

BENTHAM NEWS

1986



We're
20 Years Old
This Month

2006

November.....

NOVEMBER 2006

ISSUE 241

TO WISH 'BENTHAM NEWS' A VERY HAPPY 20th BIRTHDAY

What follows is a story of the very beginning of BN and some contributions, from home and abroad, that bring us right up to date.

SHIRLEY BROWN writes:

This is how BN started. It was the Bentham Panto Group who decided to introduce a free newsletter to Bentham with information on forthcoming events, meetings, social group etc. The Group got some funding and persuaded Angus Fire Armour Ltd to let them have the use of room and a phone in their premises on Station Road, and from there Val Houston, the first paid BN coordinator, sent a letter to local churches, TC, pubs, sports clubs, WIs, scouts, cubs and brownies, young farmers, Bentham Show committee, Richard Turner and others active in the community, inviting them to an open public meeting to be held in the Black Bull on Friday 12th September 1986.

The meeting was duly held, and those present, according to some minutes I've seen, were: Sue and Bob Jarman, Angela Garman, Wendy Dowbiggin, Bob Brooks (Black Bull), Keith Cowling, Alison Hawkey, Peter Shallcross, Barbara Shuttleworth, Margaret Meadowcroft, Andrew Longton, Ray Towler and David Bargh.

Keith Cowling explained the Panto Group's idea of a free 'What's On' sheet and Nigel Cottam (Print Shop) estimated that £35 should cover a print run of 2,000 sheets of A4 printed on both sides. The costs were to be covered by a combination of advertising, donations and grants. A number of possible columns were discussed, including the Town Council report, Letters to the Editor, 'hatches, matches and dispatches', gossip and an agony aunt. It was felt that the paper should remain solidly non-political and while allowing all shades of local opinion in the letters column, disclaim responsibility for the views expressed. Generally everyone felt that the paper was a good idea and much needed, and it was

decided to try and get the first edition out in November 1986. So with the front page headline HELLO BENTHAM! and a nice photo of a man digging his garden, Bentham News was born, and was distributed throughout the town by the scouts, guides and youth club.

The name? In the first edition there's a comment, "What shall we call this newsletter? For now, Bentham News will do. If you have a better name, more appropriate to the area for example, send it along and we will print all suggestions and give a prize to the winner."? Well there has been a deafening silence for the past 20 years, so it's still Bentham News.

In those first tentative years, accurate minute taking was not BN's style, but a number of names, other than those already mentioned, appear regularly in the paper: including Tom Cahill, Poppy Dowell, Shirley Brown, Kate Steele, Kenneth Robertson, Geoff Sampson, Lesley Barker (our second paid coordinator), Andrew Bradley, Sharon Haslam, Louise Bruns, Christine Hodson, Debbie Garman, Tony Bennett, Jane Callus and Rachel Clay.

BN has survived and thrived because of a solid caucus of voluntary support, and the role of a paid coordinator, whose job it is to ensure that come hell or high water the BN is published each month. This job has been ably done during the 20 years of BN's existence by 3 people, first Val Houston, then Lesley Barker and finally Bill Kennedy. Without their coordinating work, it is highly likely that BN would have gone the way of many other enthusiastic voluntary projects, and withered on the vine.

TOM CAHILL writes:

I remember Bentham News as one of the most rewarding community projects I have ever been involved in. I never thought that Keith Cowling's original idea would develop as successfully as it has. Thanks to his vision and creativity, plus the work of more than 100 people over the years, Bentham has a monthly newspaper that is something quite unusual. I still get BN and read it, every time, including many of the adverts. Congratulations to all who have been with her.

The earliest contribution I made to Bentham News, was as the first Town Council reporter. Believe me, this was not easy. BN got plenty of flack, mainly because I was critical of the Town Council. Being overtly critical, *in print*, saying what everyone was saying "on the street", was not, and still is not, widely acceptable in Bentham. In fact, the one thing I regret about the Bentham News is that it never could say what was really going on, nor could it campaign actively or expose dubious practices. It could not mention the names of groups, companies, or individuals who were doing naughty things. Most Benthamites seemed to want a paper that was positive, celebratory and not critical.

Overall, I took great pleasure in watching the paper get more organised, seeing the finances become totally healthy, observing the distribution system evolve (it is still a fabulous example of volunteer work of the highest quality), seeing the adverts grow from "a favour" bestowed on the paper, to a serious and inexpensive advertising system. I loved my monthly delivery round. The strategy of "not offending" paid off, and the support for the paper has been astounding amongst a very wide range of Benthamites. Another memory is inventing and writing the first, and if I may say so, most "believed" April Fool's articles. BN was, and is, a great community contribution, constructed by many "immigrants" to Bentham, although there have always been a few native Benthamites involved.

Incidentally, for those of you who remember me, and have lost track, I am living with Naurika, my French wife (she shared six of my 25 years in Bentham), in a town of about 6,500 people, in the department of Hérault, in the south of France. We are both actively retired. You might find it interesting to compare the town budget here in Bédarieux (7.5 million euros), with the budget that the Bentham Town Council has at its disposal. As a foreigner in Bentham, it was often hard to be genuinely accepted, even though it was my home for a quarter of a century. However, compared to the rural French (la France Profonde) the acceptance I got in Bentham was warm and open.

My heartfelt best wishes to the Bentham News! May it celebrate its 30th anniversary with as much good feeling from everyone in Bentham as it has now. It is truly a small project that brings great pleasure to nearly everyone.

VAL HOUSTON writes:

20 years ago I typed the copy with 2 fingers and counted the letters so that I could manually 'justify' each line! The floor of the office, generously donated by Angus, was covered with papers for 'lay out', but the hardest part was selling advertising space for the first issue, the money from which was to pay the production costs. Nobody knew then that it was going to be so successful, a success thanks to the contribution and support of Bentham people.

I left BN to live here in Spain, and I enjoy a relaxed, warm and dry life in the Spanish countryside. I would like to say 'Hi' to all those who wish to remember me and "Here's to the next 20".

DOREEN PARK writes:

Thinking of my early days with BN, I can recall meetings and feeds at Poppy Dowell's with Keith Cowling, Tom Cahill, Lesley Barker, Jill Matthews and Margaret Miller. Everyone had a role but it was Poppy in her own domineering style who was our 'leader'!! I cannot remember who did what except for Tom who used to cycle everywhere and come back with snippets of news and gossip.

Circumstances changed and I lost touch for a number of years until I was approached to do the Recipe Page. This has given me great pleasure, and I have especially enjoyed the comments from you the readers.

BN has grown every year to its present format. And I feel very lucky to have been involved in a small way and hope to be around to see it prosper in the next 20 years.

SUE JARMAN writes:

Is it really 20 years since the first BN? We started it to provide information for the local community, but now copies go all over the world to keep 'old Benthamians' in touch. It is amazing how much technology has changed since the days of IBM typesetters, cutting and pasting text before plates could

be made for the offset litho press. Proof reading and collating were undertaken by a team of volunteers, and many hours were spent round the collating table!

Happily the paper is still free, thanks mainly to the continued support from businesses in the Bentham area taking the opportunity to advertise. But never forget that it only succeeds because of a huge amount of volunteer effort; those involved with its production now are doing a wonderful job. However, if I could make one wish, it would be that the Bentham News has more input from younger people in future, so it can continue to go from strength to strength.

KEITH WEAR writes:

"If it's well made it will last a long time!"

This was a saying that I heard many times over the years when living in West Yorkshire.

Bradford, Huddersfield and nearby towns were full of characters who were owners, managers or workers in mills where wool was scoured (washed), combed, spun into yarn, woven into cloth and dyed either in the fibre or in the woven cloth. A great number, were known throughout the world for their quality, durability and design.

Likewise, in Leeds most families had one or more of their number employed in the clothing factories. Each week many hundreds of thousands of men's suits, jackets trousers or coats were produced in the city and surrounding area. Ladies and children's clothing was also produced. Carpets were woven by the mile in huge mills in towns like Halifax and Brighouse.

What was the common factor? They made things to last. It was in the breeding. The people who owned and managed the firms, and the folk who worked the machines, all knew that their livelihoods depended on the quality and durability of what they produced. The word 'disposable' was never heard, rather "If it's well made it will last a long time!"

I guess that twenty years ago when the first edition was seen in the town, there would perhaps be some who said "It's a'reight, but I don't think it'll last!" If there were doubters, it doesn't matter now does it?

Bentham has been well served by the best

community newsletter I have come across anywhere. Congratulations to all who are involved to ensure such a lively and informative monthly publication drops through the Bentham letterboxes. It is eagerly awaited by many, such as Patricia and I, who now live elsewhere.

As the BENTHAM NEWS comes to its Twentieth Birthday it is a time for celebration, for it has proved that "If it's well made it will last a long time!"

BENTHAM NEWS

By Olive Calverley

If you need the local news, or where to buy
a pair of trews!

If you don't know where to look to buy
your child a picture book,
Try Bentham News.

When your garden's in a mess, causing
pain and much distress,
'Cos it's overgrown with weeds, no place to
plant new seeds,
Try Bentham News.

Wondering what the council do to make
life happier for you? Read each month, just
what it's doing,

To keep our town free from ruin,
In Bentham News.

Have you run out of ideas? Does your
party cause sad tears? Recipes galore you'll
find, leave frustration far behind
In Bentham News.

Adverts, articles, reports, coffee mornings,
indoor sports, Children's groups and adults
too, education, fun for you!
In Bentham News

Every month there's something new,
Just like "Topsy" how it grew. Copies come
to every door, bringing news, but much,
much more,
In Bentham News.

Thanks must go to everyone, who strives to
get all the work done.

Unpaid workers check and sort, reading
proofs, checking report,
At Bentham News.

Thanks, and thanks and thanks again, for
the many hours of strain,
Making sure that all is done to bring the
News to every home.

Thank you - Bentham News.

OCTOBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

All the Cllrs were present with the exception of Cllr Stannard and County Cllr Ireton.

Police

The Police were represented by PC McClurg and PC Nagy. They reported a fairly quiet month. Many farmers are now being given 'Smart Water' kits, an effective and invisible way of marking property to prove ownership. The police asked if the bench on School Hill could be repaired as soon as possible. They have received reports of a drugs problem in the area but pointed out that they cannot take action without evidence and that is in short supply!

