

BENTHAM NEWS



ABATTOIR FOR BENTHAM?

As many of you will be aware, an application for Planning Permission to convert the old Gravure Print premises to an abattoir has been lodged with Craven District Council.

Craven Planning Department have requested further information about the proposals from the applicant, the North Yorkshire Wholesale Meat Company and the application is likely to be heard at the Planning Committee meeting on MONDAY 15th APRIL.

What does this proposed development mean for the people of Bentham? Will there be a smell? Will the noise of distressed beasts be heard? How many lorries will trundle down Wenning Avenue and how often? Will it benefit local farmers? Will it help to increase trade in the town?

The application will be discussed at the next Town Council meeting on MONDAY 7th APRIL. Although the decision on whether to allow this proposed development rests with members of Craven's Planning Committee, the comments of the Town Council will be noted at the Committee meeting.

Craven District Council have already received "a massive number of objections" to the proposal. If you want more information about it or if you want to lodge an objection, you should write to the Chief Planning Officer, Craven District Council, Granville Street, Skipton, BD23 1PS.

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HORNBY DRAMA GROUP

Once again we would like to thank those who gave their support, by coming to see our play 'Pack of Lies'. We are also very grateful to all who worked behind the scenes, and the many who gave us publicity with posters and entries in local news-sheets.

Our next production will be our entry for the **HORNBY DRAMA FESTIVAL** which will be taking place on Thursday 9th May until Saturday 11th May.



THE COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY

Mr Harward entertained members of the Society with a lively and stimulating talk about his experiences, first as a farm manager of a large scale enterprise in Wiltshire, and since 1988 as tenant farmer of the National Trust farm at Bank House, Silverdale.

After becoming disillusioned with uprooting hedges and spraying fields with pesticides and fertilisers, in Wiltshire, he and his wife now farm organically, rearing suckler cattle, sheep, Gloucester Old Spot pigs and free range hens, geese and turkeys, without recourse to pesticides or chemical fertilisers.

In addition he acts as part-time warden for the many National Trust properties in the Silverdale area, such as Eaves Wood, Heathwaite, Jack Scout and Arnside Knott. He showed slides of working parties on these sites and explained that their purpose is primarily to maintain the health and richness of the grasslands and woodlands.



CHRISTIAN AID

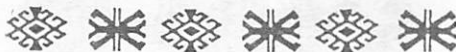
The Lent Lunch held on Wednesday, 20th February, in the Methodist School Room, a total of £302.50 was realised.

We would like to thank all those who supported us by giving donations, attending or helping in any way. Thank you again.



A **YOUNG PERSONS CONCERT** is to be held at Settle High School on Saturday 27th April 7pm - 8pm approx.

A programme of short pieces chosen with young people in mind. The pieces will be individually introduced by the conductor, Alan White. There will also be demonstrations of parts of the orchestra and some audience participation. Tickets £1 adults, 50p children. Available on the door.



St Margaret's Mothers' Union.

The Rev Janet Eastwood was welcomed to the meeting in the Town Hall on March 12th. The speaker described her experiences when working with young people and stressed the importance of tolerance in the relationship between young and old members of the church, pointing out that each age group had so much to offer, and that the young members today were the church of tomorrow.

Mrs Andrews extended the vote of thanks.



COMIC RELIEF RAFFLE

A raffle held at the Horse & Farrier for **COMIC RELIEF** raised a total, so far, of £93.00. Thank you to Viv & Stan, Bentham Sports Wear & Sheila Ward for donating the various prizes and to the many people who donated to the various charity events organised throughout the year at the Farrier.

Michaela Bruce.

TOWN COUNCIL

Firstly, let me apologise to the gentleman who very kindly undertook to report when the bottle bank was full. He is **Mr. Lennie Cockerton** and not Mr. Cottam as stated in my last Town Council report. My only defence is that it is often difficult to hear what's said around the table, especially when names are mentioned - could Councillors either speak up a bit or have a whip round for a hearing-aid, please?

Councillors present at this meeting were: Bateson, Bloxham, Davies, Hewitt, Hurtley, Joel, Marshall, Preston, Telford, plus District Councillor Pilkington and 8 members of the public, including P.C. Kaye.

TOWN HALL ITEMS Telephone. Yes, it's back on the agenda after only six months. Councillor Bloxham reported that there were occasions when access to a telephone would be useful to events' organisers. She was strongly supported by Councillor Telford who said that if the Town Hall is to be marketed as a venue, then a pay phone is essential. Councillors Davies and Joel opposed the motion and a decision was deferred pending accurate costing.

LOCAL PETITION AGAINST VIDEO ARCADE As many of you will know, the erstwhile Legion Hut has been transformed into a video arcade. Many local residents are concerned about this for various reasons and a petition has been sent to Craven District Council. The alterations to the hut do require Planning Permission for which the owner has not yet applied. Craven's Planning Department are to give him a short time to apply before considering enforcement proceedings.

SUNDAY MARKET The Council had received a reply to their letter to Richard Turner of the Auction Mart. Councillors felt that this issue should be allowed to "lie on the table where it will die a natural death". Does this mean the Sunday Market, or local objections to it?



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A PROPER ROAD FOR WENNING AVENUE? Councillor Joel had attended "a very positive" meeting about the possible adoption of Wenning Avenue by the Highways Department. They have agreed in principle to put up £50,000. But when it will happen and who will put up the rest of the money?

CIVIL LIBERTIES ABUSES IN BENTHAM? Councillor Telford expressed grave concern about the current police recommendations regarding licensed events in the Town Hall. It seems that the strict regulations require 20 stewards for a crowd of 300 people and that names and addresses of those buying tickets must be recorded by the event organiser and be made available for inspection by the police. Complaints had been received that this constituted an infringement of civil liberties. Councillor Telford felt that if everyone ran functions by the book, then there would be no more events in Bentham.

PC Kaye was unable to comment but suggested that the Council take up the matter with his supervisors. He did stress however, that Bentham was not being singled out.

It was agreed to set up a sub-committee comprising of Councillors Dawber, Bateson, Telford and Preston. It is hoped that this committee can have an early meeting with a Chief Inspector.

PLANNING APPLICATION Look your last on Ingleborough, ye people of Low Bentham Road! British Telecom have applied for Planning Permission to erect a 56 foot high tower behind the telephone exchange to improve cell phone reception in the area. Despite the obvious threat to visual amenity (this is an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty after all) only 3 Councillors objected to the application. Still, the reps calling base from their car phones won't worry about that.

The next Town Council meeting is on Monday 7th April.

Kate Steele.



Survey of Local Pub Grub

by Shirley Brown



SORRY, WE DON'T SERVE FOOD HERE!

This is a comment you won't hear in Bentham pubs nowadays, as I found out by contacting each of the pubs recently. In fact what was impressive was the enthusiasm with which each of the landlords spoke about the menus that they have on offer.

