

BENTHAM NEWS

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A VILLAGE CHRISTMAS

The festive season is here again and everyone who is not panicking about how much there is to do in the next couple of weeks, is looking forward to the holiday and beginning to enjoy the seasonal cheer.

This year there seems to have been a special effort to make the villages look attractive, and there will be carol singing around the houses, Christmas services at the churches and concerts at the schools. Most of the pubs will be having special events and menus and there will be plenty of dinners and parties including the usual one for the pensioners. Father Christmas will be visiting High Bentham on the 23rd. and this year there will even be a New Year's Eve Ball at the Town Hall.

But amidst all the festivities we hope that you will be able to spare a thought or two for those folk who are not so likely to have a wonderful time this Christmas, people who are lonely or sick, the single and the elderly. Help them to enjoy a village Christmas too!

Christmas

ISSUE

HEAD LEAVES AT LOW BENTHAM

End of term festivities at Low Bentham Primary School will be tinged with sadness next Friday when pupils, friends and staff bid farewell to Headteacher Mrs. Anne Clements. Mrs. Clements who has been Head for three and a half years, is leaving to take up a new job as Head of a large primary school in Lancashire.

The school has seen many changes since Mrs. Clements became Head including a new chequerboard garden, the planting of a wild area and some 50 trees, and not least the first highly successful year of the Friends of the School Association.

We wish her lots of luck and success in her new post and extend a warm welcome to Miss Muriel Lowe who takes over as Acting Head Teacher for one term until a new Head is appointed.



The Vanishing Litter Bin

(A Cautionary Tale)....

After recent discussions in the Town Council about the litter problem in the centre of High Bentham, it was agreed to supplant the tiny Craven District Council lampost litter bin outside 'Pop and See' with a new 'stand-alone' model. However, before the shiny new bin had a chance to arrive, the existing one disappeared!

After enquiries at last month's Town Council meeting, and while the mayor was still trying to contact Inspector Regan of the Sweeny, a suspiciously similar lampost bin was located on a lampost outside the Spar Shop, which on examination proved to have identical graffiti to the missing one.

As Regan, Carter and the Sweeny were preparing to swoop, it emerged that the bin had been moved by a Craven District Council lightning response squad following a request made in August 1984! (Hallo..Craven District Council?...Hallo, Hallo...is there anybody out there?.....).

HIGH BENTHAM PLAYING FIELDS

Recently the long-serving and hard-working Chairman of the BPFA, Jim Guy, felt it was time to call it a day; he was sincerely thanked and wished well. His presence will still be strong on the Social Club side of things.

Over the years, Jim has overseen the operation of the sports facilities during which time the football and cricket have been run relatively cheaply. He has also been involved in the extension of facilities to cater for tennis, netball and children's play activities. These latter activities have been organized under the auspices of the BPFA for extensive local use at little cost to anyone save the time volunteered by a few.

The floodlighting constructed and financed from the efforts of the Football Club offers dark night football training unequalled for miles around. Arrangements are now being made for the retiling of the dressing room and a shower extension project.

Improvements to the surface of the tennis and netball courts area, and a recent replacement of the netting means that their suitability for 1987 has increased (given reasonable weather conditions). A general winter tidy-up is planned, which includes a respectful reminder to dog-owners about the dangers of their pets' excrement, particularly to children.

Several members of the committee are busy exploring attractions for the 1987 May Bank Holiday Gala. We hope it will be a great success and ask for any suggestions or assistance. We also would be delighted to get any help on continuing maintenance of facilities and in our attempts to extend the sports and

N E W S
playing field facilities.
David Gibson, Secretary.

BENTHAM WOMENS SOCIAL SERVICES
and NSPCC

Father Xmas Arrived early in Bentham to attend the Annual Coffee Morning & Cracker Sale held recently in the Town Hall. The deputy Mayor, Mrs F Richardson, accompanied Coun and Mrs Heseltine, Chairman; Craven District Council, to the sale which realised £600.

Competition winners were;
Mrs W Fleming Mrs Ralph J Metcalfe
Mrs Sedgewick & Mrs Duncan.

The committee extend their thanks to all who gave their help and support.

BRITISH LEGION POPPY APPEAL

The British Legion officials extend their grateful thanks to collectors & helpers who raised a grand sum of £440 this year.

