Bentham Praise, Ladies Choir.
Bingo at the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham, 7.30pm, in aid of NSPCC.
- Sat 18th** Conservative Association coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
- Sun 19th** Bentham Footpath Group walk, Cotterdale, 8 miles, leader D. Chamberlain, 21436. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
Looking Well, 3.00pm, Older Person's Tea party.
- Mon 20th** Craven Customer Services at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm.
- Tue 21st** Thornton and Burton Mothers' Union meeting at 2.00pm in Burton Church Room.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
- Fri 24th** Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, Card Bingo.
- Sat 25th** Age Concern coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
Bentham Footpath group walk, Ingleton, 8 miles, leaders T and J Connolly 42129. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.
25th until Fri 31st inclusive, Lantern workshops at Looking Well 2.30-4.30pm. See front page.
- Mon 27th** Ewecross Historical Society meeting at the Lower Town Hall, 7.30pm. David Matthews - "Wilberforce in Westmorland and Yorkshire". Visitors are welcome.
- Tue 28th** Bright Hour at the Methodist Church Hall, 2.15pm.
Talk on climate change by Dr. Story, at the Town Hall, at 7.30pm. see page 29.
- Wed 29th** Citizens' Advice Bureau at Bentham Health Centre 1.30-3.30pm. No appointment needed.
- Thu 30th** Healing Meditation evening, 7.30pm at the Looking Well Studios.
- Fri 31st** Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, 10.00am-2.30pm. Bentham recorder Group - Peter Rollinson.
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LITTLE RED BUS NEWS



By Lin Barrington

After all the excitement of our move to the station building, and the luxury of having more space, we are settling down to our new routine. The schools have started back, and now we're starting to think about half term. We're always interested in ideas for using our buses, so let us know if you have thoughts on what might be popular destinations.

Half Term Trips

- ◆ We are doing three trips in October:
Tuesday 28th – Kendal
- ◆ Wednesday 29th – Blackpool, including a drive along the 'Golden Mile' to see the illuminations
- ◆ Thursday 30th - Trafford Centre

If you would like to come with us, give us a call on 015242 62753 or call in to our new office at the station.

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9 October Settle Town Hall 7-9pm
- ◆ Wharfedale Area Forum 13 October
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- ◆ Skipton and West Craven Area Forum 15
October Skipton Town Hall 7-9pm
- ◆ North Craven Area Forum 21 October
Bentham Town Hall 7-9pm
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YESTERDAY IN BENTHAM

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

October 1988

This month's editorial included a brief reflection on the first two years of Bentham News publication. Whilst there appeared to have been some doubts in the early days as to whether ongoing publication would be possible, the Editorial Committee now found that BN's growing success was enabling them to think in terms of a fifth or even, with huge optimism, a tenth birthday.

The rest, 240 editions later, is local history. Happy 22nd birthday to Bentham News!

A *Bentham People* feature gave an interesting update on the activities of several young people from the Bentham area who had left school in the past year or so.

Georgette Armstrong had commenced teacher training at Newcastle Polytechnic, whilst Matthew Armstrong had begun his CITB training as a plumber, working for Wheildon's and attending Lancaster and Morecambe College on block release. Richard Greenep was starting a course in Civil Engineering at Bradford University, and Linda Burns was beginning the second year of a HND in Business Studies at North Staffs Polytechnic. John Metcalfe was on a YTS course in Agricultural Engineering, working in Melling and studying on block release at Nantwich Agricultural College. Debbie Burns had just finished her B.Tech at York College of Art and Technology and was going on to Sunderland Poly to take a degree in 3D design, glass with ceramics. Ben Robertson was continuing his electrical apprenticeship and Elizabeth Warbrick was studying Catering and Hotel Management at Sheffield Polytechnic. Meanwhile her sister Victoria had gained a first class degree in Agricultural Zoology at Leeds University and had moved to Liverpool University to study for a PhD. Elizabeth Pickett had just finished her first year of Geology studies at

Oxford in grand style by producing a winning exhibition entry.

This cries out for a "20 years later" update! Any takers?

Meanwhile, at the other end of the age spectrum, Bill and Elizabeth Armstrong had celebrated their Diamond Wedding, and congratulations were being offered to Jack and Jenny Richardson who had been married for 61 years.