The following is a brief summary of what each pub provides:

THE SUN DIAL - LOW BENTHAM - 61532

The "joyful landlord" claims that they offer the "best food in the area"! Jane, the landlady does the cooking, and is particularly proud of "The Bistro" which operates at weekends serving mainly steaks, chicken and fish dishes. Once a month there is a Banquet. These vary and always have a different theme, eg. on April 26th there is a medieval banquet. Apart from Bar Snacks, Jane also makes her own pizzas, and these can be eaten on the premises or ordered by phone as a "take-away". Food is served every lunchtime and evenings (from 7pm)(not Monday evenings).

4 THE PUNCH BOWL - LOW BENTHAM - 61344

Here the landlady, Glenys, does the cooking, and she is particularly proud of the fact that she only uses fresh vegetables. Bar meals are available every day (except Mondays) and for £2.50 upwards such dishes as fish & chips, scampi, sausage egg & chips & salads are on offer. For a more formal meal the dining room is open Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays from 7pm-9pm with an a la carte menu. There is a choice of starters (prawn cocktail is popular). The main course could be steak au poivre, salmon, trout or half a duckling, and there's an extensive choice of sweets. The landlord says it is advisable to book for the evening meals as they are proving very popular.

THE BLACK BULL - HIGH BENTHAM - 61213

Jen, the landlady, stressed that her menu was "traditional pub grub" with the emphasis on "home-made". By far the best value dish is her meat & potato pie with mushy peas for £1.50. Since Jen & Peter arrived here 7 months ago they have experimented with various dishes & think they now know what Bentham people enjoy most. Soups at 95p, Fisherman's Pie, Steak & Kidney pie at £2.95, beef curry, lasagne, jacket potatoes with various fillings, and a good range of sandwiches, are a sample of what is on offer. For £3.50 you can have a traditional Sunday lunch of roast beef and yorkshire. Food is served every lunchtime (12-2) and evenings.

THE COACH HOUSE - HIGH BENTHAM - 62305

The Head Chef recommends his own recipe, "Scampi Berlin" at £5 for a real taste treat. The emphasis here is on choice, as the chef offers an imaginative menu ("more fancy cooking") as well as simple steak with chips and vegetables for around £3. There is a Special Board daily, and a range of sweets, and on a Sunday lunchtime a traditional roast dinner is available for £4. Food is served every lunchtime and evening.

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THE HORSE AND FARRIER - HIGH BENTHAM - 61381

Here you can get pizzas until last orders, or to take-out, for £3. There are also sandwiches (95p), beefburgers, Yorkshire pud with onion gravy, lasagne, "Farrier" pie, and a Special Board which includes such dishes as Seafood Tortellini at £2.25. Food is served every lunchtime 12-1.45pm, and Sunday-Thursday 7-8.45pm, and Friday & Saturday 7-9.45pm.

THE BYRES - HIGH BENTHAM - 62425

And what about "The Byres" you may be wondering? Well Colin says that at present they are not able to serve food, but all the facilities are there to cook from a charcoal grill, so he's hoping to be able to offer a grilled steak bar at some point. Good luck Colin!

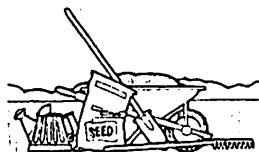
There is no doubt that Bentham's pubs are offering an excellent range of food at a reasonable price for locals and visitors alike. The friendliness and hospitality I received when making my enquiries for this article was so positive that I feel able to make a few suggestions which could make what is provided EVEN better!

How about coordinating the times when you don't serve food so that meals are always available somewhere in Bentham?

Would "No Smoking" areas where food is being eaten be a possibility?

Could a greater range of vegetarian dishes be provided?

All in all though, it has been a pleasure compiling this report - I hadn't realised quite what a thriving scene eating out in Bentham has become. And long may it continue.



GERTIE GREENFINGERS

High on my list of favourite flowers is the beautiful Clematis. No garden should be without at least one of the dozens of different varieties available. The smaller blooming ones like C. Montana can be used most effectively to clothe fences, archways, old tree stumps and even the garden shed, but so often the larger flowering ones are simply strung up on pieces of trellis against a wall in the hope that the gorgeous blooms will break up the harsh lines of the building. For a truly spectacular show these larger flowering varieties can be left unsupported to scramble amongst the border plants and annuals. Unfortunately most gardeners are obsessed with pruning and may question this informal type of gardening, but far from being a difficult task it can be easily solved by pruning the plant hard back in November which will promote early spring growth, and there should be no ill effects. Conversely there is a good case for leaving some varieties unpruned, certainly those which thread their way through the taller deciduous and conifer trees, these can grow up to 25 feet in height and will adorn their hosts with a mass of blooms each year if left to their own devices.

TIP OF THE MONTH

My snowdrops have been wonderful this year, but by the middle of the month the flowers will be fading and the plump green seed pods will have formed. This is the time to split up the clumps and spread them around the garden. For some reason snowdrops benefit from being transplanted in "the green" as this method is called, trying to raise new plants from those rather dessicated little bulbs is very much a hit and miss affair. Remember when replanting in the new site to group at least 6 - 8 plants together, snowdrops tend to look innocuous when standing in splendid isolation!

Bentham News Coffee Morning

THANKS!

We had a wonderful response (on a rain-soaked day) to our recent Coffee Morning. The atmosphere at the event was friendly and supportive, the committee all enjoyed themselves, and are delighted to be able to announce that £328 was raised!

Non-committee members who made invaluable contributions to the success of the morning were: Jean & Sean who ran an amazingly prolific plant stall (half Bentham will be smelling of the organically-grown garlic which was selling "like hot cakes"!); Then there was Phyllis Tomlinson who worked tirelessly (despite having only just returned from a relaxing holiday) making the delicious coffee. And we mustn't forget Marjorie Errington, who was on the door, delegated to this task because she knows nearly everyone!

Every month BN has to find £400 so the money raised by the Coffee Morning is much appreciated - nothing is wasted! We'll hold our annual Open Meeting in June, so bear this in mind if you have any ideas which could be included in BN, or any complaints!

Don't forget also that there's room on the Editorial Committee for interested Benthamers. Why not give it a 3 month trial? Just ring any committee member, or Lesley on 62040 for details of when the next meeting is to be held.

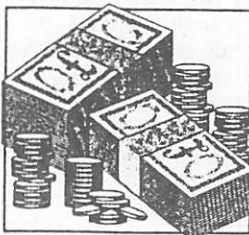
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OPERATION RALEIGH AUCTION REPORT

by Robert Cowling

Just a quick thank you to all those who donated items for my auction on 14 March. Despite the low attendance, the event raised £350, mainly due to the persuasive skills of auctioneer Edward Ogden. Special thanks must go too to Alan Bennett who kindly donated 2 tickets for "Wind In The Willows" currently showing at the National Theatre in London, and his signed, personal, uncut rehearsal copy of "Habeas Corpus" - these 2 items together raised £70.

I have now reached the grand total of £600, and only have another £2,000 to go! If anyone wants to make a donation towards my expedition or has any ideas (to add to my own) about how I might raise the rest of the money, I would always be pleased to hear from them. (Tel: 61764)



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DISTRICT AFFAIRS



Ralph Atkinson, one of our two Liberal Democrat District Councillors, reports from Craven District Council.