New Look Town Hall

Bentham's Town Hall is looking much smarter inside these days after recent renovations in the ballroom. The new insulated ceiling has been followed by new first floor windows on the south side, a new bar, a cheerful new paint job and a sanded and varnished floor.

The Council are pressing on with their refurbishment programme by replacing the last of the infamous wooden chairs and having a remodelling scheme for the foyer and main staircase prepared. Improvements in the back stage area and dressing rooms are also under consideration.



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W.I. Annual Report

This year, the W.I. has 50 members, with average attendance at 38. Members have enjoyed a varied programme, ranging from Indian cooking to "The Terrible Knitters of Dent". Services to the community have again played an important part in the programme. A donation was made to Harden Bridge Hospital League of Friends, and some members continue to serve refreshments to visitors at the Hospital. Raffle tickets have been sold for the Institute for Blind Welfare, and some members assist with Meals on Wheels.

The fund raising this year was a Cream Teas afternoon, which raised £240 for St. John's Hospice, Lancaster, and several members paid a visit to the Hospice to present the cheque.

The Institute was represented at the Annual Council Meeting and the Autumn General Meeting of the Lancashire Federation of Women's Institutes, and by a delegate to the A.G.M. in London in June.

A craft class run by two of the members on Thursday afternoons continues to flourish and will again provide some charming table decorations at the Christmas Party at December's meeting.

Several outings took place this year. In April, members were invited to a fashion show at Chirnsides of Lancaster, and 3 of the ladies acted as models. The Annual Dinner was held at the White Rose Restaurant in March, and was, as usual, a very convivial affair.

The Group Meeting was held at Tatham Fells in May, attended by members from Wenning, Bentham, Hornby and

Tatham Fells. The evening was a great success, but tinged with some sadness at losing good friends from Tatham Fells and Wennington because of the reforming of the group.

On a glorious evening in June, members embarked on a mystery trip, through our own beautiful local countryside, stopping for supper at Scorton. The Annual Outing in August took the form of a very full day's trip to Edinburgh, with a stop at Gretna Green.

In August also, we had the great pleasure of entertaining friends from Hettons Lyons W.I. to tea in the Twon Hall. These ladies from the Tyne and Wear Federation enjoy their trips to Bentham and our return visits are events not to be missed.

A successful coffee morning was held in September to boost Institute funds. Officers are Mrs. K. Townson, President, Mrs. A. Shallcross, Secretary and Mrs. M. Field, Treasurer. Meetings are held every second Wednesday at 7.30 in the Town Hall. New members are very welcome.

Scouts and Cubs

£127 was raised at our recent Double Jumble Sale. Thank you to everyone who gave their support, particularly the Grans, Grandads and Aunties who helped clear up afterwards.

Two cubs gained proficiency badges last month:- Paul Taylor- 3rd stage swimmer & Christopher Batty-handyman In Scouts David Hastewell gained his Pathfinder award and the Scout award was gained by Nicky Louth, Sam Watt, Martin Hastewell and Colin Johnson.

Anyone interested in Cubs or Scouts is invited to come and watch what we get up to.

Bentham Golf Club

At the AGM on 20. Nov the retiring Captain Mr David Brown, welcomed the new officers for 1987:

President Mr J Thistlethwaite
 Captain Mr A J Clowes
 Vice Captain Mr R Todd
 Lady Captain Mrs A C Dowell
 .. Vice Captain Mrs G Jones

Also welcomed were the new Steward & Stewardess John and Doris Simmons.



Footpath Group

Copies of our programme of winter walks are obtainable from our poetic hairdresser, Tom Guy, Station Road. Please check the monthly notice at his entrance or at Victoria Hall Low Bentham for any revisions.

The group walks ensure that all main paths are regularly used and rights of way learned. Newcomers are always welcome and we encourage independent use of main paths.

In January we shall offer a series of practical map-reading sessions on weekday afternoons (1.30-3pm) if you would like to attend give your name and afternoon of choice to L Moody before New Year

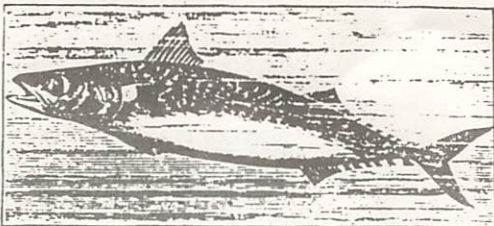
Sea Anglers

Did you know we hold a Monthly Draw? from which 10% of the profits go to charity for terminally ill children, organised by Stan Telford and his committee at the Horse and Farrier, with the praiseworthy aim of paying for a terminally sick child to visit Disneyland in America.

