

BENTHAM NEWS



GRAND OPENING OF NEW PFA FACILITIES

On Saturday November 13th Cllr. John Alderson, Chairman of Craven District Council officially opened the new changing facilities and refurbished playing fields at Wenning Avenue. The picture shows some of the PFA committee with Cllr. Alderson.

The Playing Fields refurbishment project has been part of the Bentham Market Town Initiative project for the Playing Fields. Phase one was the refurbishment of the cricket and football pitches and the creation of a new training area on the boggy land. Phase two was the new changing rooms and there will also be more car parking in the near future. Phase three (resurfacing the tennis courts and a wheels based play area) was temporarily dropped when the sources of funding failed in December 2003. We are pleased to say that funding has since been found from York and North Yorkshire Community Fund for a play area for the under 5s and we hope that work on this will begin very soon. We are currently looking for funding for the refurbishment of the tennis courts.

Acknowledgements

We are very grateful to Sport England N.O.F., Football Foundation, Countryside Agency, Craven D. C., Bentham Sports and Social Club, Bentham Town Council and all those in the community who have supported this project in any way over the years.

RECIPES

By Doreen Park

As I promised last month, here, in time for Christmas, are some of the "Scrummies"!!

Choc Crust Banana Cream Pie

This old fashioned American favourite is easy to make with chocolate digestive biscuits forming the pie shell.

For a 9" Pie Crumb Crust

7 ozs (200g) chocolate digestive biscuits, finely crushed

2 tbsp caster sugar

1 oz (25g) butter, melted

Filling

1½ ozs (40g) caster sugar

1½ tbsp cornflour/2 tsp plain flour

1½ fluid ozs boiling milk

2 egg yolks

1 tsp vanilla essence

2 ripe bananas, sliced

Topping

4 fluid ozs natural yogurt

6 ozs (175g) cream cheese

2 tbsp caster sugar

½ tsp vanilla essence

1 oz (25g) chocolate grated, and chocolate leaves to decorate.

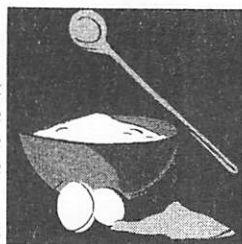
Prepare crust - combine crumbs, sugar and melted butter and press into a 9" pie dish to coat base and sides - chill.

Prepare the filling in a saucepan - combine the sugar, cornflour and flour, whisk in boiling milk and return to the heat, cooking for 1 minute.

Remove from the heat and whisk a small amount of the hot mixture into the egg yolks. Return to the remaining milk mixture, whisk in the butter and essence. Cool.

Layer banana slices in base of biscuit crust, pour custard over and chill.

Prepare the topping, blending together the yogurt, cream cheese, caster sugar and essence, and spread over the filling and decorate.



Easy Swiss Roll Ice Cream Bombe

This impressive bombe is more delicious if you make your own ice cream filling. Freeze the bombe without topping.

For 6 servings

2 large strawberry jam swiss rolls

3½ fluid ozs sherry

whipped cream and fresh cherries to decorate

Ice Cream

1 pt milk

½ tp vanilla essence

2 whole eggs

4 egg yolks

6 ozs caster sugar

1 pt double cream

Prepare the ice cream - heat milk and vanilla essence, beat eggs, yolks and sugar until creamy, whisk in the milk. Strain into a clean saucepan, heat slowly until the mixture thickens. Whip cream to soft peaks and fold into the cooled custard. Pour into a freezer tray and freeze for one hour.

Slice Swiss Rolls ½" thick, sprinkle with a little sherry and use about two thirds to line a 1½ litre (2½pt) pudding bowl. Set aside. Beat the ice cream thoroughly with a fork, spoon into bowl and cover with the remaining cake. Cover with cling film and press down gently.

Freeze for 2 to 3 hours and transfer to the refrigerator 15-20 minutes before serving, decorate with whipped cream and fresh cherries. This will freeze for up to three months. You can change the flavours of the bombe as you wish, either by using chocolate swissroll or by adding fruit, chocolate or nuts to the ice cream.

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NOVEMBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

All the Cllrs. were present except Cllrs. Lloyd and Reynolds.

Police. Sergeant Steve Cornthwaite represented the police. He talked about the current deployment of the force in our area and promised a police presence on mischief night and bonfire night. A boy has already been burnt whilst holding a rocket! He described the changes in the law relating to fireworks (summarised in the October version of BN) and added that the police now have the power to search youngsters believed to be in possession of 'adult' fireworks. There are hopes of a prosecution following the burglary at the Golf Club and during a recent speed check 21 people were booked for speeding in Bentham. I think everyone was impressed with Sgt. Cornthwaite's determination to support law and order in our community.

Highways. The Cllrs. noted complaints about speeding on Springfield. The B6480 is to be closed between Sedbergh Junior School and Wennington for several weeks from the start of the New Year. It appears somebody has been stealing the planings collected after Main Street was resurfaced and left by the Council in the lay by near Lingham. Planings are used to fill the holes at the edge of our roads. As a result of the theft the Council has had to remove them to a place of safety until the work can be completed.

Flooding. County Cllr. Ireton said the floods at the Green at Low Bentham had been caused by the collapse of a drain that carried water away under the tip. After the meeting we saw a DVD of the interior of the drain. Constant tipping in the past has caused it to collapse (parts of the drain are now 25 feet underground). Cllr. Ireton thought the question of ownership and liability was likely to be prolonged and complex. The County Council has decided to take legal advice from a Q.C. The immediate problem has been solved with the installation of a pump that allows floodwater to by pass the blockage. The Cllrs. were concerned about the noise the pump emits and suggested

either the installation of an electric pump or that the current pump be switched off during dry weather.