Planning

A revised plan was submitted to create an additional apartment at 28 Station Road. In effect the parking space proposed in the first application is to be abandoned to make room for an additional dwelling. The Cllrs thought this could add a possible 6 more vehicles using on street parking. A proposed 2 storey gable extension to 26 Robin Lane resulted in two letters of protest. Cllrs decided to recommend to The District Council that they arrange a site meeting to discuss the objections. The appeal to create a hot food takeaway at Arundel House has been dismissed and the consultation period extended concerning the development on Hillside Road. The application for chalets and caravans at the Toll Bar Low Bentham has been withdrawn.

Highways

New signs are to be erected marking the best route to Kiddes for HGVs visiting the factory. It appears there has been a problem with large vehicles trying to use the B6480 to Wennington and having to reverse because of the bridges. The Cllrs wondered if satellite navigation was responsible and they decided to ask the North Yorks officer responsible to investigate the problem. An illuminating incident into Craven Officer's knowledge of our locality came to light with the information that an order was issued for

work on Keasden Moor when it should have been Newby Moor! There were two other interesting morsels. One was the filling of the pothole on Station Road near Wenning Avenue on the Monday of the Council meeting despite notification that the Water Board would dig it up the next day to repair the leak that had initially caused the pothole. Another was that the drains on Mount Pleasant were cleared at 10.30 p.m. on the night before the Craven Forum meeting! It seems the drains still stand proud of the highway and will only be effective if water defies gravity! The Council is to put in an application for the loan of the Mobile Speed Matrix, similar to the one at Coniston Cold, in an attempt to reduce speeding.

Health Service

Cllr Barnes said he was very worried about the reduction in hospital beds in the area and, in his view, the failure of the District Council to make strong representations on our behalf. He cited the reduction of beds and The Westmorland General Hospital especially as no additional provision is to be made at Lancaster Royal Infirmary. Some Cllrs thought The Harden Ward at Giggleswick is also under threat leaving the nearest medical services for certain conditions at Barrow, Preston or Airdale.

Other Matters

Cllrs think they may have been overcharged for our street lighting by Powergen and are to investigate. Cllr Wills thought the popularity of free bus passes may threaten the future of our railway and Cllr Hurtley praised the Community Celebration Service held at St. John's Church Low Bentham.

Split Endz

Hair by Sheree

Formally of

David Franks, Lancaster &

Hairlines, Bentham.

Mobile Hairdresser

0792 312 6472

LOGS LOGS LOGS

Firewood, Kindling Bags or Loads,
Seasoned Logs,
Free Local Delivery

David Cockett Wood Supplies,
Bentham Road, Ingleton.

Call David on Tel: 015242 41521
Mobile 07713 055404



**CRAVEN
CONSTRUCTION
LTD**

Butts Works,
High Bentham 015242 61145

**Precast Concrete & Steel
Frame Buildings**

We stock Steel Sections,
Reinforced Mesh, Bar & Spacers,
PVC Underground Pipes &
Gutters.

Industrial Paint & Welding
Consumables, Timber Purlins,
Roof Sheets,
Sliding Door Gear.

BN COMMENT

As will be seen from some of the letters on pages 23 and 24, there is considerable concern in the community about the possible loss of green spaces in the town. Many people are concerned at the way in which more and more housing developments are taking place, both by private and by public developers. It appears that the wishes of the community to have the remaining green spaces preserved for future generations are ignored, while the developers are permitted to build and concrete and tarmac over our open spaces.

The District and County Councils are the custodians, on behalf of the council taxpayers, of the heritage of our towns and villages. It is reasonable to expect them to conduct these affairs (such as reviews of land and how they deal with planning applications) in an open and transparent manner, and this is particularly necessary when the development plans are likely to be unpopular and highly contentious in the community. We don't want to find that, by waiting for official planning permission to be applied for, our objections will be too late. The people of Bentham have a right to know what the Councils plan to do in the town, before any decisions are made or deals done!

FARMERS' MARKET

TOWN HALL

8.30am-2.30pm

SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER



**CASTERTON
SCHOOL**

**Leading Academic Boarding & Day School
For Girls aged 11 – 18**

Located where three counties meet; North Yorkshire, Cumbria and Lancashire. Casterton is a leading school for boarding and day girls in the UK, listed in 2006 as one of the top five schools for 'added-value' in England. Casterton is currently master-planning the campus to provide first class facilities.

Tel: 015242 79291 or Email: admissions@castertonschool.co.uk
Kirkby Lonsdale, Cumbria LA6 2SG. www.castertonschool.co.uk

CRAVEN CONCERNS

By Cllr Manuel Camacho

As promised, part 2 of the "rubbish saga". We are now at a stage where we must significantly change the way our waste is managed. Every single person has a duty to reduce the amount of waste that they produce. You may think that this would be difficult to do. However there are simple and effective ways that each of us can adopt to reduce the waste mountain.

Think about it the next time you visit the supermarket. Buy fresh unwrapped vegetables rather than those that come in polystyrene trays with film wrapping. Instead of placing your shopping into the usual plastic carrier bags supplied, which then go into the bin, use re-usable bags or "bags for life".

Junk mail – you can stop most of this by contact with Royal Mail to make a request not to receive unsolicited mail. (*Courtesy of Bentham WI, the following numbers may help, addressed mail 0845 7034599, unaddressed mail 0845 7950950*).

If your family uses disposable nappies, which contribute to about 5% of the total waste collected (1,300 tonnes per annum in Craven) and takes hundreds of years to decompose in a landfill site; you can eliminate their use by buying re-usable nappies. These are not the old-fashioned terry towelling ones we all used before disposables came on the scene. They actually comprise a waterproof outer cover, a cotton towelling lining to keep baby dry and inside a disposable absorbent liner which is simply flushed down the loo when used. There are different styles available and they also come in a size range suitable for different ages as baby grows.

It is estimated that, besides the benefits to the environment by using "real nappies", you can make savings of about £300 per child as against using disposables. We have a local retailer who can provide advice and information on real nappy products – Natty Nappies, Storrs Dale, Hawes Road, Ingleton (tel. 01524 241690).

These may seem small measures but if we all do our bit they will have huge savings on our environment.

Customer Service Awards

As I mentioned previously Our Revenues and Benefits team had reached the national finals for the Customer Care Award. I was asked to attend the ceremony, which of course I was proud to do. Sadly we did not take first place and bizarrely no other places were announced. The staff concerned were initially disappointed but then started thinking in terms of what could be done to win next year.

So better luck next time, with that sort of spirit, it can't be bad for us ratepayers.



2 Oak Cottages, Main St. High Bentham,
Lancaster LA2 7LE Tel: 01729 823538 (Settle)
Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays
4-5pm.

Wednesdays 9-10am & 5-7pm.

Please call or telephone for an appointment.

Wonderbra

*New multicway bra to wear under
any outfit.*

Ideal for Christmas parties.

In stock at

TEMPTATIONS

31 Main Street. 015242 61868

Bentham Sports



Seal Skinz

Waterproof and Breathable:
Gloves, Socks and Hats.

Cross Microfleece Base Layer Thermals.

Jack Murphy Jackets
Brasher Boots and Shoes

015242 62001 www.benthamsports.co.uk

CALLING BENTHAM LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

By Alison Jones

You know, many of Bentham's special, fantastic organisations couldn't run without loads of super, wonderful energetic volunteers.

Can you spend an odd hour, half day or even just a few minutes to join the brilliant band of Looking Well Volunteers? We need people to make soup, mend furniture, garden, paint stuff, help in children's and art sessions, steward at the bonfire and help with a variety of other activities throughout the year.

Looking Well is here for everyone and all of us who contribute to the life of the project are very special people. Do come and join us! Contact Alison or Kay on 015242 62672. Welcome aboard!



Alan Collins

Painter & Decorator

42 Lakeber Avenue

High Bentham

Lancaster

LA2 7JN

Phone: 015242 63042

Mobile: 07771 643319

Kitchen Installations (North West) Ltd

Proprietor Mark Butler LCGI

Specialising in Granite worksurfaces,
choice of colours available.

Quality kitchen furniture, Neff appliances,
Franke sinks and taps, Duropal worksurfaces.

Tel 015242 61236 or 07831 151 839

Bank Head, 37 Robin Lane, Bentham LA2 7AB

THE OLD MANOR HOUSE CLAPHAM

HOME OF WITHERSPOON'S
EMPORIUM

NOW OPEN

Stylish, individual and unique gifts, sourced locally or ethically traded for birthdays, anniversaries, wedding favours and special occasions, or just to say thank you.

Arts, Crafts, Sculptures, Wood turning, Hand made jewellery, Soaps, Candles and Seasonal Gifts.

*****Gift wrapping service*****



The Old Manor House,
Church Avenue, Clapham via
Lancaster. LA2 8EQ
(next to the Car park)
Open Thursdays-Sundays
10am to 6pm

Mobile: Anne 07768 277730/015242 51144

JENNIFER
KNOWLES
SOLICITOR



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

Personal Attention at all times from a
caring Professional

Evening or weekend
appointments/Home visits
Competitive fees

For initial discussion please call

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

BENTHAM COMMUNITY TRANSPORT



By Anne Yaman

Station Building

We are happy to report that a planning application has been submitted to Craven District Council for the change of use of the Station Building at Bentham to become the new base for Community Transport and a drop in for Churches Together. We hope that the refurbishment will start early in the New Year and will continue the progress of Community Transport from strength to strength. We will be giving regular updates as the project progresses.

Taxibus

Since the changeover of the North Craven Taxibus to solely a dial a ride, we have been very happy to see the numbers using it increasing BUT, we have room for more! We are able to accept bus passes and the facility is open to all – so if you need a ride please give us a call on the above number. We operate in an area covering from Austwick to Ireby to Melling to Lowgill and in between from 10am-2pm Monday to Friday, so if you need transport please get in touch.

Minibuses

Weekend/evening bookings for our minibuses are steadily coming in for the run up to Christmas; if you need a minibus (up to 16 passengers) at very competitive rates then please give us a call to reserve one. Drivers can be provided.