1991/92 BUDGET

Total expenditure for 1991/92, at £3.53 million, is expected to be up by 15.5% from 1990/91 (£3.06m.). The increase is largely due to inflation and the extra costs of street cleaning taken over from the County Council, but because there has been a reduction of 11% in the Govt's. Revenue Support Grant, the Poll Tax will go up by some 22% to £304.88. The calculation is as follows:

	£million
Expenditure	
County Expenditure (88%)	26.79
District Expenditure (11%)	3.58
Total:	30.37
Income	
Business Rate	13.29
Revenue Support Grant	4.48
Area Protection Grant	0.97
Interest	0.12
Total:	18.86
To be met from Poll Tax	11.51
Equated population *	37,770
Therefore, Poll Tax	£304.88

*Note: Population in terms of 100% taxpayers including students(20%) and other rebates. This is down 1,200 this year mainly because second homes only attract one standard charge instead of two.

The transfer of street cleaning from County to District increases the district budget but won't affect the total charge very much as the County budget is reduced by an (almost) equivalent amount - the difference of some £70,000 being due to increased standards demanded by the Environment Protection Act.

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HIPPIES ON LAIRGILL

Hopefully, by the time this appears in print the hippies will have been moved on. I've had a lot of complaints about them but the situation was quite complicated. On the Council car park nobody's allowed for more than 23 hours out of 24 but they'd carefully not parked there. The piece of land they had settled on is half owned by Craven District and half by the County, so I'd get both to agree to take an injunction for trespass.

HOUSING

At last !!!! we've finally managed to get one of our Bentham families that've been on the housing list for ages decently housed. Living with even the nicest people at close quarters for long periods can be a trial so we hope they are now happy and settled. However, there are still several individuals and families with outstanding needs and because of Govt. housing policies we can't make any promises of housing for them in the future.

SUBSIDY CUT FOR SHELTERED HOUSING

The County Social Services Committee have cut their grant to sheltered housing by 50% with a promise to cut out the rest next year. At £30 a housing unit this cut will mean a loss of £26,000 to our sheltered housing programme this year. As we'll also get less from central Government for this programme, ultimately this will mean yet another increase in rents.

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COMPETITION TIME!

7 people entered our MARCH competition, so their 50p entry fees have added £3.50 to BN funds. Many thanks to the committee member who donated the £5 prize, which was won by MRS. LINDA CRESSEY from Ellergill Cottages, Low Bentham.

The correct answers were: 1. Over Farleton Knott, 2. 10% tree cover, & 3. Jan Baker.

There are 3 questions in this month's competition to which the answers can be found by careful reading of the March BN.

1. Where locally is there a 24 hour Car Wash?
2. What should you plant among strawberries to produce larger fruit?
3. Which group of road users is the most vulnerable of all to accidents?

Put your answers on a piece of paper together with your name and address. Sellotape your 50p to it and hand it in at Tim Churchill's shop in Station Road. The first correct answer drawn out at midday on SATURDAY 20 APRIL will receive the £5 cash prize. The winner's name and the correct answers will be published in the next BN.

We have to apologise for leaving out the correct answers to the "Win A Video" Anagram Competition, and hope that this hasn't led to too many sleepless nights for any ardent puzzlers! The correct answers were: 1. St. Michael, 2. Economics, 3. Pacemaker, 4. Greets Sir, 5. Eavesdrop, 6. Half Backs, 7. Freemason, 8. Anchorage, 9. Senescent, 10. Desiccant, 11. Birthrate, & 12. Gatecrash.

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Any child age 13 and under is eligible to enter. Each joke entered must be accompanied by a 20p entry fee, but you can send in as many jokes as you like. Just write your best joke or jokes on a letter or card, together with your name, age, address and entry fee (20p per joke). Take this to Tim Churchill's shop in Station Road. The closing date for the competition is midday on SATURDAY 20th APRIL. There are 3 prizes of cartoon videos, which have been kindly donated by a BN reader. The jokes will be judged by a panel of children, and the prize-winners' names and jokes will be published in the next BN.

By way of a SPECIAL SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA BN is proud to announce a **PRIZE DRAW!** We have 2 **MYSTERY PRIZES TO GIVE AWAY!** All you have to do is put your name and address together with 20p (or more if you wish!) and tell us your favourite part of BN. Any other comments about the paper that you might like to include will be read with interest too! This entry should be left at Tim Churchill's (as in the above competitions) by midday on SATURDAY 20 APRIL. All entries will be included in the draw for the 2 mystery prizes, and the winners will be the first 2 picked out of the plastic container!



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FROM COUNTY HALL



Our County Councillor Ralph Atkinson reports:

POLL TAX

Several people have rung me to ask why their Poll Tax is more than others in the District. The difference lies in the parish rate. The total Poll Tax is made up of three parts - County, District and Parish. The County and District rates are the same for all of us, but the Parish rates vary according to the income, expenditure and population of each parish. Our parish rates are as follows:

	Precept	Pop.	Per head	Total P.T.
	1.	2.	3.	4.
Austwick	470	380	1.24	306.12
Bentham	15,500	2065	7.51	312.39
Burton	4,695	446	10.53	315.41
Clapham	1,200	452	2.65	307.53
Ingleton	9,943	1544	6.44	311.42
Lawkland	0	150	0	304.88
Thornton	-1,000	233	-4.29	300.59

The precept is the amount the parish asks the District to collect for them; the 'Pop.' is the number of tax-payer equivalents (eg. 5 students @ 20% = 1) and Col.3 is Col. 1 over Col. 2. Lawkland is nil because their parish council has no expenditure and Thornton is negative because their income exceeds their requirements.

SELL OFF OF RURAL WORKSHOPS

The Rural Development Commission is planning to sell off the 162 Yorkshire workshops it owns. Many small businesses won't be able to buy-out the commission and will go to the wall. Why the Commission has chosen such a bad time to make this move is beyond me, beside which

9 I reckon it's a denial of one of their main purposes. The Economic Sub-committee have accepted this but I believe it's a retrograde step which should be strongly opposed.

NURSERY SCHOOLS

In the wake of the loss of the £1million to the Education budget reported last month, much of which was to be spent on nursery education, a report to the House of Commons states that pre-school children in North Yorkshire have less chance of a nursery school place than anywhere in the North East. Under fives in South Tyneside have more than twice the chance of getting a nursery place than in our County and the difference is even greater in the south.

GOOD REPORT ON EDUCATION

Schools and colleges in North Yorkshire are doing better than the national average, according to a recent report by H M Inspector of Schools. Ninety percent of our children receive an education which is more than satisfactory compared to a national figure of only 70%. More children are gaining top GCSE grades and more are staying on for further education than national averages.