Town Hall. Town Hall improvements are more or less on schedule. The lift shaft is nearly complete and the stud partitioning is being erected. The architect has decided it will be possible to create ramp access through the front of the building. It has reached a point where many decisions about small but important details are having to be made frequently by the refurbishment committee. The Development Trust wrote requesting a meeting to discuss plans for the official opening of the building. The Cllrs decided to thank the Trust for its offer and agreed to contact them when the time for proper planning is reached. Three people have not yet paid for their hire of the Town Hall and as three or four reminders have been issued it has been decided, as a matter of policy, to take the matter to the small claims court if payment is not forthcoming.

Trees. The Council received a letter requesting the felling of two Sycamore trees behind 'The Craggs' on Banks Rise. The Council decided to refer the request on to Craven Housing.

The Bonfire. Cllr. Heigh congratulated all those involved with the organisation and staging of the bonfire. She thought it was encouraging to see so many people supporting a Bentham event.





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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

By Gerald Hurtle

Public Toilets in High Bentham

The public toilets in High Bentham were built in 1999 at a cost in excess of £60,000. The toilets were funded by Craven District Council. At a later date more money was spent on upgrading the toilets to improve the access for the disabled.

Craven District Council now says it may have to spend more money to bring them "up to date", or alternatively the toilets should be closed to reduce the costs. Bentham Councillors will be recommending to Craven District Council that the toilets should remain open for the use of both local residents and visitors in an attempt to obtain value from the funds invested in previous years.

Waste Disposal arrangements for bulky items

Craven District Council operates a free collection service for disposal of bulky items from residential domestic properties. This is an extremely well used service with about 15,000 items being removed every year. Most items are removed within a 7-day period but longer during peak times extending the time to up to 4 weeks.

Craven District is the only Council in North Yorkshire that does not charge for this service. Hopefully this will continue because it helps to reduce the amount of "fly tipping" in our locality. "Fly tipping" is certainly a big problem in neighbouring council areas.

Flooding at the Green, Low Bentham

North Yorkshire Highways Department has installed a pump at the Green, Low Bentham to pump away floodwater; this is a temporary measure. Craven District Council and North Yorkshire Council are still discussing a long-term solution.



WANT TO SPEND A PENNY? WHAT'S IT WORTH?

By Shirley Brown

Craven District Council is reviewing the provision of public conveniences in the area. It seems that it has no statutory obligation to provide toilet facilities, and as Bentham's conveniences now require some money to be spent on them, CDC is wondering whether we still need them. In other words, is there a demonstrable need for the provision of public conveniences in Bentham? How do you demonstrate such a need? The mind boggles! Are the people of Bentham spending enough pennies? Are we regular users? How can we flush out those who want the toilets to stay?

I thought we'd been through all the arguments about this about 5 years ago when the toilets were built at a cost of about £60,000. Bentham doesn't have a large department store where individuals or families with young children can go to use the facilities, and local pubs and cafes do not take kindly to people other than customers using their toilets, so surely it is obvious that we need public conveniences?

What seems obvious to us is perhaps not obvious to CDC, so Bentham News has been asked by the Town Council to tell people about this review, and to encourage you to contact Craven District Council with your views. The person to write to is Peter Chapman, Head of Leisure and Community Facilities, Craven District Council, Skipton, BD23 1PS, and the phone number is 01756 - 706310.

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WE'RE CELEBRATING

By Mrs V. Ayre

Low Bentham Primary School is pleased to announce that this term we have received a wonderful OFSTED report and been awarded the Healthy School logo.

OFSTED visited in September. In a small school like ours there is no hiding place so every aspect of school life came under their gaze! The inspectors were very impressed by the way we know all our children as individuals and ensure that our teaching meets individual needs. They loved the range of opportunities we organise for them, despite having only a small staff team. They were amazed by our children's speaking and listening skills - anyone who has visited the school will know the way our pupils confidently and politely speak to visitors. They liked the way pupils, parents, governors and staff all work together as a team to achieve the best for the children. They marvelled at....the list is endless! Anyone wanting to see the full list should give us a ring to have a full copy of the report or wait a few weeks when it will be on the OFSTED web site.

No sooner had the inspectors departed than the Healthy Schools assessor arrived. She inspected all our action plans, press cuttings, photographs and children's work and talked with the children. At the end of the visit she again marvelled at how much work we have done. We have focussed particularly on healthy eating, improving fitness and taking care of yourself. The children have enjoyed activities like a

breakfast club, healthy sandwich making, a healthy picnic, fancy dress parades, changing our caterer, food diaries and "Fruity Friday" to help them learn about healthy eating. Fitness has been improved through Marathon Monday, Terrific Tuesday, Wacky Wednesday as well as ensuring our children participate in a wide range of sport activities during break times.

They've learned about looking after themselves through visitors such as the hairdresser, a policeman, school nurse and a fire officer. We've participated in a drugs education project and had a "Safety Week" as well as "Walking to School Week" - again the list is endless. We are not resting on our laurels, however. Watch out for "salt reduction campaign" when Sid the Slug hits Bentham!

Of course, OFSTED had to find something they thought could be improved - handwriting and presentation. If you have a talent in handwriting perhaps you could come and show the children or judge a competition for us. We'd love to hear from you. Just ring 61416 - we'll get back to you.