Acupuncture

this ancient Chinese form of healing
now available at Looking Well
on Wednesdays

for a free initial consultation and
appointments, contact:

Paul Underhill
07876 740611

Day Trips

Finally, please look on the diary page for trips in November, and call us on 62753 to book. We have a provisional trip programme arranged for December so please call us to get details, to book a place for November or with suggestions for "days out". Alternatively, please pop into the office on Station Road, we'll be happy to see you.

Poultry Feed

Cattle Feed

Sheep Feed

Dog Feed

Cat Food & Pet Food

And of course Trout and Fish Food

BTF Feeds, Unit 3 Bentham Business Park

Tel 015242 61305, Fax 015242 62624

Suppliers of feeds from Golden Acres and

Massey feeds

Amy's Hair Salon

Unisex Hairdressers

Above HSBC Bank

Bentham 015242 62492

Mon - closed

Tue 9.00am - 5.00pm

Wed 9.00am - 8pm late night

Thu 9.00am - 5.00pm

Fri 9.00am - 5.00pm

Sat 9.00am - 1.00pm.

Christmas appointments now
being taken; please book early to
avoid disappointment.

Christmas Gift Sets now in!

GHD & Fudge Hair Care Packs
from £23.95

LOW BENTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Jennifer Watkinson

Mrs. June Harrison presided over a well attended meeting when Mrs. Barbara Lipcomb, nee Jackson, spoke about her home in the sun. Wanting a place with very few "Brits" around, she chose Gambia in West Africa, to buy her second home twelve years ago. Since then helping the poor natives to have an easier life and a better education has been her aim. She brought with her examples of local wood carvings, beautiful batik fabrics and bags and numerous albums of photographs which were all passed around.

Six members went to a food tasting meeting at Hellifield, our twin Women's Institute. They were made very welcome and the food was most enjoyable.

A team of four participated in the preliminary round of the Women's Institute quiz which was held in Gargrave.

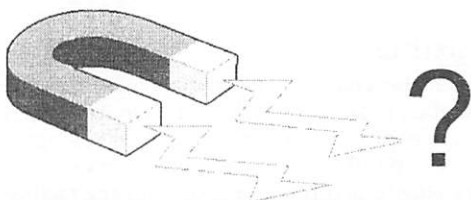
At the Ingleborough Group Show, held at

the Ingleton Community Centre, Mrs. June Harrison accepted awards for the Institute with the most points overall and for the most points in the Pot Plant section. Mrs. Mabel Easterby obtained the highest points in the Pot Plant section and the Floral Arts section and won the award for the individual with the most points overall.

The President arranged a very successful trip to see "Hot Ice" in Blackpool.

The competition winners at the monthly meeting were Mrs. Joan Gilroy, Mrs. Mary Murphy and Mrs. Sheila Brown.

At the next meeting, to be held on Thursday 16th November, Mr. Phil Bamford will be talking about "The Mystery of Magnets". Why not come and join us? You will be very welcome.



**Fisher
Wrathall**

the property people
now open in

Bentham 015242 62044

house sales lettings surveys
business sales architectural
commercial

www.fisherwrathall.co.uk

COOKERY PAGE

*Edited by Doreen Park
Recipes by Pat Henderson*



Spiced Sausage and Bean Hotpot

Serves 4. Preparation time 5 minutes, cooking time 33 minutes.

- 2 tbsp sunflower oil
- 8 pork chipolatas
- 80g pepperoni sausage
- 1 onion sliced
- 1 large tin (390g) cannellini beans
- 1 large tin (400g) chopped tomatoes
- 1 tbsp tomato puree
- 2 tsp dried coriander
- 2 tsp cumin seeds
- 1 tbsp Worcester sauce

Method

Heat the oil in a casserole. Add the chipolatas and cook for 10 minutes until brown. Add the onion and cook for 3 minutes. Add the pepperoni, tomato puree, tomatoes and spices. Cover and cook on simmer for 10 minutes. Add the Worcester sauce and beans. Stir well then cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Serve with mashed potatoes.

Lemon Layer Pudding

Serves 4. Preparation time 20 minutes, cooking time 45 minutes.

- Juice and grated rind of 1 lemon
- 100g sugar
- 50g butter
- 2 eggs, separated
- 50g self raising flour
- 300ml fresh milk

Method

Add lemon rind to butter and sugar and whisk until pale and fluffy. Add egg yolks and flour and beat well. Stir in milk and 45ml (3tbsps) lemon juice. Whisk egg whites until stiff and fold into the lemon mixture. Pour into a greased oven dish. Stand in a shallow tin of water and bake at 200C (mark 6) for about 45 minutes until top is set and spongy to touch.

This pudding will separate into a custard layer with a sponge topping.

BN TOP TIP – FREE BUS TRAVEL FOR OVER 60s

Did you know that if you are over 60 or are disabled, Craven District Council will allow you to travel by bus for free? To get your Craven Bus Pass just ring 01756-706303 and you will be sent an application form.

INGLEBOROUGH NURSERIES LTD. BENTHAM

CHRISTMAS TREES INDOOR & OUTDOOR LIGHTS HYACINTHS

Non-drop & traditional trees
available from the end of
November

Open everyday 10am until 4pm

Lots of Gift Ideas in Our COOKSHOP



KITCHENS ~ BEDROOMS HOME STUDIES ~ COOKSHOP

Large Showroom ~ Plenty of Parking Space
OPEN MONDAY TO SATURDAY

H & M CRAFTSMEN LTD

Industrial Estate, Ingleton (off the A65)

015242 41535

BENTHAM CAN-DO INVESTMENT FUND

By Ann Ambrose

Bentham now has its own Can-Do Investment Fund, thanks to the support of The Scarman Trust and The Active Bentham Project. It is one of only three in North Yorkshire. The others are based at Whitby and Filey. Anyone who has an idea for a small project that they would like to carry out and who lives in the Bentham area is welcome to apply. Grants of between £50 and £200 are available.

The panel deciding which projects to award grants to is made up of eight local people. They have undergone training to help them in the decision making process and the emphasis is very much on trying to say "yes". They want to help people who want to do things to get on and do them! It may be something as simple as tidying up an area of the town, planting a few tubs with bulbs or running a community event.

The application forms are easy to complete and help is available if needed. If you think you have an idea that would improve the area or help local people in some way, or help to learn new skills which would benefit the community, then why not get in touch?

Contact Ann Ambrose, Bentham Can-Do Investment Fund Co-ordinator, at 8a Station Road, Bentham LA2 7LF or ring 015242 62753 and ask for an application form or further information.

Easylifeproperty

- Foreign property sales
- 2nd homes or investments
- Over 10 countries: Cyprus, Turkey, Dubai, Italy etc.
- Free advice or consultation
- Foreign mortgages/UK equity release arranged

Tel: 015242 22221/07876 407011

E: easylifeproperty@aol.com

Grove Hill Garage

Celebrating 25 years in business!

Station Road,
High Bentham

★ **NEW AIR CONDITIONING SERVICE** ★

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

★ **NEW CLASS 7 MOT:** ★

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



★ **TYRES & WHEEL BALANCING** ★

WE WON'T BE BEATEN ON PRICE!



★ **ACCIDENT REPAIR CENTER** ★

All types of repair from small scratches to insurance repairs.

★ **24HOUR RECOVERY** ★

All breakdowns & accidents taken care of.

★ **SERVICING & REPAIRS** ★

Tel: 015242 61782

Fax: 015242 63278

Night: 015242 62054

KEEPING BENTHAM GREEN - CLEAN AND HEALTHY

It is obvious that there is increasing awareness of these issues in our community. They are appearing more and more often on our pages, in articles and letters. The launch recently of a new organisation, B.E.S.T (Bentham Environmentally Sustainable Town) shows that there is a very serious level of concern among local people.

Please read

Page 6

Page 17

Page 23

Page 24

LIVERY AVAILABLE TO SUIT YOUR NEEDS

12 x 12 BOXES
40 X 20M FLOODLIT ARENA.
GOOD RIDING OUT.
YEAR ROUND TURNOUT.
REASONABLE RATES.
LOWGILL AREA.
FOR MORE INFORMATION
PHONE 015242 41378.

Anita Corless Driving Instructor

for all your driving needs
Pass Plus/Advanced - RoSPA - IAM
Fleet Training (New Laws)
Midas (Minibus)

077646 11911
015242 61109

Rachel's Cycle Surgery

Rachel C. Murton

Qualified cycle mechanic
(City & Guilds)

Full service and repairs
Reconditioning of Second Hand Cycles
Collection & Delivery Available.
Park Cottage, Deer Park Lane,
Hornby. Tel: (015242) 21763.

Bentham Clocks

Mewith
Bentham

015242 62641

Longcase and Wall Clocks

Simple repairs undertaken

www.benthamclocks.co.uk

HORNBY DAY NURSERY

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

1 Station Road, Hornby.

Tel: 015242 22288

E:info@hornbydaynursery.co.uk

Newsholme & Son

Electrical Engineers (Est. 1950)

Station Road, Clapham,
Lancaster LA2 8ER.

Write or phone 015242 51383

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

BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE



By Peter Marshall

"Q HERE" QUIZ WINNERS

Many thanks to all the 715 people who kindly bought quiz sheets this year - and especially to the 150 of you who returned your entries to us, even though this did mean 9,000 answers to check! Apologies for the delay in naming the winners, but a holiday got in the way. There were a large number of "near misses" and, feeling rather like strict schoolteachers, it was necessary for us to be very fussy about correct spelling - not least in fairness to those who had checked in a dictionary or asked Google. Unwittingly, we had included two potential spelling traps, but in the end, 6 all-correct sheets came through, with a further 40 being within a couple of marks. The trustees held the usual computerised draw in which each entry is numbered and listed (without names) on a spreadsheet with a computer generated random number beside it. The computer then rearranges the list in the order of its random numbers, with the winners being those nearest to the top of this revised order. After all this the winners are:

1st Mary Myers, Lowgill. £20.

2nd Susan Simpson, Selside. £15.

3rd Norman & Carol Crellin, Burton-in-Lonsdale. £10.

Commiserations to the other all-correct entrants:- J. Hales, Egham, Surrey; A.Tait,

Keighley; Mrs.E.Smalley, Bentham.

Random draw winners:

Siân Walker, Berkshire. £5.

Enid Ellis, Bentham. £5.

Alan & Margaret Mosey, Over Kellet. £5.