SNOW CLEARING

Councillors were unanimous in their praise of the Highways Department for their record of snow clearance. The Department's action was both prompt and effective and the disruption to motor traffic was minimal. However the cost was great. The blizzard of the 7-10th December cost half a million pounds and that for the 7-15th February some £1 million. This will probably result in a considerable overspend on the Highways budget by the end of the year. Questions were asked about minimising the usage and cost of salt. Usage is carefully monitored and cost is kept as low as possible (about £20 a tonne) by competitive tendering. Urea which is sometimes used on delicate structures open to salt erosion cost some eight times as much.



NURSING IN ROMANIA

by Jill Matthews.

HOW I HEARD ABOUT "HEALTH AID UK"

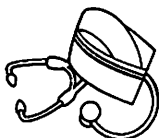
An article in the Lancaster Guardian last summer by a retired teacher who had just returned from Romania, put me in touch with Health Aid UK. This is a Rochdale based organisation which started in 1985 during the famine in Ethiopia. After the Romanian revolution in 1989, when the extent of the Aids problem became apparent, Health Aid established a team of volunteer nurses in the Colentina Hospital, Sector 2, Bucharest. This is in fact two hospitals: a modern one for general medicine and surgery, and behind it an infectious diseases hospital built in 1900 which include a children's pavilion for Aids and HIV+ patients.

RAT AND COCKROACH INFESTATION

Initially, the volunteers took with them Environmental Health and Pest Control officers from Rochdale, to deal with the enormous rat and cockroach infestation in the wards. Mercifully since then, the conditions have improved dramatically. Teams of volunteer plumbers, electricians and medical technicians have installed equipment and improved facilities much needed by the hospital.

NO NURSES IN ROMANIA

There are NO NURSES in Romania - Ceausescu abolished nursing about 12 years ago. There are "medical assistants" who see their job as putting up I.V. infusions, taking blood and giving injections. The main bulk of the work falls on the untrained staff, who in-between cleaning floors, fetching feeds and bringing clothes from the laundry, feed and wash up to 30 babies. That leaves very little time for TLC (tender loving care) or stimulation of babies who are badly deprived of both.



10 FUNDING

For the first six months the project was funded by the Terence Higgins Trust but now this has been taken over by Save The Children (Sweden). British nurses work alongside Romanian staff. Some of the aims of Health Aid are to provide support and encouragement to all members of nursing staff who have not received formal and in-depth training in caring for HIV+ patients. British Aerospace kindly loaned "Health Aid" an apartment near the hospital for off-duty nurses and at any one time between 7 - 11 nurses were staying there. There always seemed to be a great deal of activity and it sometimes felt like living in the middle of Euston Station!

But one was always assured of company, and Bucharest, although a grim city, had plenty to offer in cultural activities - concerts, theatres, art galleries etc. The food shops were dismal and the people spent a great deal of time queueing for anything, as everything was in short supply.

CHRISTMAS IN ROMANIA

Although it is not a great festival in Romania, at Christmas the staff on the babies' wards gave us a marvellous sample of Romanian cooking. We were greatly touched as it must have meant queueing for hours to obtain the ingredients, and this would have had to be fitted in with home commitments and long hours at work.

Travel by public transport is very cheap and on our days off we would usually go up into the mountains which are very beautiful. As yet Romania is not in the grip of tourism and holiday places are remarkably unspoilt.

Life for the Romanians is still very difficult in all spheres. There is no doubt that the death of Ceausescu has led to the end of an appalling regime, but has left them many problems. As John Chapman said in January BN the Romanian People are very demoralised. They need not just 'things', but people, who will support and help them regain confidence in their abilities.



EDITOR'S NOTE:- Over the Easter period a further expedition to Isverna and other villages in the **TURNU SEVERIN** region of

Romania has been organised by Andy Ive. Three coaches and a minibus have taken 100 people from this area combined with others from London, and amongst the number are 8 youngsters (the 2 from Bentham are Sally Cowling & Sam Whittaker). The group includes many artisans; plumbers, electricians, builders, surveyors, nurses as well as others who are just ready to give their time & energy. One project is to construct play areas, and to this end a range of equipment has been taken out. Medical supplies and washing machines have also been especially requested by the hospital & orphanage.

BN hopes to include a report on how the work party got on, in the next edition.



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11 " KNIGHT OF ACTION "

A pleasing turn out of 30 tradespeople came to the special meeting held on the 15th March, which aimed to restart the Bentham Traders Association.

SUNDAY MARKETS were discussed. Some traders were in favour and some not, but many observed the poor quality of the market and thought it would fade out. A letter from a Wednesday market trader, who has knowledge of the Rossendale Chamber of Trade's battle to remove the same company, urged us to pursue the matter. We apparently have the right , as a market town, with a charter, to prevent other markets being held within 7 miles of the town!

SATURDAY AFTERNOON TRADING was also discussed with a view to increasing business if everyone in Bentham opened until 4pm, during the summer months.

Interest and concern was shown about the planning application made for an **ABBATOIR** on Wenning Avenue and the more serious implications of the **VIDEO ARCADE** acting without planning permission were discussed, although no-one seemed to know exactly what goes on in there!

There was a strong consensus of opinion that the principle aim of the Association should be to keep the individual needs of traders in balance so that the Bentham trade, as a whole, would be successfully promoted and developed.

It was decided to call an **AGM on FRIDAY 15th APRIL at 7pm in the Lower Town Hall**. Officers will be elected on this occasion and the framework of the Association will be discussed to decide how to bring it up to date for the 1990's. Please come, if you are a trader in High or Low Bentham, and show your support for the Association.



YOUR LETTERS



Dear Bentham News,

Not until the Post Office informed me otherwise, no one had told me I lived on Mount Pleasant, I thought it was 'Fat Sheep'.

Yours faithfully

I. Sidaway

2, Beech Mount Cottage,
Mount Pleasant,
High Bentham.

Dear Editor,

I am writing to explain the attitude of the Governors of Bentham School toward the provision of secondary education for local children.

The Governors wish to make the point that there is no choice of secondary school for local children provided by North Yorkshire within county boundaries. Children from Bentham go on to Ingleton Middle School and then to Settle High School. The only alternative within reasonable travelling distance is Queen Elizabeth School, Kirkby Lonsdale. The governors wish to provide a choice for the parents of Bentham children. It is not the aim of the Governing Body to introduce some kind of selection procedure based on, say, the 11+. As Headmaster of Bentham School, I would require a report on a child's progress and attainment from his/her present school. In addition, I would want to interview prospective applicants in order to gain some idea of their potential and to explain the ethos of the school.

Yours sincerely

J.E. Rigg.

Headmaster Bentham School.

Dear Editor,

It was with some relief as well as pleasure that I read your complimentary remarks (Feb issue BN) about my wooden house, as the end result did seem rather bright but I also thought that it was warm and cheery. I did wonder of course how other people felt. May I thank you for your kind remarks.

Yours sincerely

P.J. Jakubowski (Mrs).

13 Goodenber Crescent, THE RED HOUSE.

Dear Bentham News,

Without listing a host of names I would like to thank all the people of Bentham & District, of all ages, who worked so hard to make the recent "Charity" efforts so successful.