Barbara Boothman had written an interesting feature on the satisfaction she gained from receiving a BA (Hons) degree in Philosophy, having studied at Lancaster University as a mature student. Her graduation was the culmination of a quest for learning that had started some years previously with a very apprehensive enrolment for an O-level English Language course, and had involved balancing her academic needs with her life as a mother ("a world of playgroups, housework and cooking," she reflected). Her first O-level success led to several more, then eventually to success in A-level studies. By this time she was hooked on academia and sufficiently in tune with its demands to apply for enrolment on a degree course. At the time of writing Barbara was starting a two-year course of post-graduate studies that would lead to her becoming qualified as a Probation Officer.

Barbara had every right to feel satisfied with her achievement. I felt her story was a real inspiration for anyone who left school without paper qualifications but had a latent ability to gain some. How do we know if we have that ability? We go for it and surprise ourselves.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

High Bentham

By Anne Yaman

High Bentham WI met on 4th September in the Town Hall, High Bentham. Members were entertained by David and Jil Atkinson, the Pearly King and Queen of Lancashire. Their stunning hand made costumes left members speechless (no mean feat to leave our ladies speechless!) and it was wonderful to see such talent and dancing by Jil together with their interpretation of the Royal Variety Show.

Following the entertainment the business of the evening was quickly concluded with a reminder for the Bentham Show and an opportunity for members to put their names forward to go on a visit to the Theatre and for a meal. The competition was for Royal Memorabilia which was won by Joanie Weekley.

President, Miss Wendy Dowbiggin, reminded members of the AGM at the next meeting when a new Committee will be elected. A light supper will be provided at this meeting on 2nd October from 7.30pm. and there will be representatives from Craven District Council coming to give information regarding help and benefits available.

Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

Mrs. Anne Rington gave a very interesting and enjoyable talk and demonstration of

Egyptian Belly Dancing at the last meeting. She explained how she became interested in the subject twelve years ago and now holds workshops and teaches it part time. Dancers dance barefoot at family or social events for the sheer enjoyment of dancing, improvising as they dance together. Their dresses are plain with some intricate embroidery and beading. By contrast, the cabaret style which one sees on films and on the stage, with the swirling skirts, tops and veils, was introduced in America in 1890.

Afterwards, she and a former student gave a demonstration of the different types of dances, and then showed members some of their dresses. They were thanked by Mrs. June Harrison, who also chaired the meeting.

Ingleborough Group are holding a fashion show presented by "Temptations" and "Pigtails" on 14th November at the Ingleborough Community Centre at 7.30pm. Look out for the posters for more details.

The next meeting will be on 16th October in the Victoria Institute at 7.30pm, when Mrs. Julie Brandon will be talking about the art of canals.

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Mrs. Marion Flinn and family of Thomas (née Danny) Flinn, would like to acknowledge the cards, floral tributes and donations sent by colleagues from Riverside Caravan Park and friends in Bentham Village, during their time of bereavement. It was comforting to know that he was highly thought of. Thank you.

The Fisher Family - thank you to all who helped and attended Jack Fisher's funeral, and all members of Age Concern for their care over the years.

Illston - Jean. Trevor and Kathleen wish to sincerely thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, sympathy cards and donations for the Extra Care Fund at Bentham Surgery, received during their recent sad bereavement. They are especially grateful to the girls from Personal Care at Home for their support and care over five years and also to the Revds Frank and Mabel Parr and all who helped at St. John's Church, to the Horse and Farrier, and Joe Morphet for the funeral arrangements.

Wills, Jean. Alan and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, cards and messages of sympathy, and all who gave so generously to the donations in Jean's memory. Thanks also to Dr. Sullivan, Hospital at Home team, Rev. Tony Willmont, Joe Morphet and Stephen Dawson.

Williams - Beth would like to thank all those wonderful people of Bentham who have given her so much love and support following the death of her husband, Glyn, on 31st August. Her special thanks go to Dr. Nick Howlett, Canon David Bruno, Sister Sue Lumb, John Eastwood, Joe Morphet and her two good friends and neighbours, Lesley and Diane. Her thanks also go to her life-long friends, Joan and Harry Evans and their family from Liverpool, who all came to support Beth at Glyn's funeral.