We hope you all had some fun - and not too much frustration - with it and we look forward to issuing our 9th Annual Quiz in June, 2007. Our thanks go to all those who helped with the selling of quiz sheets during the summer.

SWITZERLAND & THE BERNESE OBERLAND

A 12 day coach holiday 13th-24th August 2007. Half board throughout - No overnight travel. Dover/Calais crossing, 7 nights based at Hotel Landhaus, Giswil. 4 excursions included in the price.

Provisional bookings are also being taken for The Oberammergau Passion Play in 2010.

C.M. SLINGER & SONS LTD BENTHAM

Established 1820

BUILDING AND ROOFING CONTRACTORS

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

**TELEPHONE
015242 61333**

BURNDALE RESIDENTIAL HOME

Bentham Tel: 015242 62466

We provide residential care for both short and long stay. Burndale is a small home, with home cooking and a friendly atmosphere. Please call or telephone for details.

LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Alison Jones

An evening of Traditional Chinese Medicine

Find out about Traditional Chinese Medicine at Looking Well Studios on Wednesday 22 November at 7.00 pm. Acupuncturist Paul Underhill is hosting a presentation on this subject, which will include topics such as acupuncture, tai chi, diet and exercise.

The evening is free and tea and biscuits will be available. Come along and hear about a health system that has benefited billions of people for thousands of years. Seats are limited, so book early with Paul on 07876 740611.

Community Lunch Project Leader

We are looking for a cook enthusiastic about healthy food to lead our successful community lunch project on Wednesdays. There is an opportunity here for the right person to develop this work to provide small scale high quality catering as a service to the growing use of Looking Well Studios as a meeting place and venue for training and small conferences. The post is funded by a small grant from The National Lottery. If you want further information contact Linda or Rachel on 62672 or email office@pioneerprojects.org.uk

If you haven't yet got to the lunch, you're in for a treat - good food in good company every Wednesday at 12.30!

CALENDAR UPDATE

By Jo Burton

The Bentham Calendar is now available - and selling fast! This quality production, with some great photos of the Bentham area through the seasons, will make a great Christmas present. However as numbers are limited and sales are rapid, buy now to ensure you are not disappointed!

The calendar is available from the Bentham Gallery on Station Road, the Post Offices in both High and Low Bentham, and the Clerk's Office at a price of £6. Remember this is a truly Bentham production, and ALL the proceeds (Less VAT) will go to the Low Bentham Children's Play Area. For further information contact Jo Burton on 62587.

ADVERTISING RATES

Local Advertisers

Bentham, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Ingleton, Clapham -
Boxed Ad one eighth of a page £12.50. Quarter page £25. Half page £60. Series rates (prepaid) for 3 or more insertions 10% discount.

Non-local Advertisers

Boxed advertisement one eighth page - £17.50.

Quarter page £35. Half page £75.

Flyers and inserts negotiable depending on size, design, printing etc.

Normal commercial rate £125.

Bentham People Page, Thanks, Birthdays etc 10p per word. Items for sale, wanted, sits vacant etc 20p per word.

Advertising must be prepaid, and must be booked by copy deadline - 15th of month prior to publication.

To place an advertisement in the BN contact 62492 or call in at Bentham Sports.

Established 1859

ROBERT TAYLOR & SONS

Green Smithy - Bentham - Tel: 015242 61353

www.roberttaylorandsons.co.uk

NEW "STREET LEGAL" ATVS/QUADS (2 year warranty)

Pedal tractors - Draper Tools & more ...

Season's greetings to all our customers

YOUR COMPUTER AND INTERNET SECURITY

By Iain Henshaw

How safe is a computer on the Internet? How many threats are there? Do I have privacy? There are many, many threats, most of you will be familiar with, spam, hackers and virus's. How many know of malware - malicious pieces of software that are run on your computer destroying files and disabling your computer? Spyware, adware and tracking cookies - programs that can follow your browsing habits, record keystrokes and screen shots allowing others to gain access to your on line services and logon using your details. They also gather information about you that is then sold and all without your consent? A friend of mine recently used one of my computers to find laptops on the web and after a days browsing I cleared 125 tracking cookies! Phishing - generally starts as an email that appears to be from a bonafide institution. A bank or similar; they ask you to click on a link to update your details and this takes you to a supposed website for that institution.

To protect yourself against most of the above you can download software from the web. Often this can be found for free or you can download trial versions - search using the term freeware or shareware. AVG and Zone Labs both produce excellent products and you can download trial versions. Microsoft software is prone to attack and one way around this is to use other browsers

such as Firefox or Mozilla, and Thunderbird for email. Open Office is a free suite of software similar to MS office.

To protect against phishing you need to be vigilant and observant, no matter what browser (I.E. Firefox, Opera, Mozilla etc.) or email package (Outlook, Outlook express, Thunderbird etc). In the bottom left hand corner it will tell you where a link will take you, if this does not indicate the institution you expect, don't click on the link but report it to the organisation concerned. As with all things in life, if in doubt seek help.

ECO FRIENDLY JUTE BAGS NOW IN STOCK AT TEMPTATIONS

Suitable for shopping,
holidays, beach, knitting,
gifts etc.

NEW DESIGNS AVAILABLE
31 Main Street, Tel: 61868.

PENNINE OUTDOOR

Main Street, Benthams (first floor above Benthams Sports)

Make yourself fleece car blankets, baby blankets,
throws, hats or even jackets with fabrics from our
huge selection of
patterned and plain fleece,
waterproofs and wind proof fabrics.

Tel: 63377 www.pennineoutdoor.co.uk

Benthams Imaging

Local Photographers & Studios

Weddings and Portraits
General & Commercial
Photography

SWPP
ALBPPA
Professional members

Mewith, Benthams, tel 015242 62641 or 07976 255991

www.benthamsimaging.co.uk



BENTHAM ENVIRONMENTALLY SUSTAINABLE TOWN

By Gavin Wilshaw

Many of you will have seen the articles about environmental issues under the heading, Bentham Environmentally Sustainable Town (with its stylised impression of the Wenning Oak) in recent editions of Bentham News. The B.E.S.T. group has been formed by local residents in order to help our town become environmentally self-sustaining by exploring ideas about living in harmony with the natural environment.

The group is investigating such subjects as: generating power in the home through small, roof-mounted wind turbines and solar panels, the sourcing of bio-fuels for vehicles, the promotion of recycling activity to increase the variety or quantity of recyclable items and energy efficiency in the home, businesses and public buildings.

For example:

- Whether in the home or at work, do you really need to have that light on, especially during daylight hours? Why not take advantage of natural light? There are parts of premises in Bentham that are flooded with natural light yet, perhaps unthinkingly staff switch lights on as a matter of habit.
- Do you need to have the T.V. on as background noise? A radio uses much less power.
- When replacing batteries in your electric clock, portable radio, T.V. or video "zappers"

think about purchasing rechargeable batteries with a charger. More energy is consumed in the manufacture of new, disposable batteries (plus transport from manufacturer to retailer) than it takes to charge rechargeable versions at home.

- Low energy light bulbs give a comparable level of illumination for much less power consumption and are available locally.

- T.V. sets, videos and hi-fi switched off but left on standby still consume electricity. You can cut your electricity bill and help the environment by switching off at the wall.

All the above ideas benefit the environment and save you money at the same time.

The next B.E.S.T. meeting will be on Tuesday, November 28th at 7.30 pm in the Community Centre. It is open to all and you will be very welcome.

DOG FOULING WARNING

from the B.P.F.A. committee

It appears that as the dark hours lengthen one or two dog owners are using the cover of darkness to allow their dogs to foul the Playing Fields at Wenning Avenue.

This is disgustingly selfish, anti-social behaviour. Why do those responsible not behave like the majority of dog owners, and collect the dog dirt in a plastic bag? It will not be tolerated because it is a serious health risk to everyone who plays on the field. **It will be reported to the police if it continues.** You can be fined up to £1,000 if you are charged with this offence! You have been warned.

BENTHAM Gallery

Exhibiting the work of local artists

PICTURES, FRAMING
& PHOTOGRAPHY

2 Station Road,
Bentham, opposite the Town Hall
015242 63366



LOCAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Wed 1st High Bentham Playgroup and Toddlers, 1.00-3.00pm in the Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, and every Wednesday.

Theatre Group rehearsals at the Town Hall Ballroom 7pm.

NSPCC monthly meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.

Thu 2nd Sequence Dancing, Clapham Village Hall, 7.30-10.00pm, £1.50, and every Thursday.

Over 50s swimming. Meet at School Hill 9.45am to share transport, and every Thursday.

High Bentham W.I. at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Indoor Bowls at the Town Hall Ballroom, 1.00-4.00pm and every Thursday except 9th.

Fri 3rd G.F.I. at the Methodist Schoolroom, School Class years 6, 7 & 8, 7.00-8.00pm. School Class years 9, 10 & 11, 8.15-9.15pm and every Friday in term time.

Age Concern at the Masonic Hall - Bentham Ladies Praise Choir.

Sat 4th LASRUG coffee morning at the Town Hall Ballroom, 10.00am-12.00noon. 

Farmers' Market at the Town Hall, 9.00am-2.30pm.

Theatre Group rehearsals at the Town Hall Ballroom 7pm and nightly till 8th November.

Mon 6th Indoor Bowls at the Town Hall Ballroom, 1.00-4.00pm and every Monday.

Springboard at the Methodist Schoolroom, 6.15-7.30pm and every Monday in term time.

Mon 6th Baby Buddies mother and baby group at the Looking Well, 10.00-11.30am and every Monday.

Gentle walks for women, leaving Lairgill at 9.30am and every Monday.

Cancer Support Group Drop-in and lunch at Looking Well, 1.00-3.00pm, and every Monday.

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

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

Very gentle walks for women, Looking Well, 2.00-3.00pm and every Tuesday.

Tai Chi at the Community Centre, 2.00-3.00pm and every Tuesday.

Looking Well - work in the garden 2.00-4.00pm, and every Tuesday.

Bentham Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting at the Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

High Bentham Playgroup and Toddlers, 1.00-3.00pm in the Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, and every Tuesday

Wed 8th Community lunch at Looking Well, 12.30-1.30pm and every Wednesday.

Moving Well gentle exercise at the Community Centre 1.00-2.00pm and lively exercise for the over 60s 2.00-3.00pm, and every Wednesday.