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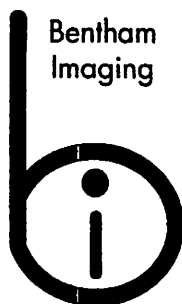
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POST OFFICE CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS

By David Alder

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10 December.

Western Europe - Mon 13 December.

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Note (2) Special arrangements apply to BFPO
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Second class - Saturday 18 December.

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Parcel Force next day - Thursday 23
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when Post Offices will close early, by 4.00pm.

Closed on Christmas Day, Monday 27th
December and Tuesday 28th December.

Open as normal on Wednesday 29th
December and Thursday 30th December.

Early closing, by 4.00pm, on Friday 31st
December.

Closed on New Year's Day and on Monday
3rd January.

Pensions and Allowances

Advance payments will be made to
customers where due day falls on a day
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Christmas £10 payments will be made in
week commencing 6th December.

Winter fuel payment cheques are being
distributed by post from week commencing
8th November to week commencing 6th
December and are encashable at post offices.
Each household will receive between £200
and £400 - please ask for further details.

Collections and Delivery Arrangements

These will be normal apart from:-

Christmas Eve - last collection at lunchtime.
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INGLETON MIDDLE SCHOOL

By Chris Leeming

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Dance continues every Friday night with the
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Two teachers, Mrs. Butcher and Mrs. Guy,
used European Funding to visit our partner
school in Latvia for three days in early
October.

We had a superb lecture on fireworks
early in November by senior lecturers from
Cranfield University and the following day
saw a brilliant play about the island of
Mauritius, performed entirely in French by
"Theatre sans Frontieres". Our intrepid team
of 25 Travelling Teddies has now notched up
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Our cross country teams did well; we
came 3rd overall in the "Ingleborough
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On 12th November the whole of Year 8
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BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE



By Val Marshall

The fund raising for this year ended with a Book Sale at Watershed Mill, Settle, and, despite the very wet weather, we earned useful money to help us through the winter. The next event will be a Sale of Bric-a-brac and Books at a cheap price, to be held in Low Bentham in the New Year. Full details will appear later.

Are there any cat lovers who can volunteer to spare an hour or so one morning a week to clean out the pens, and feed and groom the cats in our sanctuary in Burton-in-Lonsdale? We have several volunteers, but due to family commitments, holidays or illness we are often desperate for help. If you can assist, please telephone our Secretary, Val Marshall on Bentham 62512 and she can give you more details.

The two tiny ginger kittens spotted near

Rathmell last month have now gone to a good home - the family who found them! Although the kitten season is nearly over, there are still one or two around and we do have three black and white young cats and a long haired grey female. They have all been neutered, vaccinated and tested and would love to be homed as soon as possible.

Just arrived is a young black cat with horrific sores over it which look as though someone has thrown boiling water at it. Despite this, she still has a loving and trusting nature.

If it is not too early, may we wish all those who have helped us with their time, donations or giving a home to one of our cats this year a very Happy Christmas - and don't forget to give your cat a special Christmas meal.

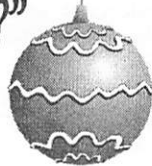
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WAXWING INVASION

By Pete Marsh

There has already been a large number of waxwings seen around this autumn. About forty eight are currently on the Sidings, better known as the 'fitness centre road', in Settle. They prefer ornamental rowans at this time of year, then move on to cotoneaster etc. later in the winter.

Sightings have already been reported in High Bentham, but these are rather vague, e.g. "by the fat sheep sign".

Please send information about any local sightings to me, Pete Marsh, pbmarsh@btopenworld.com or 015242 64944. You could also send via Jon Carter (Lancaster Guardian) or you might like to familiarise yourselves with and contribute via the two local birdwatching websites, i.e. www.lancasterbirdwatching.org.uk and www.craven-birds.co.uk

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By PC Adrian Hayes

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Christmas is here again and I would like to remind you all about the dangers of drinking and driving. Most of us will be attending some kind of party or celebration. Please be aware that you can still be effected by alcohol several hours after the event and could still be over the limit the morning after. Do not drink and drive, get somebody to act as your driver or better still get a taxi home. Officers will be conducting

checks throughout the festive period. You can be breathalysed if you have committed any traffic offence, been involved in any accident, whether or not it was your fault or if the officer suspects that you have been drinking. A conviction for drink driving will result in disqualification from driving for at least 12 months. Would you still be able to work if you were unable to drive?

If you do know of anybody who is drink driving you can pass on the information via the above number anonymously and we will endeavour to catch those responsible.

Have a happy Christmas and New Year!



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GARDEN PAGE

By Joyce Knapp

It is in the month of December that we can most appreciate having installed a set of paths around vegetable beds, thereby allowing access to harvest any winter crops, such as brussel sprouts and leeks, even in the wettest of seasons. These paths can be constructed in a number of ways, but I chose to use wood chips in my allotment as they are comfortable to walk on and are aesthetically pleasing too. When making paths from any loose material such as wood chips, or gravel, it is advisable to cover the ground first with a layer of material to stop weeds coming up through. A black, woven, membrane is perhaps the best option, as this has been specifically designed for the purpose, allowing water to seep through whilst preventing weeds from growing up through it. A cheaper alternative would be to use old, discarded, carpets (preferably hessian backed) cut into strips. Once the paths have been put in place, the only maintenance tasks to be carried out on wood chip paths is the annual removal of fallen leaves and plant debris, which, if left in situ, would soon decompose creating a layer of soil that weeds would very quickly colonise.