Thanks

Rowena Brayshaw would like to say thank you to all her friends for the lovely cards, gifts and kindness shown during her recent stay in hospital.

Thanks (continued)

Pointon - Margaret and Reg would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for their good wishes on the occasion of our Diamond Wedding. Donations in lieu of presents amounted to £250, and this has been donated to various local causes.

Walter Tooby - Now that I have retired I would like to say a big "Thanks" to all my customers for their past custom, friendship and loyalty during the last 50 years. I have had many workmates and staff without whom I could not have succeeded. Thanks to them all. Tooby's is to carry on at the same shops, with the same staff, under the new owners, Paul and Rachel Winn. I hope they get the same satisfaction and pleasure from the business that Linda and I have enjoyed. Linda and I will still be in Ingleton and hope to keep in contact with everyone in a new way.

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By Mrs. Catherine Boocock, Headteacher

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From this term the After School Club will be running from 3.30 to 6.00pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only. We hope to run full week provision again in the future but at the moment demand is such that the club is not financially viable if we operate for full weeks. Sessions should be booked with Julie Whitbread or Mrs Whitfield in the school office. Full and part sessions are available.

Breakfast Club

This continues to be a success and as some year 5 children have left, some places are available each school morning from 8.00am. These need to be booked in advance and children registered at a cost of £2.50 per child.

Coffee Club

This club is on Thursdays mornings from 9.00-10.00am. We would be delighted to see lots

of people at these coffee mornings this year. Pre-school children are welcome to come along and play, while parents, carers and grandparents have a chance to meet, chat and relax over a hot cuppa!

It is also an excellent opportunity to meet and talk to Catherine Walton, Liz Adams, and Vicky Stephenson from the Hellifield Children's Centre, who can provide various forms of support, guidance and advice. Please come along and make the most of this chance to meet, relax and unwind.

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VICTORIA INSTITUTE UPDATE

By Kay Piper

The Institute Committee wishes to thank everyone who helped at Low Bentham Street Market on Bank Holiday Monday, and those who kindly donated raffle prizes. Over £1,000 was raised.

On Sunday 5th October, 3.00-5.00pm, there will be an unveiling of a Commemorative Collage made by Low Bentham School pupils. This will be followed by a beetle drive, with free entrance. Refreshments of jam/cream scones, tea or coffee will be available at £1.50. If interested please ring 61143.

In November we will be holding a "Trash n' Treasure" sale. If you would like to donate any "treasure" please phone Kay Piper on 61977.

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BENTHAM FILM GROUP

By Stella Hall

"Kinky Boots" is the title of the next film to be shown by Bentham Film Group, on Saturday 4th October. It is a comedy drama about Charlie Price taking over a struggling classic shoe factory and discovering that the only option is to diversify into erotic boots. Come along and join us at the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham, where the film will start at 7.30pm.

During the interval refreshments will be available to purchase and there will be a raffle. Bring a cushion to enhance your comfort!

Tickets are £5 at the door but may be purchased in advance at the reduced rate of £4.50 from Low Bentham Victoria Institute on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10.00am-12.00 noon, and from High Bentham Community Centre, Monday to Friday from 10.00am to 12.00 noon. We look forward to seeing you!

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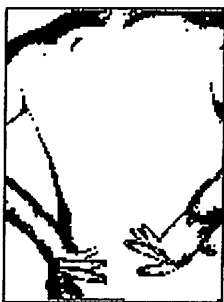
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SEASONAL VERSE

The harvest moon hangs round and high
It dodges clouds high in the sky,
The stars wink down their love and mirth
The Autumn season is giving birth.

Oh, it must be October

The leaves of red bright gold and brown,
To Mother Earth come tumbling down,
The breezy nights the ghostly sights,
The eerie spooky far off sounds
Are signs that it's October.

The pumpkins yellow, big and round
Are carried by costumed clumsy clowns
It's Halloween - let's celebrate."

"In spring when maple buds are red,
We turn the clock an hour ahead;
Which means, each April that arrives,
We lose an hour out of our lives.
Who cares? When autumn birds in flocks
Fly southward, back we turn the clocks,
And so regain a lovely thing
That missing hour we lost in spring."