It never ceases to amaze me how so many people in the Bentham area are prepared to assist others, who, because of various reasons, appear to be less fortunate than themselves.

To all the Staff, Bands, Ticket Sellers, Collecting Girls, and all other helpers, I would like to express my personal appreciation for the recent activities which resulted in:-

1, The raising of £616.54 for the "Phillips Trust". 2, The sending of five excellent parcels to the Gulf Forces. 3, The raising of over £100.00 (and still continuing) for Comic Relief. 4, All those who gave a pint of blood for 'A Pint' at the recent Blood Transfusion Session.

May you continue to keep up the good work and thank you once again.

Stan Telford.

Horse & Farrier.



AGE Concern

BENTHAM

by Cliff Machin

Begone winter's chill! Yes, by the time this is in print our winter programme will be committed to memory and reminiscence - such pleasant memories and reminiscences too!

To those who have contributed to the success of the programme by giving up their time to entertain, amuse, educate, protect and feed us, we send our sincere thanks for their selfless efforts. They have turned winter's igloo of chill into an oasis of warmth in the Lower Town Hall every Friday.

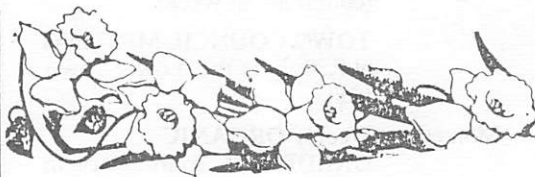
In anticipation of the Summer Programme! It is in final preparation, and will be widely distributed as soon as it is finalised. To whet your appetite, we are planning a greater number of visits to places of interest and relaxation, while still maintaining regular activities at our Town Hall base.



Space does not enable us to thank everyone involved, the people who entertain, provide the food and transport, without them all we would not be able to provide the service we do, let me assure them that they are appreciated. Thanks must also go to the people who have raised funds for us and given donations, amongst them Age Concern, England, Age Concern, North Craven, Bentham Town Council, Help the Aged, North Yorks County Council and The Tudor Trust.

16 On a personal level, I am grateful for this opportunity to thank the committee and volunteers for their tremendous input. I know they will join with me in extending the special thanks of all our Age Concern members to Pat Smith (catering), and to Doug Garlick (secretary). Their unstinting efforts and unpaid contributions have been so great that they warrant individual appreciation.

Finally, and very personally, please allow me through BN, to convey my heartfelt gratitude to my Age Concern & Bentham friends - and to my neighbours, for their warm wishes and support during my recent bouts of hospitalisation in Airedale and subsequent convalescence. Thank you all!



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LOCAL EVENTS IN APRIL

- Thur 4th** Bishop of Bradford's Pastoral Pilgrimage through Low Bentham.
NSPCC Monthly meeting at 3 Springfield Terrace at 1.30pm.
- Sat 6th** **Arthritis & Rheumatism Branch** Annual coffee morning, in the Town Hall. 9.45- 11.45. Stalls and raffle.
The fabulous 'BERETTAS' at the Horse & Farrier.
- Mon 8th** **HOUSE to HOUSE COLLECTION** for the NSPCC. (continues all week).
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING at 7.30pm in the Lower Town Hall.
- Mon 8th** Weekly **ORGANIC GARDENING** course starts in the Wenningdale Room. (tel 62578) at 7.15pm.
- Tues 9th** Bentham & District Camera Club. Presentation of Projects.
- Wed 10th** **LEATHER & LACE** at The Coach House.
- Thurs 11th** Skipton/Lancaster Railway Joint Action Group in the Lower Town Hall 7pm.
- Sat 13th** Lancaster Blues Band 'WISE GUYS' at the Horse and Farrier.
Bentham Cricket Club coffee morning in Town Hall, 10-12.
BINGO in the Lower Town Hall 7pm.



- Wed 17th** Burton in Lonsdale Horticultural Society members evening. Gateshead Re-visited.
2pm St John's Womens Fellowship. Speaker: Miss Olive Calverley.
BENTHAM TRADERS ASSOCIATION MEETING in the Lower Town Hall at 7pm.
- Fri 19th** Countryside Society at 7.45pm in the Upstairs Room at Hornby Institute. Subject:- Botanists in China" by Drs Andrew & Rachael Malloch.
WASTE PAPER COLLECTION at the Legion Hall 8.30am - 11am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
Young Farmers Social Evening 9pm.
- Fri 19th** Bentham & District Camera Club three Club Friendly at Holme Village hall at 8pm.
- Sat 20th** Bible Society coffee morning in the Town Hall 10-12.
High Bentham C.P. School P.T.A. Wine & Cheese Evening to include an "Auction of Promises" in the School Hall. 7.30pm.
Celebration at High Bentham Methodist Church.
At Burton in Lonsdale Bowling Club a Jumble Sale & Coffee Morning 10.00am -12noon.
The Reggie sound of 'OWTER ZEDS' at the Horse & Farrier.
- Fri 26th** Blues & rock from 'THE FRONT ROOM BLUES BAND' at the Horse & Farrier.
Craven Wanderers Presentation Evening in the Town Hall 8pm til midnight.

Sat 27th 'A Young Persons Concert' at Settle High School at 7pm. Low Benthams W.I. coffee morning in the Town Hall. 10 - 12noon. Cakes, plants, crafts & craft materials, stalls.

Sat 27th 'OFF THE WALL' Benthams' own night club in the Town Hall £5 per head for dinner & dance. (+£2 membership)

Sun 28th Ewecross Historical Society's walk round the Ingleton area looking at old coalfields. Led by Mr & Mrs Humphries. Meet at 2pm at the Community Centre Car Park. Gather at Goat Gap for eating at 6pm. Non-walkers can join us there.

LOCAL EVENTS IN MAY

Wed 1st Cheese and Wine Evening at Lingfield, Robin Lane at 7.30pm in aid of the NSPCC.

Sat 4th Cubs and Scouts coffee morning in the Town Hall 10 - 12 noon.

Tues 7th Burton in Lonsdale Horticultural Society Coffee Evening with entertainment at Burton Village Hall. 7pm.

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REGULAR EVENTS

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LOW BENTHAM PLAYGROUP at the Victoria Institute 9.30am-11.30am on Tuesday & Thursday. All children from babies to school age welcome.

EWECROSS HISTORICAL SOCIETY in the Town Hall last Monday each month.

TUESDAY CLUB in the Lower Town Hall First Tuesday each month 1.30-4pm.

TUESDAY CLUB in the Lower Town Hall 2nd Monday in the month 7-10pm.

MOTHERS UNION 2nd Tuesday in the Month in the Lower Town Hall 1.30pm

INDOOR BOWLS Every Monday 1.30pm.

KARATE Tuesdays and Thursdays 6-9pm in the Lower Town Hall.

WEIGHT WATCHERS every Wednesday 6-9pm in the Lower Town Hall.

ANGUS FIRE ARMOUR OAP's 3rd Tuesday each month 1-4pm in the Lower Town Hall.