This year, although we have seen a bumper crop of apples, it is still important to check any stored fruits regularly, as one damaged apple can soon contaminate all those surrounding it in a tray or box. There is always much



debate as to the best way to store apples. I believe they used to be individually wrapped in waxed paper before being spread out in wooden trays which could then be stacked in a frost free shed or, alternatively, in a cool room in the house. I am not sure if it is economically viable to use waxed paper, even if it were available these days, so we tend to use old newspaper. I would appreciate any suggestions from readers of alternative methods of storage that have proved successful for them.

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CONTACT THE ELDERLY

By Mary Robinson

Can you help? A Little time... A Lot of Fun...A Big Difference

Sunday is often the loneliest day of the week when you live alone. Once a month, afternoon tea with friends does make all the difference. National Charity, Contact the Elderly, is looking for hosts (just once a year) and drivers (just once a month) in and around Bentham, to help make a real difference. Can you help?

A bond of friendship is forged for lonely, elderly people who cannot get out without a bit of help and so lack social contact. These monthly Sunday afternoon teas take place in a different home each month. They provide a family environment where members gain encouragement to keep in touch with life and enjoy friendship.

Hosts, normally just once a year, welcome a Contact group for afternoon tea, about two hours on a Sunday afternoon of their choosing. It is great fun and caring, too. We form small groups which normally consist of 8 elderly members and four drivers, one of whom is often the co-ordinator. Drivers are asked to chaffeur elderly members and join in the tea party, help as needed, and return them safely home again - once a month or less if on a rota, or as a reserve driver, making a real difference to people's lives, and your own!

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"Contact the Elderly" is a nationwide organisation funded through donations and grants. It has 252 groups, with 20 here in Yorkshire, and was founded 39 years ago by its current chairman, a Yorkshireman, Trevor Lyttleton. Mary Robinson has been with the organisation for 5 years and has helped open 16 other groups.

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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

High Bentham

By Doreen Park

At the meeting on 4th November, Mrs. Margaret Hayton welcomed members and announced that one new member had joined the existing committee after last month's AGM, for which the secretary read the minutes. Mrs. Hayton told members that £237 had been raised at the Mad Hatters Tea Party. This will go to the Air Ambulance. She also reported on a visit by three members to the Honda Day at Morecambe, and that all three had won raffle prizes.

Treasurer Mrs. Chris Lewis informed members that the annual subscription would increase in January to £21, but pointed out that at only £1.75 per meeting, this was good value for what was offered in the way of interesting talks, demonstrations and trips out, not to mention the fun and laughter

such as our speaker for the evening, Mrs. Wilks, gave us. She talked about her life with a Cumbrian vet, and was quick to add that she was not married to one - she only worked as a pathologist for one. She covered everything from a drunken dog to a bald guinea pig. She was thanked by Mrs. Hayton who also won the competition, for a picture of a favourite pet or animal.

The next meeting will be the Christmas Party at the Community Centre.

Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

Mr. Derek Cressey presented a very interesting and informative talk on the three and a half week holiday he and his wife had in Peru and Bolivia. He quickly went through his numerous, beautiful slides which vividly illustrated the many different aspects of the long journey from Lima to La Paz. As well as the flora and fauna, the stunning mountainous scenery, the amazing Inca sites like Macho Picchu, the reed villages and boats on the green Lake Titicaca and the sumptuous cathedrals and churches, they showed the poverty of the capital cities, towns and villages. Children, often in their national costumes, featured in several pictures. These children insisted on being paid before they posed!

Mr. Cressey was thanked by the vice-president, Mrs. Ruth Sephton, who also chaired the meeting.

The competition winners were 1. Mrs. Mabel Easterby, 2. Mrs. Margaret Hewitt, 3. Mrs Betty Atkinson.

Timetable Changes

By Pauline Hill, Secretary - LASRUG

There are some changes to the Leeds-Morecambe timetable from 12 December - please pick up a copy of the new timetable at Bentham Post Office, Library or TIC. The main alterations affect Saturday and Sunday travellers. From 15 January all trains from Leeds will terminate at Carnforth. Passengers will travel on to Lancaster and Morecambe by a connecting bus. This is due to closure of the West Coast main line north of Lancaster at weekends for upgrading.

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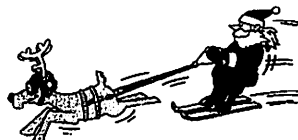
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LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Alison Jones

Please visit our stunning exhibition of arts and crafts, all made by Bentham folk. There is also a wide selection of handmade gifts and cards for sale, including our new recipe book, Soul Soup. The exhibition and sale is open weekdays except Thursdays, from 10.30am-4.30pm. and Tuesday evenings from 6.00-9.00pm. All the money raised will go towards refurbishing our new building.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER

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Looking Well 1.30-3.00pm, Mucky Buckets and Baby Buddies, parents and under 3s play session, and every Wednesday.

Oxfam Day at Bank House, Higher Westhouse, 10.30am-5.00pm. Bring & Buy, Raffle, etc. Light refreshments. Details from Liz Neale Ingleton 41155.

Thu 2nd Clapham Dance Club at the Village Hall, 7.30-10.00pm. Old Tyme-Easy Sequence dancing. £1.50 includes tea and biscuits. Every Thursday.

Looking Well 7.00-8.00pm. Tai Chi, and every Thursday.

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Lancaster/Kendal Canal, 6½ miles, leaders A. Robertson & P. Parkins, 61285. Please meet at Lairgill 10.00am.

Complementary Therapy Taster session, 6.00-7.30pm. Bentham Community Centre.

High Bentham W.I. Christmas Party at the Bentham Community Centre, 7.30pm. Tickets £5, from committee members.