Tickets for the Draw cost £1 from The Horse & Farrier or club members. The Draw takes place on Qiuiz night at the Horse & Farrier on the last Monday of each month but December's Draw will be made on Monday 22 with additional prizes.

October Draw Results;

£100 First prize: Jim Houldsworth
 £50 Second prize: Richard Knowles
 £25 Third prize: Chris Carter.



Common Mackerel (*Scomber scomber*).

Playschool

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December

- Sat 6 BENTHAM PANTO GROUP...INTERPLAY PRESENT "GRAVEHUNGER HALL"
Town Hall 7.30pm £2 & £1 ..tickets from Churchills
- St BONIFACE CHURCH ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DANCE Golf Club.....
Triangle Band
- St JOHN THE BAPTIST CHURCH Low Bentham GIFT DAY & COFFEE
MORNING Victoria Institute, Low Bentham 10 - 11.30
- Sun 7 BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP - GOAT GAP & LINGHAW 7-8 miles
Meet Streakbers 12 noon
- Wed 10 HORSE & FARRIER Jazz Night
- Thurs 11 BENTHAM PENSIONERS CHRISTMAS PARTY Town Hall 7pm
- Fri 12 HORSE & FARRIER 60's DISCO & FAMILY DISCO 6-9pm (special
request by Cheryl)
- Sat 13 HORSE & FARRIER ANNUAL FIRE ANNIVERSARY NIGHT
- Sun 14 HORSE & FARRIER Lunchtime Pool Xmas Knockout
- Tues 16 BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP - BY THE WENNING (new route) 3-5
miles Meet Horse & Farrier 12.30pm
- Wed 17 BENTHAM FOOTBALL CLUB... CHRISTMAS BINGO NIGHT...Bottles
Galore! Town Hall 8pm
- HORSE & FARRIER Darts & Dominoes Christmas Knockout
- Thurs 18 BENTHAM PLAYGROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY
- Fri 19 BENTHAM YOUTH CLUB... PARTY NIGHT & DISCO 10yrs up.8-11pm
Members 25p Non-members 50p
- Sun 21 HORSE & FARRIER ANNUAL XMAS DINNER. EGG DUMP PRIZES- 9pm
(book early to avoid disappointment)
- Mon 22 SEA ANGLING CLUB FREE BOTTLE DRAW.. Horse & Farrier
- Sat 27 BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP - INGLETON - IREBY- BURTON 10-12
miles Meet Ingleton Community Centre 10am
- Wed 31 BENTHAM TOWN COUNCIL....NEW YEARS EVE DANCE Town Hall
8 - 1am Joe McCarthy's Quintet Buffet Supper/Bar £7.50

January

- Thurs 1 BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP HINDBURN & FURNESSFORD BRIDGES 8
miles Meet Punch Bowl, Low Bentham 11am
- Mon 5 TOWN COUNCIL MEETING Town Hall 7.30pm
- Fri 9 BENTHAM CONCERT BAND...COFFEE EVENING for Multiple Sclerosis
Society & Band Funds Town Hall 7.30pm
- Wed 14 BENTHAM HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY "THE RADIO LANCASHIRE
GARDEN" Illustrated talk by Fred Downham Town Hall 7.30
- Mon 26 EWECROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY "BURTON-IN-LONSDALE" Talk
by Stan Lawrence British Legion Hut 7.30

Regular Events

YOUTH CLUB

Seniors Mon 7.30-9.30 Wed 7.30-10.00

Juniors Mon 6.15-7.30

Sen: 13 Upwards Jun: Middle School

WENNING BADMINTON CLUB

Seniors (Club night) Mon 7.30-10.00

Juniors Fri 6.00-9.00

Social Badminton Thurs 6.00-9.00

Contact Andrew Longton B'ham 61838

FOOTBALL CLUB

Two teams play all winter alternate Saturdays

BINGO every Saturday-8pm Legion Hut or Town Hall Contact Fred Richards

BENTHAM PENSIONERS

Meetings:- First Tues each month Legion Hut 7.30pm

WHIST DRIVE:- Second Mon every month. Legion Hut 7.30 Contact Fred Richards

BENTHAM PLAYGROUP

Tues & Thurs 9.00-12 noon Town Hall

CUBS & SCOUTS

CUBS: every Thurs 5.15-7.00 Scout Hut

SCOUTS: every Thurs 7.00 Scout Hut.