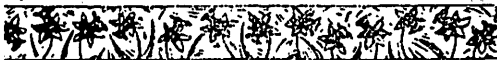
BEAVER SCOUTS Thursday 5-6pm.

CUB SCOUTS Thursday 6-7.15pm.

BURTON IN LONSDALE W.I. 1st Thursday in the month. Phone 61544 (Mrs Burke) for details.

Lowgill School presents a "Country Affair" on Sat 11th May 10.30am - 4pm. Falconry, craft display & stalls. £1 adults 50p children.

Refreshments available all day.



Dear Green Column,

A recent television programme highlighted the efforts made in Canada to encourage the population to re-cycle as much waste as possible. Each household was supplied with plastic containers to hold paper, cans and glass, these were put out weekly with the general rubbish and emptied by the council vans. I understand that New York has a similar policy and that it is a fineable offence NOT to separate waste and put it out weekly.

As a family who try hard to re-cycle as much as possible we have to make special trips to the various collection points - all in different places. Unless we do this regularly our home ends up being overrun with waste: paper, cans, glass etc. all waiting for delivery to the various collection points.

Is it not time in this ecological age that Craven Council could take a lead in an issue of major importance. It would take relatively little cost to supply householders with suitable containers and to adapt present dustcarts to include space for the various re-cyclable objects.

I read today that both Cardiff and Sheffield are to adopt such schemes in the very near future. I feel sure that if Craven were to follow their example many people, who at present simply can't be bothered, would be motivated to re-cycle rather than just throw away.

Yours faithfully
Gareth Pritchard
Low Bentham.



LONG SERVICE AWARDS

at **ANGUS FIRE**

On Monday 25th March 1991, Mr Tony Hurley, Operations Director of *Angus Fire* presented long service certificates to personnel who had completed 25 or 40 years of service to the Company.

40 years certificates were awarded to the following:- Henry McCay, Harold Hird, Cecil Winder, John Clapham and Jack Hutchinson.

25 year certificates were awarded to the following:- David Adams, Geoffrey Fletcher, George Cross, Malcolm Culshaw, Jim Rock, Myles Fetherstone, John Towler, Fred Johnson, Clifford Rosier, Henry Capstick, Jim Pedley, Maurice Dobson, Mary Butterfield, Norman Holcroft, Jeffrey Jones, Peter Watson and Alan Stainton.

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RECORD REVIEWS

by Johnny One-Note

Pretty happening reviews this month as we got our hands on some recent LP's including the debut KLF album.

808 STATE/EX:EL (2*LP/CASS/CD) 808 STATE have had much chart success recently with "Cubik" and "In Your Face", and well-deserved it is too. Somehow they have managed to make a listenable album that does not have to be experienced on the dance floor to feel the harshness or raw energy of their music. This is a task that many dance bands have found difficult to achieve. **808 STATE** are helped greatly by **NEW ORDER's** Bernard Sumner and the excellent **SUGAR CUBE's** Bjork, who are both guest vocalists on the album. Bjork adds a new dimension to **808 STATE**, using her massive vocal talents on "Qmart" and "Ooops". A top LP with not a bad track on it. (9/10)

THE KLF/THE WHITE ROOM (LP/CASS/CD) KLF came up with the second best start to any dance tune with "What Time Is Love?" (the best being "Hardcore Uproar"), and the best performance seen for years on "Top Of The Pops" with "3 A.M. Eternal". For me KLF stands for everything that is good about the dance/rave scene, unpretentious and carefree. Many may consider the album a bit of a disappointment as there are no tracks that have half the energy of the singles "3 A.M." and "What Time Is Love?". On the other hand, 45 minutes of "What Time Is Love?" would leave you with serious hearing problems! The other tracks on the LP are more mellow, soul-tinged dance tunes that move along nicely. The album has a knocked-together feel about it that allows you to notice something new on every listen. Well worth a visit! (8/10)

THIS MONTH'S "BLAST FROM THE PAST" IS: BRUCE SPRINGSTEEN/NEBRASKA (LP/CD/CASS)

SPRINGSTEEN is generally thought of as the all-American rocker, representing cheerleaders, baseball and the American way of life. I feel that although somewhat justified,

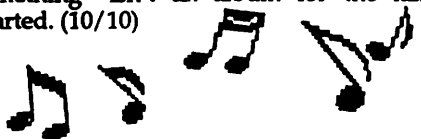
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this assessment is a little unfair. "Nebraska" finds **SPRINGSTEEN** without the "E Street Band" and with just harmonica and guitar for support. It is not an easy LP to listen to as it contains songs about poverty and the electric chair (the title song is about a shotgun massacre in Nebraska). The album concentrates on the grim realities behind the American dream which replaces **SPRINGSTEEN's** usual romantic escapism. This works very well and leaves you feeling genuine sympathy and despair for the characters in the songs. Not an album you would play at parties, but a good one for when you feel reflective and thoughtful. (10/10)

This month **DR. MELLO** is suffering from a crippling lack of new material, but he has managed one album review:

CARTER THE UNSTOPPABLE SEX MACHINE/30 SOMETHING (LP/CD/CASS) Never a band to waste their time, **CARTER U.S.M.** have moved on from their debut album "101 Damnations" to produce a record which is both exciting and refreshingly different, a quality which is rarely heard among new bands. The only band members are Jim Bob and Fruitbat, and they prove themselves to be potent songwriters on this album. Jim Bob is the lyricist whose cutting social comments are instantly recognisable and ironically poetic when backed by the thrashing guitar work of Fruitbat.

There is a huge diversity of songs on the album, from the instrumental opening track "Surfing USM" to the mesmeric "Falling On A Bruise". "30 Something" is pure theatre, the crashing guitars of the duo given a lift and extra power by the carefully worked backing tapes, evident to superb effect on "Shoppers Paradise" and "My 2nd To Last Will And Testament". The high points on the album are too numerous to mention, although "Billy Snorts Circus" and "Blood Sports For All", attacking racism in the army, are particularly strong tracks. "30 Something" isn't an album for the faint-hearted. (10/10)



BENTHAM PEOPLE



PERSONAL THANKS

John & Sheila Houghton would like to thank all who gave prayers and support, for their son, Stephen, who was with the 7th Armoured Brigade in the Gulf. 

Editor's note:- Welcome back.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to my many friends and neighbours who visited me in hospital, and since my return home. Many thanks also for their 'get well' cards and gifts. Lilian Chapman, Springfield, High Bentham.

I would like to say thank you very much to Pat, Lorna and David for all the hard work they did to move me into my new home. Mrs E. Mitchell, 1, Banks Rise, High Bentham.

"Springboard" would like to thank everyone who came to the 'clothes show' where we raised £75.00. Also thank you to those who came to the slide show and talk given by Dr. Nightingale, where a further £25.00 was given in donations. We are therefore able to send £100.00 to the hospital of St. Francis in Zambia.

Bentham Football Club would like to thank Pete & Jen at the BLACK BULL for their hospitality and kindness in providing The Upper Room and FREE supper at the club's recent race night.