Alzheimer's Society Carer Support Group trip to Golden Lion pub, Settle. Meet at Looking Well 7.30pm. If you require transport please ring 01756 799971.

- Thu 9th Gentle Aerobics at the Town Hall, 6.00-6.45pm and every Thursday.
- Bentham Theatre Group - "The Hound of the Baskervilles" at the Town Hall 7.30pm. Tickets £3.50 & £5.00 from Bentham Sports or at the door. See page 33.
- Fri 10th Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, Sedbergh Junior School Orchestra.
- Bentham Theatre Group - see page 33.
- Sat 11th NSPCC coffee morning and Christmas Cracker Sale at the Town Hall  Ballroom, 10.00am-12.00noon.
- Children's Theatre Art Group at Looking Well, 10.15am-12.00noon, and every Saturday.
- Sun 12th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Kirkby Malham/Airton, 7 miles, leader D. Chamberlain 21436. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.
- Mon 13th Town Council meeting at the Town Hall 7.30pm.
- Tue 14th Bright Hour at the Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15pm. Speaker Mrs. Lily Parker.
- Wed 15th **Copy deadline for December edition of Bentham News.**
- Bentham Footpath Group walk, Janet's Foss/Malham, 7 miles, leaders A. & M. Speight 62540. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.
- Thu 16th Low Bentham W.I. at the Victoria Institute at 7.30pm. The "Mystery of Magnets" by Mr. Phil Bamford. See page 10.
- Fri 17th Waste paper collection at Lairgill Car Park, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
- Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, "Memorabilia".
- Sat 18th St. Boniface's coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
- Tue 21st Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
- High Bentham Toy Library at the Community Centre, 9.30-11.30am.
- Mother's Union at Burton Church room 2.00pm.
- Wed 22nd An evening of traditional Chinese medicine, Looking Well 7.00pm. See page 15.
- Fri 24th Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, "Make Your Own Christmas Cards".
- Alzheimer's Society Carer Support Group lunch at the Coach House Hotel 12.30pm.
- Sat 25th Agricultural Society coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
- Orton Male Voice Choir Charity Concert at the Methodist Church, 7.30pm.
- Sun 26th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Lowgill circular, 5½ miles, leader K. Piper 61977. Please meet at Low Bentham Car Park at 9.30am.
- Mon 27th Ewecross Historical Society meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. Prof. Geoffrey Leech - The unique heritage of North-West Place Names.
- Tue 28th B.E.S.T Environmental Group meeting at the Community Centre, 7.30pm. All are welcome.
- Bright Hour at the Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15pm with Thomas and Jean Fawcett.
- Fri 1st Dec Bentham News published.
- Sat 2nd St. Margaret's coffee morning.

YESTERDAY IN BENTHAM

Snippets from Bentham News editions of twenty years and ten years ago.

Edited by Keith Hartley

November 1986

The very first edition, with contributions rather sparse because of course no-one outside the production team had even heard of Bentham News! Incidentally, *Bentham News* was only intended to be a provisional name for the publication. The first edition ran a competition to find a name "more appropriate to the area," but as the name never changed I can only assume it was decided that they'd got it right in the first place!

We're fortunate in being able to identify who "they" were because the Production Team was named in the first edition as follows: Val Houston (Advertising) - Tom Cahill (Typing) - Wendy Dowbiggin (Diary) - Sue Jarman (Word Processing) - Keith Cowling (Artwork) - Scouts and Cubs (Circulation)

I think we owe them all a vote of thanks for getting us off to such a good start. They seek him here,
They seek him there,
But cutting hair's a rare affair"

No prizes for guessing whose first BN advert that was!

An anonymous letter to the Editor complained about the street lighting in Bentham. The complaint, however, was not about the inadequacy of the lighting, but about the fact that it existed! Signed "A Star Lover" (*interpret that as you will!*) the complainant called for "concerted action . . . before it is totally out of our local control." *Twenty years on we still have street lighting and, thankfully, haven't traded it for the variety of dangers inherent in walking dark streets . . . particularly whilst gazing up at the stars!*

A report from Bentham Scouts and Cubs gave the impression that both groups were thriving and were providing a

worthwhile outlet for the young people of the area. Eleven Cubs had gained the *Bronze Arrow* award, which was the first step up the Scouting ladder. Christopher Batty, Roy Denby and Gary Preston gained the *Silver Arrow* award, and Stephen Rucastle attained the highest award in Cub Scouting, i.e. the *Gold Arrow*.

The report ended with a plea for someone to volunteer as a leader, which is perhaps an indication as to why the groups no longer exist in Bentham.

The first edition carried a note to say it was hoped that future editions would include Gossip (*never in Bentham, surely!*) Astrology, and an Agony Aunt. *I can't wait!*

November 1996

It was handbags at thirty paces, good naturedly of course, when the Bentham Women's Institute and the town's Line Dancers squared up to each other in a clash that even made it to the columns of the Daily Mail. It seems that speakers at the WI meeting in the lower town hall had difficulty making themselves heard above the "stomping" of the dancers in the room above. In an attempt to resolve the issue the Town Council wrote to the dancers, asking if it would be possible for them to wear softer shoes. The Council was consequently accused of pussy-footing around!!

A very evocative tribute to local keyboard player Kathy Parker-Ward had been penned by Henry Garlick and was published in this edition. The tribute mentioned her virtuoso performances on piano, organ, accordion and klavoline, and covered an impressive variety of venues from silent movies at the Bentham Cinema to the old Parish Hall, known locally as the Tin Tabernacle, where there was regular dancing to Parkers Band. Kathy was joined in the band by husband Reg (Pinky) on drums, with Norman Slinger on saxophone and Tommy Pearson on fiddle.

Each time I find myself in a Disco I long to be transported back to the heady days of the Dashing White Sergeant, the Valeta and St Bernard's Waltz etc. Today's young "dancers" really don't know what they're missing.

POLICE REPORT

By PC Adrian Hayes

With the coming of the dark nights there is an increased risk of your house being broken into. Properties are often left in complete darkness during the early evening and this is an obvious indication to the prospective burglar that there is nobody home. Consider leaving some downstairs lights on or invest in a timer switch. They only cost a few pounds from DIY stores. During the summer months there have been a couple of burglaries where access has been gained through doors that have been left unlocked or ground floor windows left open. Please ensure that all doors and windows are locked before leaving your property unattended or when going to bed.

I would also urge everybody to consider setting up a NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH scheme in their neighbourhood. Not only would this help to prevent crime by everybody keeping an eye out for each other, but you may also qualify for a reduction on your household insurance premiums. If you would like advice on setting up a scheme or simply like some crime prevention advice then contact me on the telephone number and e-mail address given below.

Drop-in Surgeries

In an attempt to improve local access to the police I propose to hold a series of drop in surgeries to be held at the FIRE STATION between 6.30pm and 7.30pm on Wednesday 15th November and Wednesday 13th December. The purpose of these surgeries is to allow you to report non urgent problems

or issues to the police face to face with an officer, rather than to an anonymous person over the phone. Please feel free to drop in and discuss your concerns or issues in complete confidence. If there is sufficient support to warrant a more regular system of surgeries then this will be arranged.

Tel :- 0845 60 60 247.

e-mail :-

Adrian.Hayes@northyorkshire.pnn.police.uk

B & C.E. ARMSTRONG

17 Main Street, Bentham 64871

Remember, Remember

5th November

Fireworks & Sparklers

in stock now.

Wild bird food & Feeders

Dog, Cat & Small Animal Foods.

TOOBY'S ELECTRICAL

Ingleton 41224 Bentham 61259

What's New for Christmas?

Copy all your favourite videos onto
Dvd with a Combi from £189.00

Super Slim LCD Televisions from
£219.00

Also in stock
MP3 Players, Digital Cameras A wide
range of Digital Radios and HiFi

We also stock one of the largest selections
of Christmas lighting around

BUY NOW and PAY LATER
Enjoy up to 12 months interest FREE credit



growing
with grace

Organic Grower of the year 2005

Organic, fresh, locally grown

Box & home shopping scheme

Veg, fruit and groceries

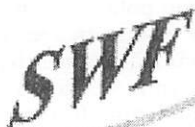
Weekly, to your door

Family bag £11.50:

FREE fruit bag with first order

Tel: 015242-51723

www.growingwithgrace.co.uk



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

Richard Slinger Mobile
07730 948741

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

J.W. Garnett

The Market Place, Settle
(01729) 823558

Call in for all your electrical appliances, be
greeted by our friendly staff and get your items
professionally installed and demonstrated



SHARP 52" FULL HD LCD
NOW IN STOCK
SPECIAL OFFERS ON 32"
MODELS

Interest FREE credit available, ask in store for details

HIGH BENTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

By Catharine Boocock

All Things Greek

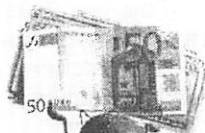
The children in Classes 3 & 4 recently enjoyed trips out of school. The oldest children are studying the Ancient Greeks this term. Both class visits were planned to enrich the work in the classroom.

Class 3 went to the Walker Art Gallery in Liverpool where they studied paintings and sculptures of Ancient Greeks. The children had an informative guided tour and took part in a quiz at the end of the day.

Class 4's trip took them to Abbott Hall Art Gallery in Kendal, where two workshops were planned. The children made some "greek" sculptures and models from clay, they were then shown round the art gallery where they took on the role of "detective" as they looked for evidence of Ancient Greek influences. All the children agreed that they had had an interesting and enjoyable time.

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

**No commission to pay
No need to pre-order
Plus 70 currencies available
through our pre-order
service**



www.postoffice.co.uk

Dear Sir,

Further to the comments in Bentham News last month regarding the loss of green space in Bentham, I wondered if the residents of Low Bentham were aware of another attempt to build over our open spaces?



The land behind the Victoria Institute was purchased with monies donated by a relative of Ford Ayrton, who built the Silk Mill and the Victoria Institute. Despite being bought for the residents of Low Bentham, Active Bentham now want to sell it for building. If you feel as strongly about this as I do, please do make your voice heard before it is too late and we have lost another piece of green to development. Hopefully there will be more letters of protest - make your voice heard through Bentham News and let Bentham Development Trust know your opinion.