Subs 50p per boy.

QUIZ NIGHT

Every Monday 9.00pm Horse & Farrier

For Christmas Church Services see page 10....

CHURCH SERVICES

St. BONIFACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Sat 6.30pm Sunday 9.30am & 11.00am

Holy Days 9.00am & 6.00pm

St. MARGARET'S CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Sunday 8.00am Eucharist Sunday 10.00am

Parish Eucharist with Sermon & Junior

Church. Wed 9.00am Eucharist.

Fortnightly Mothers Union: Tuesday.

St. JOHN THE BAPTIST C of E Low Bentham

1st Sunday 8.00 Holy Communion 10.30am

Family Service: 2nd Sunday 10.30am

Morning Prayer: 3rd Sunday 10.30am

Family Communion: 4th Sunday 10.30am

Holy Communion: 5th Sunday 10.30am Holy

Communion & Morning Prayer.

Womens Fellowship 1st Mon Victoria Hall

2.30 (Sept-June). Bible Study & Prayer

at Greystones Tuesday 10.am.

SOCIETY OF FRIENDS Calf Cop. Low B'ham

Meeting for Worship Every Sunday

11.00am and 12 Noon.

METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday Worship 10.30am & 6.30pm

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Stop Press

Another chance to hear Wendy Stewart and Alan James of FAT HEN at their appearance at the Black Bull Folk Song Evening on Wednesday 17th. December

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Those Street Lights Again

Dear Editor....

Presumably the 'star lover' in BT no.1 is either a male or a car driver, or both. At any rate he can never have experienced the anxiety women regularly have to contend with if they wish to venture out after dark. Nationwide women are campaigning for adequate street lighting in order to enjoy the freedom of movement at night that men take for granted. Bentham Council are to be congratulated on their street lighting programme.

Yours faithfully, Alison Hawkey

Dear Sirs,

I feel that I should reply to Tom Cahill's letter printed in your first issue which raised the subject of street lighting in Bentham. I must agree that the design of the lighting columns is more conducive to a modern industrial estate than to what is essentially a village environment but the benefits must surely outweigh the disadvantages. The pavements on the main street are irregular in both width and surface and have been in the past a positive danger to pedestrians, now at last it is possible to walk out safely at night, to see and be seen by passing traffic. Well lit street also act as a deterrent to would be mischief makers, a bonus to our local traders.

Yours faithfully,

Angela Garman.

Newsletter

A salute to the new joint Christmas Newsletter circulated in Bentham by the Ministers of the Roman Catholic, Methodist and Anglican Churches.

L. Moody.

Play Area

Dear Sirs,

As an interested observer who is keen to see progress in Bentham, can anybody tell me what is happening about the proposed children's Play Area in Goodenber Road? It has been fenced off for sometime now but no further developments seem to be forthcoming. Has the idea of a Play area been shelved or is the Committee still active in raising funds; either way it would be sad to see this area become a natural dumping ground for unwanted rubbish.

"Look-out".

Carols

To The Editor.

Sir

For me the most moving part of all Christmas celebrations in 1985 was the combined carol singing in the streets of Bentham led by local children and their teachers, with instrumental accompaniment - a true community effort.

May we hope that something similar will be organised again this year, and assure the organisers of our wholehearted support.

L. Moody

Low Flying Aircraft

Due to the excellent response to my letter in the last paper, there will be a meeting of people concerned with low flying military aircraft on the New Year. Please note 6 January on your diary, the venue, 6 Tweed St, 7.30.



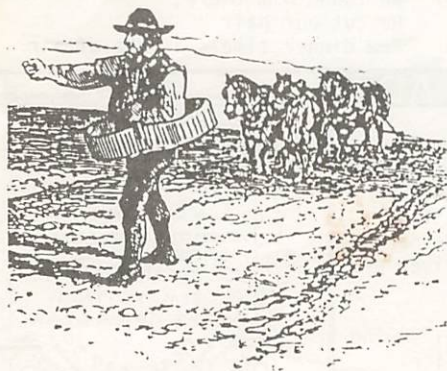
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Some sage of yesteryear is alleged to have said 'the anzer loies in the 'soil'. Although this may have been true at the time, a more appropriate saying these days might be 'the answer lies in Brussels...'