Thu 2nd Bentham Arts Forum meeting at the Black Bull, 7.30pm.

Fri 3rd Looking Well, 6.00-9.30pm, Black Library Wargaming Group, over 11s, and every Friday.

Age Concern at the Masonic Hall "Christmas Table Decoration".

Sat 4th St. Margaret's coffee morning at Bentham Community Centre, 10.00-11.30am. 

Sun 5th Christingle Service at St. John the Baptist Church, Low Bentham, 4.00pm. Collection for The Children's Society.

Mon 6th Looking Well, 1.00-2.15pm, Cancer Support Group drop-in and lunch session, and every Monday.

Evening visit by Father Christmas on his sleigh, on behalf of High Bentham CP School PTFA, see page 30.

Tue 7th Looking Well, 2.00-3.00pm, Tai Chi, and every Tuesday. Looking Well Cottage, 2.00-3.00pm, Women's Support Group, and every Tuesday.

Christmas Bright Hour at the Methodist Church, 2.15pm. Chipping ladies.

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

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

High Bentham Playgroup at the Community Centre, 1.00-3.00pm, and every Tuesday

Craft Club meeting at Bentham Community Centre, 10.00am-12.00noon, and every Tuesday.

Wed 8th Citizens Advice Bureau, 1.30-3.30pm at the Surgery.

LISTING FOR LOCAL EVENTS

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

Event.....

Venue.....

Contact Tel. Number.....

Name.....

Please complete and return to the Sports Shop,
Main Street, High Bentham, by 12th of month.

- Wed 8th Looking Well Cottage, 7.30-9.00pm, Alzheimer's Disease Carers Support Group social meeting. Healing treats for Christmas - Chrissy Burgess.
- Thu 9th Looking Well Cancer Support Group swimming at Swallow Springs, 3.00pm.
- Fri 10th Age Concern at the Masonic Hall, Christmas Dinner, with children singing.
Late Night Shopping, with fireworks at 6.00pm.
- Sat 11th Coffee morning for St. John the Baptist Church, Low Bentham, at Bentham Community Centre, 10.00-11.30am.
- Sun 12th **Copy deadline for the January edition of Bentham News.**
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Burton-in-Holme, 7 miles, leaders T. & J. Connolly, 42129. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.15am.
- Tue 14th "Soup & Sing" your favourite carols, Methodist Schoolroom, 7.30pm. Collection for N.C.H. All welcome.
- Thu 16th High Bentham CP School, Carol Concerts at the Methodist Church, 2pm and 7pm. See page 30.
Complementary Therapy Taster session, 6.00-7.30pm. Bentham Community Centre.
- Fri 17th Age Concern at the Masonic Hall. Christmas Party.
Waste paper collection at Lairgill Car Park, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
- Sat 18th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Selside, 9 miles, leader G. Amos 01729 822604. Please meet at Lairgill/Horton car park at 9.30/10.00am.
- Sat 18th Bentham Homing Society coffee morning at Bentham Community Centre, 10.00am-12.00noon.
- Sun 19th Carol Service at St. John the Baptist Church, Low Bentham, 4.00pm. Collection for Lancaster & District Homeless Action Group.
- 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.
- Wed 22nd Citizens Advice Bureau, 1.30-3.30pm at the Surgery.
- Mon 27th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Low Bentham circular, 5 miles, leaders M. & K. Hartley 62373. Please meet at Punch Bowl (Low Bentham) car park 10.00am.
- Thu 30th Bentham News published.

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LATEST NEWS FROM THE SURGERY

New Practice Nurse

By Claire Clayton

Just a quick note to introduce myself as a new member of the practice nurse team at Bentham. Like many of us, I juggle my career with looking after two small children, aged two and five. This certainly keeps me busy, but in spare moments I enjoy going running, swimming and walking.

I started my career as a staff nurse on the Intensive Care Unit at Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. My family moved to North Yorkshire, and with the change of location I decided on a change of career direction. I joined a district nursing team in Keighley and found that I very much enjoyed working in community settings.

Shortly afterwards I moved to the district nurse team at North Craven, working in the Bentham and Ingleton areas. As the district nurses are based at Bentham, I am fortunate in that I have already worked closely with my colleagues at the practice and am looking forward to being a part of the hard working team.

Prescriptions to Low Bentham

By Fliss Hartley

From the 1st of November 2004 we are offering a twice weekly prescription delivery service to Low Bentham Post Office. Please contact the surgery if you would like to use this service.

Missed appointments

By Rachel Clay

I am making a change to the way we record the number of patients who did not attend appointments made with doctors and nurses. It will now be by calendar month, two months in arrears. In October, 83 patients did not attend for appointments that had been made.



ROWAN'S NATIONAL DRAMA AWARD

By Shirley Brown

Bentham student, Rowan Swale, recently celebrated success in her GCSEs with an expenses paid trip to London to receive an award. Along with three others, Rowan, a Settle High School student, had got the top mark in the country in her GCSE Drama, and this was out of 47,000 entries. Altogether 21 young people, who had achieved the top marks in their subjects under the AQA exam board, gathered in London for a presentation, photos, and a lunch.

Rowan, who got 8 A*s, and an A in her GCSEs, and an A at AS level, was accompanied by her parents, and teacher, Pete Eastman, who collected a certificate for the school. Inspirational drama teacher, Susie Power, was sadly not well enough to go. Next day, the whole event was featured in a full page article in the Daily Mail, with a colour photo of all the students along with biographical information.