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COOKERY PAGE

Edited by Patsy Henderson



Vegetarian dishes - Greek Spinach Pies

Recipe - Serves 4

225g fresh leaf spinach
2 spring onions, chopped
175g feta cheese, crumbled
1 egg, beaten
15ml fresh dill, chopped
ground black pepper
8 small sheets of filo pastry
olive oil for brushing

Method

Preheat the oven to 190C, gas 5. Blanch the spinach and drain well. Chop the spinach finely and mix in the onions, feta cheese, egg, dill and pepper. Lay out a sheet of filo pastry, brush with olive oil and lay another sheet on top and brush with oil. Spread a quarter of the filling near one corner of the pastry and roll the pastry into a crescent shape. Repeat for the other three and place all on a baking tray. Brush the pastry with oil and bake for about 20 minutes until golden and crisp. Cool on a wire rack.

Apricot Orange Creams

Recipe - Serves 4

30g flaked almonds
425g can unsweetened apricot halves
150g ricotta cheese
1 tsp sugar
1 tsp orange rind, grated
1 tbsp orange juice

Orange Sauce

1 tsp cornflour
2 tbsp orange juice
1 tsp sugar

Method

Toast the almonds on an open tray in a moderate oven for 5 minutes. Drain the apricots, reserving half the juice. Beat the cheese, sugar, rind and juice together in a bowl until combined. Fill the apricot halves with the creamy cheese mixture and serve, topped with sauce and decorated with almonds.

For the orange sauce, combine the blended cornflour and orange juice in a saucepan, stir in the sugar and reserved apricot juice. Stir constantly over heat until the sauce boils and thickens.

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CRIME AT PREMISES ON HIGH BENTHAM MAIN STREET

By Peter Phillips

➤ **Slipped Disk:** An attempted break-in
occurred on Wednesday, 10th September, at
midnight. The owner's son heard noises
below his flat and on going out via the rear
entrance, was able to see and recognise the
two young people concerned. The police
attended within 30 minutes and an arrest
was made. Damage was caused to the door
needing repair and replacement locks.

➤ **Spar:** On Sunday 14th September, two men
entered the Spar shop during the evening
and stole a key from the store. The assistant
quickly dialled 999 for the police who arrived
at the scene within 15 minutes. A police car
remained there overnight to ensure that the
premises were secure, and locks at the shop
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GETTING BENTHAM BACK ON THE TRACKS!

By Richard Wilson

Have you filled in the questionnaire about using the train yet?

We have heard from someone who had to turn down a job offer in Lancaster because he couldn't get to work for 9.00am by train. From someone who works in Skipton and would love to travel by train instead of having to drive, but he can't quite make the 5.30pm train home. From people who can get to Lancaster for a weekly evening class but can't get back. From shoppers who find that the 5 trains-a-day timetable gives them either too little, or too much, time in Lancaster. From young people who would like to go for an evening out at the weekends but can't get back after 7.15pm.

This isn't enough to persuade anyone to run an extra train or two. But if we added your story in we might make a difference. So do pick up a sheet from the library, the post

office or the community centre – and one for your neighbour too. We would like to have them back by the 15th October so don't delay, get one today!

Dr. Clive Story has spent some of his retirement researching his passionate interest in Climate Change and how it is going to affect us all. He has offered to share his ideas with us in Bentham at an open public meeting on Tuesday 28th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. Everyone is welcome.

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SPRINGFIELD BOWLING CLUB

By Teresa Freeman



Another successful and eventful season has come to an end. Our greatest success has been raising the money needed for our new pavilion. Our thanks go especially to Ray Shannon for all his hard work and to everyone else who supported us in any way. Work has started and we hope you will soon see a brand new building and improved surroundings for the Green.

We have completed our programme of fixtures and competitions with great fun and enthusiasm, despite very varied weather.

Competition results –

Mary Johnson Cup

Winner - Dorothy Rose. Runner-up - Mary Lawson.

Garlick Cup

Winners - Kevin Rogan and Audrey Shannon. Runners-up - Peggy Dawber and Marj Hudson.

Lister Shield

Winner - Diane Chant. Runner-up - Frances Unsworth.

Tom Davies Trophy

Winner - Kevin Rogan. Runner-up - Roger Bosworth.