Now we all have our own particular views on the EEC and Britain's membership of it, and I don't intend to force mine on you all. However, what I will try to do month by month is tell you what is happening on my farm, what effect the policymakers before EEC days would have had on these happenings, and what the implications of EEC membership are for these same events both today and in the future. In this manner you should then be a little better equipped to decide on the merits of our participation.

You will also get some insight into a part of the food chain that you might not know too well and perhaps understand a little of the problems farmers face, our philosophy, and the pleasure we derive from our lives on the land.

I will also try to include in this column some thought provokers including organic food production, 'Chernobyl lamb and milk', food mountains, wine lakes and the Common Agricultural Policy. I hope that you will 'Look into the Land' through this column each month.

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21 December 6.30pm Carol Service
25 December 10.30am Xmas Family
Worship



St. JOHN THE BAPTIST Low Bentham

14 December 10.30am "Candlelight"
Service
21 December 3.00pm Festival of
Lessons and Carols
24 December 11.30pm Midnight Holy
Communion
25 December 10.30am Xmas Morning
Worship for the Family

St. BONIFACE

24 December 11.30pm Carol Singing
and Midnight Mass

St. MARGARETS

24 December 6.00pm Blessing of
the Crib and Carols
24 December 11.30pm Midnight
Eucharist
25 December 8.00am Eucharist
25 December 10.00am Parish
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THE COOKERY PAGE

by Bob Brooks



A Merry Christmas to you all. The season of goodwill is again upon us parties abound gluttony and one over the eight are orders of the day. Why not try these accompaniments for the traditional turkey.

Sausage, Walnut & Apricot Stuffing
4 Portions:

- 4oz sausagemeat
- turkey liver
- 2oz breadcrumbs
- 1 egg
- 2oz broken walnuts
- 2oz dried apricots
(soaked in Port)

Blend all ingredients, roll inside greaseproof paper & bake at No 4 gas 350° electric for 20 mins. Slice & serve.

Jellied Cranberries

4 Portions:

- 1 pint Orange jelly
- 8oz Cranberries

Cinnamon Ginger and Sugar

Make up the jelly and place all the other ingredients in a pan cover and cook slowly until cranberries pop open. Stir into the jelly and set in fridge - serve with hot or cold pork turkey or ham.

A turkey is 50% bone weight, use the carcass in this "very warming" soup, it's rather nice with a gallon of iced water.

Mulligatawny - Curry Soup

8 Portions:

- turkey carcass - chopped
- 1 onion)
- 1 carrot) roughly chopped
- 4oz curry powder
- 4oz butter
- 4oz plain flour
- 2oz tomato puree
- small tub natural yoghurt
- eating apple)
- 1/2 cucumber) finely diced

Brown the bones in the butter, add the carrot & onion continue to brown (approx. 5 mins). Add all the dry ingredients and blend. Add 4 pints of water gradually, stir to the boil and simmer for 1hr, taste and season Strain the soup, serve with a swirl of yoghurt & a teaspoon of the apple and cucumber.

The fact that Xmas is coming and my parrot's getting fat is coincidental
Next Month - Apres Christmas:-Eating on an overdraft - 100 things to do with a pound of mince.

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How many Christmas words can you find? Answers to last month's wordsearch were....Wildmans, Bruns, Wards, Spar, Pigtails, Coop, Lloyds, Gills, Forsters, Churchhills (sic), Armstrongs, Hairlines, Toobys, Laundrette, Bakery, Dairy, McManus, Fishers, Sue Ryder.

End p i e C E



Apologies again for our late arrival, especially to our advertisers, due partly to late copy but mostly to our own disorganisation. Christmas will mean that the next issue will not hit the streets until the second week in January. However, we hope that by February, helped by computerised page making, the News will be out by the first of the month. Everyone can help by remembering the final date for news and events listing which is the 21st of the month.

Anyway, it seemed that most folk like issue no.1 We had some criticism and would like some more. We will deal with the points raised in no.3.

We have not managed to get our astrology and gossip columns into print yet but both are on the way. We need pictures and photos still, and people to follow up and write news stories and features.

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