Thanks also to all horse sponsors and punters who helped the club raise £350.00. The projector was kindly lent and demonstrated by Mr. T. Illston.



EMPLOYMENT

Reserve Caretaker/Cleaner in Charge required by High Bentham C.P. School. The post may lead to possible permanent employment. Please ring the School Bentham 61412.

BLACK BULL HOTEL require part-time staff for BAR- experience not necessary. KITCHEN - Some experience preferred. Please contact Peter or Jen at the above address or ring Bentham 61213.

EVENTS

Hornby Craft Festival and Car Boot Sale on Saturday 30th June 10am -4pm. Car Boots £3. Craft Stalls £5. Please contact Helen Wood 21483 Pam Garnett 21458 Alison Griffiths 21934 for more details.

LOW BENTHAM W.I. coffee morning in the Town Hall on Saturday 20th April. cakes, plants, craft and craft material stalls.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION.

Bentham Waste Paper collection has completed its first year under the management of the N.S.P.C.C.. The amount of waste paper collected for re-cycling was 64 tons and 11 cwt. Proceeds of £355.34 have gone to N.S.P.C.C. headquarters in London.

Many thanks to all who have contributed with their waste paper or with help in any other way.

On Sunday 17th March three young girls (Adele Shaw, Leanne Birbeck, Rebecca Birbeck) held a tombola stall and cake stall on Springfield Cresment. They raised £22.50 for Comic Relief.

LONDON MARATHON

It is still not too late to add your name to the growing list of people who are encouraging our local runners by sponsoring them. John Corrigan is running for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Research Council. There are sponsor forms in the SPAR and TOM GUYS SHOP.

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COACH HOUSE - Due to the success of our March 'Dinner & Dance' and by popular request, we will be holding another on Saturday 20th April. Choice of three course meal £9.50. Limited tickets, please ring 62305.

SMALL ADS

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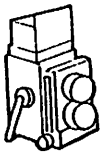
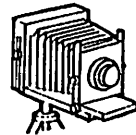
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BENTHAM & DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB.

At the first meeting this month we welcomed Mr P. Edmondson of Dalescrest Travel, Ingleton who showed an interesting video of the ascent of the Jungfrau by train from Lauterbrunnen, and a shorter one of skiing in Austria.

Later in the month, in place of our usual meeting, about 12 of our members met in the Garstang Art Centre with members from the Garstang, Holme, Warton and Arnside Clubs for the annual inter club battle. The Judge was Mr Arthur Reynolds from Preston who gave an interesting and fair appraisal of the prints and slides submitted.

It was a most interesting and enjoyable evening in spite of the fact that Benthams came 5th in the black and white prints, 4th in the colour prints and 3rd in the colour transparencies.

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SPORTS PAGE



INGLETON SWIMMING POOL

Ingleton Swimming Pool hopefully will be opening on the weekend of the Spring Bank Holiday, May 25th.

We do get a lot of Bentham people young and not so young who come along and have a swim and we hope you will join us again this summer. We now have a gentleman from Bentham on our committee who has enjoyed the lunchtime swimming for a few summers and felt that he would like to help in other ways. We always welcome help at the pool before the season as there is a lot of cleaning, painting, weeding and general repair work to do.

We will need staff at the pool and we advertise every year in TOOBY'S window. Our main problem is finding lifeguards who have the bronze ROYAL LIFE SAVING medal. Do you know anyone with this life saving qualification who might like a summer job?

If you want to know more about the pool or volunteer help, why not call in and have a word with WALTER or LINDA TOOBY at the shop.

At the recently held Jumble Sale held in aid of the swimming pool over £500 was raised. Many thanks to all who helped in any way.

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NETBALL

The netball season is upon us once again. Practices start on **TUESDAY 2nd APRIL** at 6.30pm down at the Playing Fields, and every Tuesday thereafter. **EVERYONE WELCOME - COME ON, GIRLS, DON'T BE SHY!**

For any enquiries, contact: Ingrid Ellershaw, 25 Goodenber Road, Tel. 62345 or Jan and Pam at Bentham Sportswear, Miller's Court.

Hope to see you all down at the Playing Fields, ready and keen for action. - - -

Bentham v Jades 1

March 3rd. This was the first game for weeks due to cancellations. Beth has had an operation on her toes so we were not only short of a player but a shooter at that! We seemed unable to play as a team and lost the game 13-10 to a team we would have usually beaten.

Bentham v Jades 2

March 10th. Still one player short, Bentham this week were determined not to be beaten, playing more aggressively. Final score 31-14 to Bentham.

Bentham v Hockey Rebels

March 17th One player short again (come on girls, isn't there anyone keen to play on Sunday afternoon?). Feeling defeated before we even started, the game Bentham played was very lethargic against a very good team. Final score A LOT TO THEM!!.



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Come and see the "new look" Youth Club!

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The Youth Club is proud of what it has to offer, and would like to demonstrate this to interested members of the community. All are welcome to look around on the Open Evening - Young & Old, Ex-Youth Club members, Prospective Youth Club members, Councillors & Ordinary Benthamers, Critics & Supporters - Please spare some time to come and look. Light refreshments will be served



CALLING ALL PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN! PLAY AREA CRISIS!

The warm Spring weather will allow children to spend more time outside, and some of them will make use of the Play Area at the High Bentham Playing Fields. But will there be swings, slides and other equipment there safe & suitable for them to play on? The sad answer is "No, not unless parents of young children help to look after the facilities that are there."

Perhaps you assume that the Council owns the land, and that they are responsible for maintaining the equipment? Well, this is not the case. The Play Area is part of the Playing Field, which is looked after by the High Bentham Playing Field Association (HBPFA).

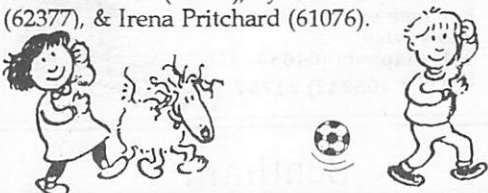
The group of parents who organised the refurbishment of the Play Area back in the early 1980's now have teenage children and are ready to hand over to younger parents. It is a wonderful Play Area and it would be a shame to see it deteriorate through lack of interest. Surely there must be young parents who care about where their children play

21 and the safety of the equipment?

The HBPFA has a sub-committee (or Working Group) of 4-6 people whose responsibility it is to report any damage to the equipment, and generally to keep the interests of the young ones at the forefront at HBPFA meetings (which are not too often, only about 4 times a year). The fact that the Swing-Bridge is broken and has not been repaired before the Easter holidays is a sign that the system is not working well at present.

The Play Area Working Group needs new members! You can help to create the environment you want your children to play in. Please get involved!

Any of the following would be very pleased to hear from you: Richard Knowles (61008), Colin Woof (61387), Janette Richardson (62377), & Irena Pritchard (61076).