Of the 21 students, twelve came from comprehensives, three from selective schools, and six from independents (sample fees £21,000 per year). The award represents a remarkable success for Settle High, as this is the second time in the last few years that one of their students has gained the top mark in a GCSE subject.

Bentham Panto can also perhaps claim some credit, as Rowan has danced and acted in it regularly since she was seven. Her last major role was as Wendy in 'Peter Pan'.

Rowan is now living in London, and training in dance and drama full-time at the London Studio Centre. She aims to become a professional performer, and I'm sure we all wish her every success in her chosen career.



CHARITIES THANK YOU

Goodenber Playground Committee wishes to thank all who supported their hot and cold drinks stall at Bonfire Night. This raised £80. Thanks also to the Women's Social Services for their generous donation of £50. The next fundraiser is Father Christmas' Grotto at Late Night Shopping on Friday 10th December.



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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP WALKS



By Maureen Ellis

Thursday 2 December. There will be a second parking place near Levens Park, and it is worth remembering that Levens Hall has one of the finest topiaries in the world. The walk starts along the river side and then takes the tow path along the drained part of the Lancaster Kendal canal. The return to the start is through Levens Park

Sunday 12 December. This is described by the leaders as an easy walk with no hills. It starts at Holme which is near Burton in Kendal and goes through low lying land round Milnthorpe. The length is 7 miles.

Saturday 18 December. There will be a second parking place in Horton in Ribblesdale and from there the route will go in the Ingleborough direction up the Sulber Nick track and on towards Borrins and Selside and then to lower and high Birkwith. Eventually it will come down the Pennine Way back to Horton.

Monday 27 December. A welcome walk after Christmas will start and finish at the Punch Bowl Inn car park in Low Bentham where there will be lunch at 12.30pm and an opportunity to change into dry clothes if necessary. The walk will by pass the Goodenber caravan park and go on to Clifford Hall and Burton. There will be some field and some path walking.



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Personal Thanks

Jean and her daughters, Lisa and Natasha, would like to thank Joe Morphet for his kind and supportive care arranging my mother's funeral, Rev. Tony Willmont for his moving service that reflected my mother's life so perfectly, Gail, Punch Bowl, Low Bentham for a wonderful reception for my family and friends, to send mother on her final journey, Flowerfields for the beautiful flowers, Ingleborough Nursing Home for caring for her. Thank you all so much.

Norma and family would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind words and sympathy cards following the sad loss of Robert (Bob) on 25th October 2004. Thanks to Reverend Nigel Thomas for his lovely sermon and Joe from Brown & Whittakers for his dignified funeral arrangements. A very special thank you to Dr. Emma Harding, the nurses at Bentham Health Centre and the staff at St. John's Hospice for all the kindness and support during Robert's illness.

Thanks

Ann Robshaw wishes to thank family, friends and Slipped Disc customers for all their help after a recent stay in hospital. Thank you for the many cards, flowers and kind thoughts. I'm now on the road to a full recovery. **Apology.** The BN apologises unreservedly to Ann for the error in this notice last month.

Isabel Carr would like to thank family, friends and neighbours for cards, presents and flowers received on her 70th birthday. Very special thanks to Bernard, John and Pat for making my birthday party a great success. Many thanks to all who gave donations, £95 was given to Pet Rescue and



Thanks

Standing. Robert and Norma wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for cards and good wishes received on their Golden Wedding anniversary, 23rd October 2004.

Greetings

Peggy Collins wishes all her friends at Bentham a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wendy Heigh, Mayor of Bentham, wishes everyone in High and Low Bentham a Very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

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GALLOP ALONG TO THE HIGHWAYMAN

By Bill Kennedy

Peter Hudson, proprietor of the Country Harvest Coffee Shop, together with his son Christopher and chef Daryll Stark, have started a new venture at the Highwayman Inn, Burrow, near Kirkby Lonsdale.

Chris says that the philosophy behind the venture is to provide "good food, good service, good ale and good value for money". He reckons that there is tremendous potential to develop and improve the pub, which has been cleaned and redecorated and refurbished in the kitchen area. Chef Daryll says "We want to develop an excellent reputation for food". His time at Northcote Manor, with Nigel Haworth and at the Wheatsheaf in Ingleton, have given him a good knowledge of what people in the area expect. The emphasis will be on locally purchased ingredients, freshly prepared and well presented.

For those who like their pudding, there is a fascinating range of desserts and puddings made in house to choose from. These include

specialities such as Gaping Gill Sundaes, Ingleton Sticky Toffee Pudding, Bread and Butter Pudding, Fresh Fruit Pavlovas, Normandy Pancakes, White and Dark Chocolate Trifle and Tarte Tatin.

Chris and Daryll have the experience and enthusiasm to make this a very successful venture. So why not book now and let these highwaymen "stand and deliver"?

WHAT, NO POPPIES?

By Judith Johnson

Many of you will have noticed that there were no poppies for sale in Bentham this year. For many years Jennifer Lister has provided this service together with numerous collectors but she has been unable to continue. She wrote to the Bentham News last year asking for someone to take over her job but no-one volunteered. Isn't it a pity that a service is not appreciated until it is not there!

However all is not lost as Frank and Kay Piper have now volunteered for next year. There will be no door-to-door collection but boxes will be provided in post offices, churches, schools and some shops.

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LIVING WITH DIFFERENCE

By Stephen Dawson

Bentham's contribution to One World Week was a delicious lunch of soup, bread and cheese, hosted by Local Action For Justice and Peace in Bentham Community Centre. Guest of honour was Community Relations Advisor Dr. Philip Lewis, of Bradford.