Let's keep some amenity spaces in our village!

*Yours sincerely,
Martin Faichney*

Dear Bentham News,

Watch out for changes in the Local Development Plan for High Bentham

Judging by the activity of several official looking persons measuring up access to land east of Station Road opposite Kidde's factory, it would seem that discussions are taking place for yet more of our open areas to be paved over and developed. The land, which is currently designated as "open area" is clearly under review although the people of Bentham are not yet aware of the situation.

Planning applications have already been refused for some proposals in the area which would have increased traffic entering Station Road immediately opposite Kidde's. The only application currently approved restricts traffic access and movement.

The rumour is that a developer is in discussions to build several houses in the Bentham Lodge gardens and share access to the remainder of the field with the development of the rest of the land. By the time the residents get the facts the deal may already have been done to ruin the open

space we all enjoy. This is no "Brown Field" under consideration but open pasture land which needs to be protected. Based on recent discussions in the Bentham News, we will probably find out that the land has been sold to some developer without the Council Tax Payer's knowledge and without full consultation about changing district-wide plans having taken place.

Station Road Resident (Name etc supplied)

Dear Bentham News,

I have been the licensee of the Black Bull since 29th November 2005, of which prior to this I was an employee. In November I was given the opportunity to take over the business and run it for myself. So far, I have had a successful year.

I am writing this letter to say a big thank you to all my customers, new and existing, for all their support. It was a huge challenge for myself at the age of twenty five to take on such a responsibility but with the support of my boyfriend Malkie, and both of our families and friends, everything has been going to plan. I need to say how grateful I am to all my staff. I couldn't have done it without them. Many thanks for all the support and I hope this continues.

Amanda, Licensee Black Bull Hotel.

Dear Bentham News,

On Friday 15th September I took my class of 23 Year One children (5 year olds) on a walk around Bentham to look at buildings. As we were approaching the corner of Goodenber Road, about to head up the Main Street, two children stood in some dog poo. There was a lot of it there and more children would have stood in it if we had not steered them away from it. The adults and children alike were disgusted by this so much that we felt compelled to write to the people of Bentham.

Jayne Stocks

Dear Bentham News,

They are not following the rules. They are leaving dog poo on the pavement.

From Sophie, Class 1.

Dear Bentham News,

Children stood in dog poo on class 1's walk in Bentham.

From Ellie, Class 1.

LETTERS (Continued from page 23)

Dear Bentham News,

In his letter (in October's BN) David Hardy enthuses about local culture and his fear of it being watered down over the years by foreign influences, especially by "regurgitated people with pale faces from Eastern Europe". Like many patriots David Hardy probably overestimates our own perfections and undervalues those of, in this case, the pale faced immigrants.

From the 60s onwards, newcomers have been arriving in Bentham, from Geordies to Scousers, Irish, Scots, Quakers, Buddhists, born agains, moonies, loonies, loads of hippies, Morecambe Bay punks, a Thai detective and even a roller blading Chinaman.

The local culture will be more threatened by such things as supermarkets, sky high house prices, sky high local transport costs and the unbridled use of cars, chemical junk that we feed our children, and for the most part an endless diet of violence, killers, thrillers, murder mysteries and so on that "regurgitate" into our living rooms most nights of the week, courtesy of Richard Murdoch and all the other networks.

So in retiring to Spain with another 600,000 Brits, I hope Mr. Hardy is not contributing to the watering down of Spanish culture. I hope he is chewing his jambon and has kicked his roast beef and Yorkshire Pudding out the window.

May he clack his castenets, keep his mustachio well waxed in the Dalian fashion and his high heels well polished like an Alhambra marble; and, whatever you do, don't speak English.

And, by the way, Northumberland is God's country, or no, I forgot Israel is, but then a Scotsman (my father-in-law) once told me that the Outer Hebrides was the place to be.

Yours, Kevin Watt.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to put the record straight regarding the land at the Legion Hut. Contrary to DCllr Camacho's comments in the last Bentham News, the Council has not

been offered this land at a peppercorn rent – indeed to date no offer has been received of any kind (as was reported in the September Council meeting report in the same Bentham News).

The possible sale of the land at the Legion Hut came to the Council's attention at the July Council meeting. At this time the Council applied to Craven to get the land recognised as 'Important Open Space' and to get tree preservation orders put on the trees in the area to preserve the amenity to the town regardless of ownership.

Following these applications a letter was received from Bess Martin asking the Council to indicate if it would be interested in taking on the land, either by sale or lease. A reply was sent to her after the August meeting expressing the Council's interest and asking for more detail. To date, despite further requests for information, no firm proposals have been received.

The Council will continue to pursue this matter, and any progress or offers will be reported at future Council meetings.

Yours sincerely, Jo Burton, Town Clerk.

The Horse & Farrier

Main Street . High Bentham

Telephone 01542 61381

**GOOD HOMECOOKED FOOD
SERVED**

Monday to Friday.

**12 noon to 2.00pm and 6.00 to 9.00pm,
Saturday and Sunday, 12 noon to 9.00pm.**

QUIZ NIGHT EVERY WEDNESDAY

At Approx 9.00pm Start

XMAS PARTY BOOKINGS

NOW BEING TAKEN

Please call for menu

**ENTERTAINMENT FOR
November**

Thursday 2nd	Lune Valley Jazz Band
Saturday 11th	Blue Hawaii
Saturday 18th	Dave Carling
Saturday 2nd Dec	Shaun Lennard
Saturday 7th Dec	Lune Valley Jazz Band

BENTHAM PEOPLE

Thanks

Christine Baker would like to thank family, friends and colleagues from the Ingleborough Nursing Home, and Southfield Unit R.L.I. for the many cards, flowers and best wishes she received after her recent operation. Doug would also like to thank Mary for doing the ironing at which he is useless.

Park. Bill and Doreen would like to thank everyone for cards and good wishes sent to Bill during his stay in hospital. Also to all who provided transport, enabling Doreen to visit every day.

Wanted

For kitchen garden, modest sized plot to rent, share or purchase. Please tel: 015242 62450.

For Sale

Corn Snake for sale! £30 including heat mat and tank. Phone 61044.

To Let

One bedroom flat to rent on Main Street, from the end of October. Ring 015242 61367 or 015242 62809.

CHARITIES THANK YOU

Bentham Junior Football Club would like to say a big thank you for all the generous sponsors this season. Thank you.

GREAT NORTH RUN

I completed the race in 1 hr 56 mins and would like to thank all those who sponsored me. A total of £511.15 has been raised for Leukaemia Research. Thank you. Kath Whitfield.

High Bentham Play Group and Toddlers raised £180 for their funds at their recent coffee morning. Thanks to all who supported this event and special thanks to C.M. Slinger & Sons Ltd for generously agreeing to match whatever sum was raised.



J. W. Garnett

Retail Sales Manager

Expanding electrical retailer and E-commerce Company based in Settle

To continue our growth we require-

- An experienced retailer or retail manager preferably with knowledge of electrical products
- A leader, who is very enthusiastic and self motivated
- Must be able to inspire people into action and deliver challenging targets
- For this, the right person will enjoy an excellent salary with bonuses

Please e-mail your CV and covering letter to
john.garnett@jwgarnett.co.uk

Springfield Clocks

Restoration of Antique Clocks,
Vienna and Grandfather Clocks a
Speciality.

By Jeffrey Swinbank

Tel: 015242 62353

Fax: 015242 62379

**Clocks bought
and sold.**



Advertising rates for this page are as follows:

"Thanks" notices, Birthdays,
Congratulations etc, 10p per word.

For Sale, Services,

Situations Vacant etc 20p per word.

Payment, with the notice, should be left at
Bentham Sports Shop by 15th of the month.



WANTED

SCRAP CARS, MOT FAILERS.

NO CHARGE TO TAKE AWAY.

Contact Carl 07919017709,

DVLA Certified.

(Donates to Bentham Fire Station for training purposes).

BRIAN MARCHMENT

Tiling & Laminate Flooring

**Bathrooms, Kitchens,
Conservatories etc.**

No Job Too Small

Phone: 015242 62525

Mobile: 07973 800121

In Pain?



For Fast, Effective Treatment
with Marie Colyer,

Chartered Physiotherapist

Phone Bentham

Physiotherapy Clinic

(015242) 62216

Treatment is recognised by all major
insurance companies.

COACH HOUSE



RESTAURANT

- ★ Spit-Roast Sunday Lunch from £9.95 - 2 courses
- ★ Wednesday Value Steak Night - Great for Parties!
- ★ Friday/Saturday Night - Fine Dining at Fair Prices
- ★ Light Bites to Lamb Shanks every day!

FOUR STAR YORKSHIRE TOURIST BOARD RATED

"EXCELLENCE THROUGHOUT"

GREAT NEW AUTUMN MENUS!

Tel: (015242) 62305

PRIZE WORDSEARCH

Compiled by Keith Hartley

The very first edition of BN 20 years ago contained a Wordsearch Competition (no prizes in those days though!) in which the names of **Bentham Shops** were hidden. We thought it would be a nice idea if we did this again, but with a different list of shops because many of today's Benthamers won't

have heard of Fisher's, Forster's or Wildman's!!

If you can find the names of **twelve shops**, list them on a sheet of paper together with your name and contact details and place in an envelope marked "Wordsearch." Drop them in to Bentham Sports before closing time on **Friday 1st December**.

The first correct entry drawn at the next Bentham News Committee meeting will receive a £10 prize.

S	G	N	I	D	N	A	T	S	W	I	C
W	A	R	M	S	T	R	O	N	G	S	A
P	G	T	U	O	H	R	S	R	I	P	Y
K	O	L	M	D	O	Y	A	D	H	D	R
H	Q	G	V	Y	B	Q	D	P	Y	J	E
L	U	O	S	O	T	E	L	O	S	W	L
Y	F	D	O	A	P	D	R	W	D	K	L
C	B	T	X	P	I	K	C	F	U	V	A
S	N	O	I	T	A	T	P	M	E	T	G
R	D	L	F	O	W	U	Q	D	N	X	O
U	S	N	W	O	R	B	H	S	A	H	W
S	D	L	E	I	F	R	E	W	O	L	F

BENTHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

By Val Lawson

The management committee would like to thank all those people who supported the show through generous donations, sponsorship, collection of subscriptions, subscribers, exhibitors, gate keepers, judges and stewards and all those who gave generously of their time on what turned out to be a very wet, windy, muddy day. Thank you very much. We look forward to seeing you all at the 136th show on Saturday 1st September 2007.