President's Day

Winner - Jack Dawber and Sue Park. Runner-up - Cliff Park and Frances Unsworth.

Challenge Cup

Winner - Roger Bosworth. Runner-up - Tom Davies.

Butterfield Trophy

Winner - Tom Davies. Runner-up - Roger Bosworth.

Rose Bowl

Winner - Hilda Lister. Runner-up - Sue Bosworth.

Jim Bush Cup

Winner - Sue Bosworth. Runner-up - Dorothy Rose.

Barbeque – new Butterfield Cup

Winners - Tom Davies and Dorothy Rose. Runners-up - Richard Butterfield and Teresa Freeman.

Cardus Cup

Winner - Diane Chant and Di Rees. Runner-up - Geoff Lawson and Hilda Lister.

Congratulations to all the winners.

The Presentation Dinner will be held at Benthams Golf Club on Tuesday, October 7th. There will be a Coffee Morning at Benthams Town Hall on Saturday, October 11th. Do come along – we will be pleased to see you.

INDOOR BOWLING

By Peter Shallcross

Indoor bowling sessions are held in Benthams Town Hall each Monday and Thursday during the winter. There are three short mats which allow up to eighteen players to take part at any one time. Games are played in a very friendly atmosphere and all players from beginners to "experts" are made very welcome.

Subscriptions are to cover the cost of hiring the room and last year were just £1 per session, which included tea and biscuits at half-time. Sadly the number of players has declined since the Town Hall was closed during refurbishment and more players are needed if this local amenity is to remain viable.

The first session of the 2008/2009 season will be on Monday 6th October, starting at 1.30pm. Some bowls are available for beginners to try their hand. Why not come along and give indoor short mat bowling a try?



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END OF ROUNDERS SEASON

By Ingrid Ellershaw

The rounders season has once again come to an end. It has been a very disappointing one, due to the bad weather. About half of our fixtures were called off because of the rain.

However, I would like to say a big thank you to our sponsors, Hash Browns and the SBC at the Horse and Farrier for giving us the money to buy our new Polo Shirts. Also, a big thank you to Mandy at the Black Bull for donating some rounders bats and also for making the food for our home match suppers.

We entered the tournament at Skipton which was held on 31st August and which everyone enjoyed. We also played our last match, against partners, on the 10th September.

A huge thanks to the girls who have played this season. Hope to see everyone again next May.

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By Geoffrey Leech

Thomas Harrison: Architect of Lancaster and Chester

Harrison is somewhat of a mystery! Very little is known of his early life, other than that he was born in 1744, his father was a joiner, and that he had a rare chance to study in Rome. This came about as the consequence of a lowly lad not wishing to accompany a titled son on the "Grand Tour" on his own. He asked if Harrison could be allowed to come too, and share expenses. When in Rome, Harrison made a name for himself in a competition, winning a highly acclaimed nomination. The other anomaly was the fact that for such a highly trained and talented architect he chose to remain in the North of England and Scotland.

He was deeply influenced by his stay in Rome, and in many of his remarkable buildings, elements of the architecture of the Pantheon is present. However, he first came to prominence when he won the commission to build the stone bridge over the river Lune, at Lancaster. This is a truly remarkable structure

as the engineering elements are such as to give the bridge enormous strength as well as beauty! Strangely enough his last great work was the stone bridge over the river Dee at Chester – one of the most lovely bridges (as well as one of the strongest) in Britain.

He was asked to design and build unifying elements to both Lancaster and Chester castles, in both of which aspects of the Pantheon can be detected. Such was his reputation that he was asked by the Bishop to rebuild part of Chester Cathedral. He built gateways to that city and many civic buildings in both Lancaster and Chester. The sheer volume and elegance of his contributions to these two cities is truly remarkable. He also did much work in Scotland and the Borders, especially in Berwick-on-Tweed.

John Champness gave a fascinating talk, and his slides were so good – especially those of the bridge over the river Lune – that I was ashamed I had missed so much of the architectural brilliance of that bridge – a bridge that I had been across so often and hardly observed at all!

The next meeting will be on Tuesday 21st October 2008, when Lizzie Darbyshire MA will give a talk entitled "Taking a Likeness – The Art of the 18th Century Portrait".

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