Philip's presentation of the tensions and possibilities in Britain's northern mill-towns, including Skipton, Keighley, Nelson, Blackburn and Bradford, was delivered with knowledge and passion. According to the 2001 census most of Britain's Moslems have their origins in south Asia. Bradford's Moslems are mainly from rural Kashmir, one of the poorest states of Pakistan. Ethnic minorities account for 16% of Bradford's population and 28% of school pupils.

Dr. Lewis didn't mince his words. The Moslem community includes a growing underclass with many young men under achieving in schools just as a white underclass of under achieving males is growing on other estates. Affluent people of all faiths have moved out to avoid the problems of crime, drugs and anti-social behaviour.

A number of factors hinder attempts to improve relations. For example the segregation between inner and outer estates and their schools. Or the fear of being labelled racist when policy-makers talk openly about the problems of religion and culture. Or the alienation felt by women as councillors work through clan elders and hierarchies to resolve problems.

There is also a generation gap within cultures. Older Moslems follow the rural ways of Kashmir but these do not relate to the English speaking younger generation who have little time for their parents' ways or faith.

The most striking parallel for living with difference today is with the waves of Irish immigrants in the 19th century. Ireland and Kashmir were ruled by the same distant Empress and, understandably, the Irish didn't have much time for her. They did need work, and in the mill towns there was

tension and violence as the Catholic immigrants were accused of stealing jobs from the Protestant English. In time however, the Irish engaged and English tolerance prevailed over ignorance and prejudice.

Some Moslems today seek refuge in isolation. Many Islamic seminaries have little understanding of Western ways or as living as a minority. However, a growing number of Moslems are engaging. There are many Moslem journalists in mainstream news bulletins and papers. Universities teach Islamic studies and Imams now work outside the isolated mosques as RE teachers and hospital chaplains. Moslem doctors, lawyers and councillors are developing Islam's civil society and Moslem women, often the first generation to enjoy education, are developing social welfare projects and other agendas.

Links between primary schools in Bradford and church schools here in Burton and Clapham have been created recently. Skipton's Moslems visited the National Park during Clapham's Myths and Legends Weekend. The Bishop of Bradford and the police are developing a network to respond to a "Madrid-type" outrage in England. Church leaders from south Asia, including the Methodist Solomon Joseph, are working in Bradford to share their experiences of building bridges between communities.

British-educated Moslems are equipped and eager to work collaboratively. Church leaders and Imams have issued joint statements and shared platforms for relief and development appeals. Can we learn to live with difference?

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EXCITING TIMES FOR THE COACH HOUSE

By Pam Woof

The Coach House on Main Street, High Bentham, changed hands on 3rd November. Karen Swift and Bill Cooke are partners in the new enterprise, and have been business people in Bentham for some time. Naomi Coates, another established local person, is Day Manager.

To apply the term 'new enterprise' to this quaint and ancient hostelry may raise eyebrows, but many will be aware of its uncertain control since Dot and Mike quit for Cyprus shores.

Welcome and familiar faces will now steer The Coach House through Christmas, and a complete refurbishment is planned for early in the New Year. Karen and Bill bring overdue investment, and have engaged Suchá Design on the Wirral, who are liaising with Hartleys Brewery to bring about the changes.

Whilst Suchá designed Whites Restaurant and Hotel at the Reebok Stadium, among other prestige projects, Karen assures us that the upgrade will be sympathetic to the building, and acceptable to local community wishes.

Many of us see the potential of The Coach House to enhance Bentham, with a good coffee lounge to welcome shoppers, a decent restaurant serving local produce, and a quality function room for the celebrations of Bentham people and events.

Let's watch that space with interest, and lend Karen and Bill the goodwill to succeed!

MACMILLAN CONFERENCE

By Christine Penrice (Looking Well Cancer Support Group)

My first visit to the Macmillan Conference as a cancer sufferer in remission started out at Carnforth Railway Station. It was just a short train ride to Liverpool where fireworks were flying overhead to celebrate Bonfire Night. However, no sparks were flying at the Adelphi Hotel where the conference went smoothly.

I didn't know what to expect but soon followed others and found my way around. There were lots of very interesting workshops on making things better for people who are touched in some way by cancer. Everyone I came into contact with made me feel welcome, and people with serious cancers were able to give encouragement to others. I came away feeling uplifted and really pleased I had been invited.

Our popular Complementary Therapy Taster Sessions at Bentham Community Centre are on Thursday 2nd and 16th December from 6.00pm to 7.30pm. Have a quick treatment to help you through the Christmas Season or book a longer session as a gift for someone, or even yourself!

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Our Sessions in the New Year will start again from Thursday 6th January 2005.

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S.B.C. AT THE H. & F!!!

By Pam Woof

Does anyone remember the Flying Ferrets? They were a group of people who got together and managed to raise thousands of pounds for St. John's Hospice. They also helped to fund the erecting of some of the seats around the town. Well, now some of the members have formed the S.B.C. and they meet at the Horse and Farrier. I am told that you have to be a sad b..... to join it, hence the name! They have a Charter and membership is strictly controlled. They have a good time when they meet but they have pledged that some good for charity should come from them enjoying themselves. Recently they have sponsored Bentham Football Club, producing a sign written match board.

Wagga Wagga Branch

Recently Mel Jamieson, visiting from Australia and working as a barmaid at the Horse and Farrier, has told her father back in Barellan, near Wagga Wagga, New South Wales, about this club. He was so taken with the idea that he has asked if it would be OK to start a branch in his home town of Barellan. The S.B.C. were delighted at this proposed expansion of their ideals, and when the Charter has been read, they hope to twin with the Barellan Club sometime soon.