The 8th annual quiz will be on 2nd February in the Town Hall.

HORNBY DRAMA GROUP

By Richard Hopkins

The Group will present the murder comedy mystery "Secondary Cause of Death", by Peter Gordon, at the newly refurbished Institute on 23rd, 24th and 25th November at 7.30pm.

This play is a sequel to last year's successful and highly enjoyable "Murdered to Death" and again Inspector Pratt and Colonel Craddock find themselves in the midst of murder and mayhem, where no one is quite whom they seem to be.

Come and be aroused and confused! Tickets from Bentham PO or at the door, or telephone 61091.

SEDBERGH JUNIOR SCHOOL

By Paul Reynolds

Our pupils have just returned to school after a very busy first half term followed by a much deserved rest. The children have enjoyed discussing their manifesto at our new School Council and early indications are that this will be a great success.

Thirty five new pupils to the school have enjoyed some success in sport with pleasing victories for our rugby, hockey and netball sides with matches as far afield as Bristol and York – we do travel well! Our first concert at the end of September saw many new musicians make their debuts and the choir sang beautifully at the Harvest Festival at St John's, Low Bentham. We have started rehearsals for our next production of 'The Jungle Book' in March and this promises to be as exciting and challenging as 'Oliver' last year. Our music and drama continues to bring out the very best in our pupils and they can look ahead to nativity plays and concerts with a great sense optimism and joy.

BENTHAM TRADERS ASSOCIATION

By Pam Woof

Christmas Fayre

See Santa in his Grotto at High Bentham Town Hall, on Friday 8th December. Stalls and table top sales. More details in next month's BN.



BENTHAM PLAYING FIELDS ASSOCIATION

Annual General Meeting

The Playing Field Association AGM will be held on Monday 30th October at 7.00pm, in the Sports Club, Wenning Avenue.

If you are interested in the provision of sporting and recreational facilities on the Wenning Avenue Playing Fields please come along.

We invite you to an evening with

BOBBY BALL

at

High Bentham Town Hall

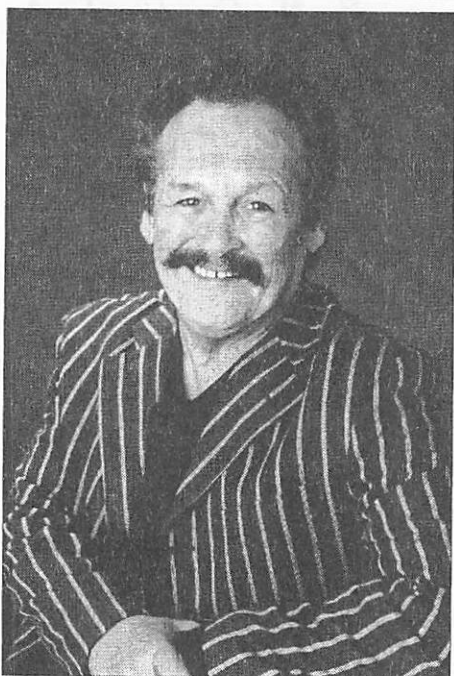
Friday 24th November at 7.30pm

Bobby will tell his life story and how he became a Christian. This consists of funny stories and jokes which are at times thought provoking. He will share his faith in both a humorous and serious way. Come along with all the family and enjoy a wonderful and uplifting evening.

Tickets are FREE!

Available from Bentham Sports,

Liz Whitfield 61230 and Peter Longton 61534.



GARDENING COLUMN



By Joyce Knapp

By November, with the bulk of summer crops harvested and put into storage for the winter, our thoughts may begin to stray towards preparing any empty ground in the kitchen garden for next season. The first stage in this preparation is usually to remove all remaining plant debris, as this could provide cover for a variety of pests over the coming winter months. As we lift this plant material, it can be put straight onto a compost heap, along with any weeds that have been removed at the same time.

Once the ground has been cleared, we can proceed in one of several ways. The first, is to add well-rotted farmyard manure, digging it into the ground and leaving the soil in relatively large clumps, to be broken down by the winter frosts. Secondly, we could leave the ground bare, forking in some fertiliser in early spring, several weeks before planting or sowing begins.

Thirdly, we can adopt what is currently known as the 'no dig' system whereby we spread a suitable mulch over the surface of the soil, before covering the whole area with a light-excluding material such as woven black plastic. I admit I am in favour of the last option as it seems to give good results from a minimum of effort. There are several added benefits to using the no-dig method i.e. worms will begin to work any mulch from the surface down into the soil during the winter, whilst the light excluding cover will prevent any weeds from growing. One final benefit that I have found useful is that the slug population that usually reside deep in the soil seem to be drawn to the surface from where I can easily pick them off, before sowing or planting next season's crops. It is also said that by covering bare soil during the long winter months, we will stop nutrients from being leached, i.e. washed out of the ground. One final note on this subject is that it helps to plan what to grow where before applying a mulch, as different crops require different mulch materials e.g. onions will appreciate a covering of manure but carrots most certainly will not.

BOWLAND FELS HEATING SERVICES

(Prop. Gordon Downing-Stewart)

Domestic Servicing and
Maintenance Engineering of all types of Oil
and Gas fired Boilers
and Cookers, (AGA/Rayburn etc.)



Tel/Fax: 015242 51790 Mobile: 07889 604046

Lower Hardacre House, High Bentham, Lancaster. LA2 7AT

TOTAL WELLBEING

Beauty & Bodywork Salon

Christmas Gift packs Available

Gift Vouchers

Home Made Cards for all Occasions

Christmas Bookings now being taken

So remember to book your St. Tropez tans for those Christmas Parties.

Tel: 015242 63223

Oak Roid
BAKERY

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

Open Mon-Sat

17 Station Rd, High Bentham LA2 7LH

015242 61219

www.oakroydbakery.co.uk

POST OFFICE NEWS

By David Alder

Christmas Postal Arrangements - Recommended Last Posting Dates

These are similar to those applying in recent years. Full details are available in your post office but the main points are as follows:

Surface Mail

Eastern Europe - Fri 24th November.

Western Europe - Fri 1st December.

(Dates for destinations outside Europe have now passed).

Airmail

"Rest of the World" - Fri 8th December.

North America, Japan, Eastern Europe - Mon 11th December.

Western Europe - Wed 13th December.

Inland

Standard Parcels - Wed 13th December.

Second Class - Sat 16th December.

First Class - Tues 19th December.

Please try and ensure that overseas items are weighed and include a return address.

Please also note that new regulations now apply to inland letters and larger cards (longer than 24cm or wider than 16.5cm) will be classed as "large letters". Please also use postcodes wherever possible for inland items.

The Future of the Rural Post Office Network

Last month's BN included a timely article by Mary Hartley of "Age Concern" about the uncertainty regarding the future of the Rural Post Office Network in its present size and form.

The National Federation of Subpostmasters was due to lobby parliament on Wednesday 18th October, asking for a statement from government on the future size, shape and purpose of a sustainable post office network and seeking recognition of the social and economic role played by post offices. We shall keep you informed of developments.

In the meantime, local post offices would like to thank local residents for their many expressions of support in recent times.

Peter Allen FLOOR COVERINGS

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

**KARNDÉAN
FLOORING
DESIGN
SHOWROOM**

NEW LARGE
CARPET SHOWROOM
NOW OPEN

Made to Measure
ROLLER,
VERTICAL &
VENETIAN BLINDS

STOCKING FULL ROLLS @ DISCOUNT PRICE

**QUALITY PINE &
OAK FURNITURE**

**BEDS &
MATTRESSES**

**CURTAIN POLES
& TRACKING**

"QUALITY CARPETS WITH QUALITY FITTING"

TEL: (SETTLE) 01729 825122

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

BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP



By Maureen Ellis

Actions for the future are necessary but when it involves December I have quite an antipathy to thinking about it when outside the leaves are still green on the trees and the roads dry, however.....

Sunday 10th at 1.00pm, parking initially at Lairgill and then starting the walk from the Wray tea rooms, the exact route will depend on the weather. The intention is to do a half circle on fields, coming back to the starting point by the Bentham to Wray road. It'll be 2.5 to 4 miles.

Thursday 14th at 9.30am, meeting at Lairgill, the walk from the church at Chapel-le-Dale is a 4 miler. It goes up to Ellerbeck and under Whernside to Bruntscar and then down that track to the main road near the Hill Inn and then down past Wethercoate. It will take about two hours.

After Christmas, on Wednesday 26th at

10.30am, the walk from the Horse and Farrier will be about 4 miles and is a local circuit on either footpaths or lanes depending on the weather and finishing with lunch at the pub.

BFG Annual General Meeting

26 members attended the AGM on October 13th at which the Group accepted the resignation of Chairman Barry Greenwood, who no longer lives in the Bentham area. The meeting elected Vice-Chairman Keith Hartley as the new BFG Chairman, and John Pilkington as Vice-Chairman. Barry was thanked for his valuable contribution to the Group's progress over recent years, including his practical commitment to footpath conservation. Reports were received from serving officers, including a very impressive conservation report from Bev Sim. Working largely with volunteer members Tom Connolly and Shane O'Brien, and in collaboration with the County Council, Bev has undertaken a variety of conservation projects such as the replacement of "tired" stiles throughout the local area, ensuring that conservation work remains central in the activities of BFG.

NORTHERN CARE

RESIDENTIAL HOME FOR ADOLESCENT GIRLS

Main Street Low Bentham



Do you have what it takes to make a difference to the lives of young people?

Do you have ambitions to be successful in a career in residential child-care?

If so, we have the following vacancies:

Residential Social Workers

37 hours per week. Salary dependent on experience and qualifications

Female Night Residential Social Worker

Section 7 (2) b+c Sex Discrimination Act 1975

Full & Part Time posts

Casual Residential Social Workers

No experience necessary as full training will be given but enthusiasm, commitment and ability to relate to young people are essential. Want to know more? Then please contact Carol Whitehead, manager on 015242 62210 or 07973 489988. For further information about Northern Care visit our website at www.northern-care.co.uk

All posts are exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974. A Criminal Records check will be sought for all successful candidates.

CHRISTMAS CAKE RECIPE!

By Aileen Bowdler

You will need the following:

A cup of water, a cup of butter, four large eggs, 2 cups of dried fruit, a teaspoon of baking soda, a teaspoon of salt, a cup of brown sugar, lemon juice, nuts and a bottle of whisky.

Sample the whisky to check for quality. Take a large bowl. Check the whisky again to be sure it is of the highest quality, pour one level cup, and drink. Repeat. Turn on the electric mixer. Beat one cup of butter in a large fluffy bowl, add one teaspoon of sugar and beat again. Make sure the whisky is still OK. Cry another tup. Turn off mixer, break two leggs and add to the bowl. Chuck in the cup of dried fruit. Mix on the turner. If the fried fruit gets stuck in the beaters, pry it loose with a drewsdriver. Sample the whisky for tonsisticity. Next sift two cups of salt or something. Who cares? Check the whisky. Sift the lemon juice and strain your nuts. Add one teaspoon of sugar, or something -

whatever you can find. Grease the oven. Turn the cake tin 350 degrees. Don't forget to beat off the turner. Throw the bowl out of the window, check the whisky again and go to bed!

A Prayer for the Stressed

Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I cannot accept, and the wisdom to hide the bodies of those I had to kill today because they got on my nerves.

Also, help me to be careful of the toes I step on today as they may be on the foot I have to kiss tomorrow.

Help me to give 100% at work - 12% Monday, 23% Tuesday, 40% Wednesday, 20% Thursday and 5% Friday.

Help me to remember when I am having a bad day, and it seems people are trying to wind me up that it takes 42 muscles to frown, 28 muscles to smile and just 4 muscles to extend my right arm and smack someone in the mouth.

PC PROBLEMS?



Computer Sales & Repairs Website Design

Michael Simpson AMBCS.

www.dalescpe.co.uk

www.visitingleton.co.uk

Email: info@dalescape.co.uk

Call: 07960 532 786

FLOWERFIELDS

015242 61904

7 MAIN STREET HIGH BENTHAM

Order flowers, teddies, balloons,
chocolates and lots more.

Wide range of fruit and vegetables for
many worldwide recipes.

Free range eggs

Specialist bread flours

G M SOAR CHIMNEY SWEEP & VAC



20 Years Experience

Fully Insured

Tel: 01524 770194

84 Sycamore Road,
Brookhouse, Caton,
Near Lancaster,
LA2 9PE.

IT'S BEHIND YOU - The Hound of the Baskervilles

By Margaret Cowling

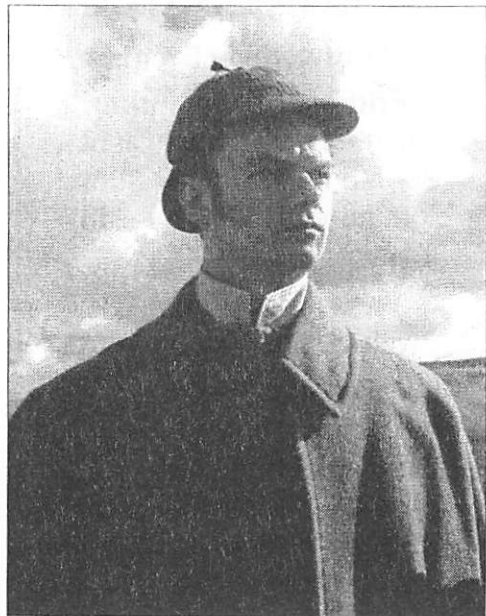
Don't venture out on to Burnmoor alone at night, even in moonlight, for strange happenings have been witnessed there!

An escaped convict runs for his life through the bogs near Big-Stone. Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson flash by in hot pursuit of something ghastly. Sir Henry Baskerville stumbles in terror along the track by Four-stones. In Roeburndale, a village girl expires from fear and exhaustion surrounded by a pack of baying Bloodhounds whilst wicked Sir Hugo Baskerville stamps around in a rage.

What is going on? The answer, of course, is that members of Bentham Theatre Group are on location, filming exciting sequences for their forthcoming production of "The Hound of the Baskervilles".

So get your tickets now for an unmissable evening of suspense. Tickets are £3.50 (concessions) and £5 from Bentham Sports. It's in the Town Hall from Thursday 9th to Saturday 11th November at 7.30pm.

The picture shows Peter Knowles, on location, as Sherlock Holmes.



THEATRE GROUP WORKSHOPS

By Denise Henshaw

Bentham Theatre Group will be running free workshops in November for 12-18 year olds who would like to learn some theatre based skills and be part of youth theatre.

The workshops promise to be interesting and fun and will initially be run by Rob Salmon who is the Outreach Education Director from Dukes Theatre in Lancaster.

The Theatre Group is also looking for somebody to set up and run future workshops - see the contact details below.

If you would like to be involved in the workshops or are interested in the Youth Theatre role, please contact Denise 015242 61515 or visit www.slb.com/byt to find out more information or to download a job application form.

Workshops will take place on Wednesday 8, 15, 22 and 29 November between 6pm and 8pm at the Bentham Community Centre.

SPEED FUEL OILS

FOR DOMESTIC, AGRICULTURAL
AND INDUSTRIAL USE

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



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

Wenning Surfacing

TARMACADAM CONTRACTORS

RICHARD BRADSHAW
015242 72189



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

LAND ROVER CENTRE

Land Rover Defender 90s bought and sold

Specialist in repairs and servicing to all types Land Rover/Range Rover
New and second hand parts available
Land Rover Defender 90s currently for sale

05 52 plate TD5 67,000 miles £8750 + VAT
99 S reg 300tdi 72,000 miles £6950 + VAT
97 R reg 300tdi 97,000 miles £5750 + VAT
97 P reg 300tdi 76,000 miles £5500 + VAT
96 P reg 300tdi 69,000 miles £5500 + VAT
94 M reg 300tdi 81,000 miles £4850 + VAT
94 L reg 300tdi 58,000 miles £4950 no VAT
93 K reg 200tdi 128,000 miles £3450 + VAT
92 K reg 200tdi 130,000 miles £3100 no VAT
88 F reg 2.5td 108,000 miles £2450 no VAT
87 D reg 2.5p 79,000 miles £2150 no VAT
Case 2.8T Mini Digger 97, rubber tracks
£5950 no VAT
Alvis Spartan Tracked Armoured Personnel
Carrier £8500+VAT
Lightweight Land Rover 2.25P £2300 no VAT
TEL 015242 74288 FAX 015242 73791
E MAIL landrovercentre@googlemail.com

TAYLORS

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIANS

G.N. Theobald F.C.Optom

Mount Pleasant House

High Bentham

OPEN WEDNESDAY

9.00am - 5.00pm

Tel 01524 32915

for an appointment

SOLE to SOUL:

Chiroprody plus...

9 Station Road, Bentham

Holistic Chiroprody &

Complementary Therapy Practice

Closed Mondays

MARIE RAYNER MChS. HMNFSH

State Registered Chiropracist/Podiatrist

 015242 63067

UPGRADE SOON TO BN AUDIO TAPE SERVICE

By Bill Kennedy

For many years the Bentham News has been copied to tape and distributed free of charge to those in the community with difficulties in reading, who wanted this service.

With advances in technology making it easier now to copy the BN to CD rather than to tape, we hope to be able to introduce this upgraded service soon, probably early in the new year. This will mean though, that all those who currently get the tapes, will have to have a CD player. If they do not already own one, we will arrange to provide one on loan. Again, there will be no charge for this service.

Currently we supply 11 copies on tape each month, so if you know of anyone who needs this type of service, please let us know - call 62492.

Our sincere thanks to Don Bridgewood, who has, for all these years, provided and distributed the taped copies.

THE PUNCH BOWL HOTEL

LOWER BENTHAM

Tel 015242 61344

Forthcoming Events

Friday 3rd November

Bonfire and Firework Display.

Bonfire will be lit at 6.30pm.

Light refreshments available.

Saturday 11th November

Karaoke and Disco

with DJ Danny - 9.00pm

We are now open

Mondays from 6.30pm.

Tuesdays, Wednesdays and

Thursdays from 4.30pm.

Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays

we are open all day from 12 noon.



This unusual autumnal scene was photographed in Low Bentham a few years ago, when the green and several residents were flooded.

BN WRITING COMPETITION

By Shirley Brown

The entries received by the 30th September closing date are now with our judge, Irene Rawnsley. We are pleased with the number of entries and the quality of writing they display – the depth of talent in our small community is amazing and Irene is not going to have an easy task choosing winners!

In the December BN we will be able to give you details about the prizes to be awarded to all who entered, and the winning entries. We intend to present these prizes during our coffee morning at the Town Hall on Saturday 14th January.

We appreciate the effort that so many of you have made and thank everyone who has contributed to the competition and who have let their imaginations run free on the chosen topic, "Living In Bentham".

INTERCOUNTY
DRIVING SCHOOL
VAL KAY
THEORY TRAINING
AVAILABLE
015242 62794

e-mail:

val@bentham999.wanadoo.co.uk

PICA DESIGN & PRINT

LITHO PRINTING
BOOKLETS & LEAFLETS
FULL COL. BUSINESS CARDS
DIGITAL COLOUR PRINTING
COLOUR BROCHURES
DESIGN & ORIGATION

CALL
015242
61402

[email: paul@pica-designandprint.co.uk](mailto:paul@pica-designandprint.co.uk)



BENTHAM LADIES ROUNDERS

By Ingrid Ellershaw

We have had a very good season this year, only losing a couple of matches. The weather has been very good too, which helps. Our numbers have increased and this has been a great boost, with the team going from strength to strength.

One of our members, Claire, managed to get us some new T shirts, which were very gratefully received. A big thank you to Claire's husband's company for their support.

We entered a tournament at Skipton in July, when we were runners-up. This was a great achievement and one for the girls to be proud of. All the funds went to Cancer Care.

Our season ended on 14th September with a match against partners and husbands, one not to be missed! Thanks to the Black Bull for our suppers.

We had a very enjoyable end of season meal at the Coach House. I would like to thank all the team members for their support throughout the season and look forward to seeing everyone again next May, and hopefully, to an even more successful and enjoyable season.

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