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By David Alder

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TRANSPORT FOR LATE NIGHT SHOPPING



By Lin Barrington

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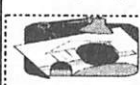


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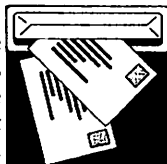
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I was in turmoil. I searched the packed car, I searched my home, in the end I came to the awful realisation that I must have dropped it. I cannot describe how I felt when my purse was handed back to me.

On retracing my steps, someone had found my purse on the road and had handed it into the Nose Bag in Bentham. I just popped in to ask, on a hunch. This is to say a huge heart felt THANK YOU. I am sure my dad is watching over me, so from myself, my children and my family, God bless you.

Name & address supplied.

TAXIBUS TIMETABLE CHANGES



By Lin Barrington

Plans are afoot to make some changes to the Settle Station and North Craven Taxibus timetable. The changes will take place in mid December, but at the time of going to press they have not been finalised, so if you are planning to travel give us a call the day before on 62753 and leave a message on our answering machine. We check messages frequently and will call you back. Alternatively, call in to the Community Information office on Station Road between 10am and 1pm weekdays.

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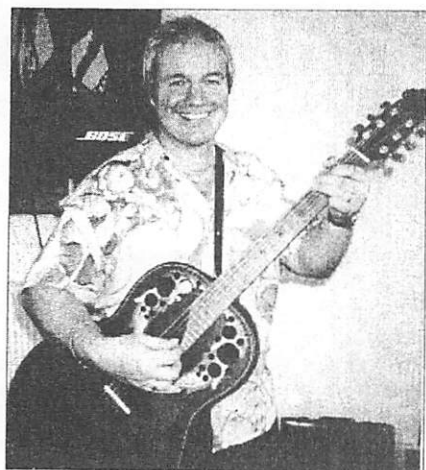
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FATHER CHRISTMAS IN BENTHAM

By Dave Kirsopp

On the evening of Monday 6th December, High Bentham School PTFA, kindly supported by Wennington Hall School, will be guiding Father Christmas around Bentham to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. Please look out and listen for our knocks, for the chance to ask Santa for that special something!!!

Only labelled adults in suitable attire will be collecting. All donations collected will be used by the PTFA for the benefit of the school children. (If anyone objects to us knocking then please inform the school on 61412 with your details and we will not disturb you).

The PTFA is also organising the annual "Christmas Hamper Draw". Tickets will be on sale via pupils/family, school reception and at Late Night Shopping. Last year, due to the generosity of parents, we were able to make enough hampers for 9 lucky winners! The draw will be held on Monday 13th December.

NEWS FROM HIGH BENTHAM CP SCHOOL

By Catherine Boocock

A very big thank you to Sue Camacho for making such lovely things for the Nursery. She has sewn some super, lovely bright Nursery Rhyme sacks and cushions for the children.

We raised a fantastic £153.61 on Jeans for Genes Day for Great Ormond Street hospital, £64.21 for Barnardo's and we collected 100 Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. We have also taken part in the national Elgar-Thon to raise money for a music education centre and the Sargent Music Therapy programme for children with cancer. We all sang Elgar's Land of Hope and Glory and we collected £86, made up of loose change the children brought in. It is great that we have such generous people at our school who wish to help other people.

On Thursday 16th December, classes 3 & 4 will have their Christmas Concert at the Methodist Chapel at 2.00 and 7.00pm.

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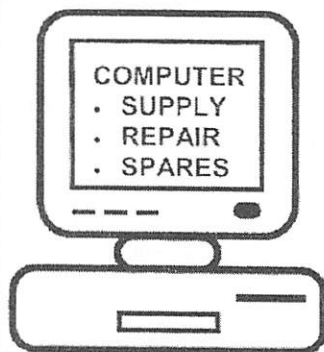
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NEW DOG WASTE BINS FOR BENTHAM

By Jo Burton (Town Clerk)

Good news, Craven District Council has agreed to supply three new dog waste bins for Bentham. One will be sited near Longlands Farm, another on the footpath sign at Streakber Lane and the third on the footpath sign at the junction with the B6480 near the river footpath at Low Bentham silk mill. We hope that these will be installed soon, but so far we do not have a precise date.

EARLY COPY DEADLINES!

By Bill Kennedy

Would all those who submit articles, diary dates and advertising please note that the copy deadline for the January and February editions of the Bentham News will be earlier than usual. Copy deadline will be the 12th, and NOT the 15th of the month.



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CHRISTMAS TIME AT SETTLE COLLEGE

By the College's Press Office

As Christmas approaches, there are a number of events taking place in which the community is invited to support the college.

You might like to buy the Parents' Association's Christmas Quiz which is on sale at a number of locations in the area, it has one tasty section requiring serious perusal of the local sweet shops. The Parents' Association will also be taking part in the Christmas Lights "Switch On" in Settle.

Thinking of others, students from the college have also been taking part in "Operation Christmas Child". Throughout November they have been collecting items and making up parcels for distribution through Samaritans' Purse to children who are victims of war, poverty, famine, disease and natural disaster.

To entertain the community, the drama students have been working hard for their production of "My Mother Said, I Never Should" to be performed between 30th November and 2nd December. The Music Department has also been busy with students taking part in community events and entertaining various groups. Their final performance will be for Age Concern's Friday Drop-In Club takes place on the last day of term. Now that's dedication!