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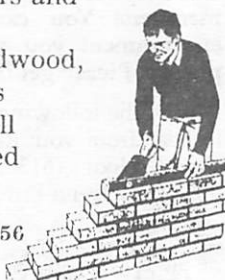
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GREEN COLUMN

The tremendous amount of copy this month forced us to eliminate something from the paper. This column got the shove. It was about tuna...and the next one is about bicycles and transport. I was actually thinking of writing something about cell phone antennae and abattoirs, but I thought better of it.

There is, however, one important event which must be mentioned.

Green Fair

4 May, Ingleborough Community Centre.

Although much has been done, there is very much yet to be done. Anyone who can help in any way, is urged to ring **Ruth Ive** on 41997. If all the "greens" pitch in, it could be quite an event.
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ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Rather like the Town Council's AGM, this meeting provides an opportunity for the people of Bentham to find out what's been going on in the Council, the Library and all the local organisations over the past year. It was a nasty night, even by Bentham standards, but there was a good turn-out of both Councillors and members of the public.

MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor, Councillor Dawber, reported on all the improvements to the Town Hall, various negotiations with the District Council over highways and street lighting, and all the successes (and some failures) in the past year, regularly reported in the Town Council column in Bentham News.

LIBRARY REPORT Bentham is fortunate in having a well-run library and I'm sure there are many people who are grateful for all its facilities. But did you know that the total number of books held in the Library is nearly 6,200? Of these, some 1,450 are on loan to readers at any one time. During the last 9 months, book issues dropped slightly by 1.25%, although this decrease is less in proportion than over North Yorkshire as a whole, and there are signs that this trend may be slowing down. On the other hand, issues of children's books increased slightly. During the year, 382 new adult books (many costing over £15) and 141 new children's/teenage books were added to the Library. Despite major (and disruptive) works to seal the building from the weather, the Library remained open as usual, and kept up its changing programme of displays.

REPORTS FROM LOCAL ORGANISATIONS Bentham has approximately 50 local organisations, catering for a wealth of varied interests and needy causes. If you were present at the meeting, you could have been forgiven for thinking that most of them are organised by Councillor Marshall and Cliff Machin! The two of them did seem to be on their feet a lot, although perhaps some of it was reporting on behalf of absent friends.

23. However - 27 organisations were represented at the meeting, with another 12 having sent written reports. It's not possible, nor is there enough space here, to do justice to all of them, so I have picked out a few interesting snippets.

AGE CONCERN have invested almost £2000 in the Town Hall (mainly in the kitchen). The **ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL** have raised £4000. **ACTION AID** have lost all but 2 members and require someone to carry it on. **BENTHAM PUBLICATIONS** (who publish the **BENTHAM GUIDE**) have plans to publish a pamphlet on Religious History in Bentham. The **ANGLING ASSOCIATION** (hoping for a wet summer!) have been planting trees to help stop bank erosion. The **FOOTPATH GROUP** have over a hundred members and feel that the general condition of footpaths in the area is about 60-70% adequate. The **HOMING SOCIETY** releases 100 racing birds every Friday. Antarctica has been officially declared a wilderness by the **LOW BENTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE**. **MEALS ON WHEELS** provided 2,697 meals last year. The **MOTHERS' UNION** raised money to provide a residential caravan for a homeless family. In an assessment by the English Tourist Board, Bentham **TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE** received the second highest rating in Craven and was in the top 10 in North Yorkshire and Humberside.

Bentham can indeed be justifiably proud of its local organisations, which help to make it, as Mayor Dawber said, "a grand place to live".

Kate Steele

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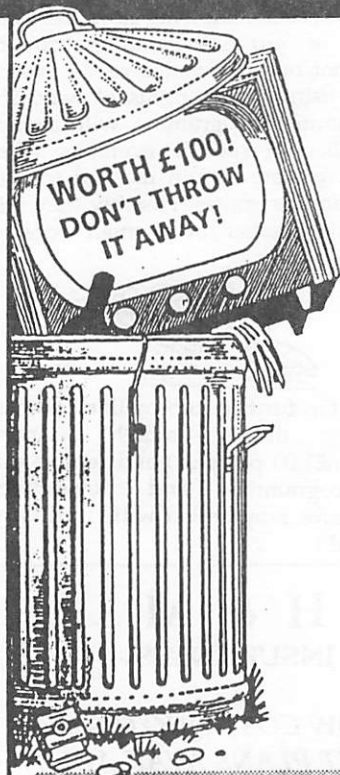
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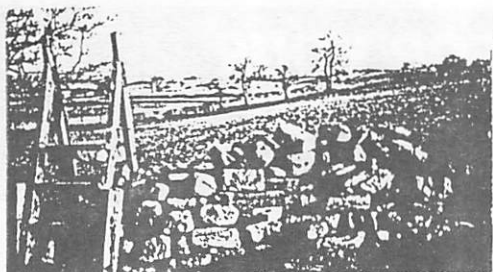
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FOOTPATH MATTERS

by Len Moody

"It is the first mild day of March,
Each minute sweeter than before"
wrote the poet. Walkers have been moving around the countryside throughout the early spring, noting the first snowdrop (Why do they spring up in so many unexpected places?), the first lambs, the rushing streams, the swelling buds, the greening grass, the arrival of the lapwings and soon after that the curlews. We have also been aware of work being done in the countryside, the spreading of "muck", the repair of fences, walls and stiles, the renewal of gates, the laying of hedges.

THE FOUR SQUARE MILES

For generations, when the inspiration to take a country walk has arisen, Bentham people have been in the habit of taking the "four square mile" walks. These followed the public roads to the North West (via Fourlands), the North East (via Dumb Tom's Lane), the South West (via Green Smithy), and the South East (via Greystonegill). As modern road traffic

increases, it becomes clear that walking along these routes is no longer as pleasant or as safe as it used to be. Bentham Footpath Group is working on a programme of "Four Square Mile Alternative Walks", showing how the same "quarters" of our surroundings can be traversed, not on busy motor roads, but on field paths using public rights of way. The Group's summer programme will include guided walks on specific evenings when anyone is welcome to join us, and try out these less familiar routes. Possibly they will also be put together in a small booklet.



Watch out for further information. Best of all, join the Footpath Group (subscription £1.00 per year) and receive our regular programmes and newsletters. (Names & subs may be left with Tom Guy, Station Road.)

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RECIPES

by Doreen Park



Sauce for the goose is also sauce for the gander.

ESPAGNOLE SAUCE

Ingredients

1 med onion
4 oz carrots
2 oz mushrooms
1 stalk of celery
2 rashers of streaky bacon
2 oz butter or lard
2 - 3 tblsp dry sherry
4 fl oz tomato juice
1pt brown stock
pinch of dried mixed herbs
salt & fresh ground black pepper
lemon juice to taste

Method

Peel & chop the onion, scrape & chop the carrot, wash and chop the mushrooms & celery. De-rind & chop the bacon.

Melt the fat & fry the vegetables & bacon until just golden.

Remove pan from heat & stir in the flour. Return to the heat & fry stirring all the time, until the roux is caramel brown.

Remove pan from heat & gradually blend in sherry, tomato juice & then the stock.

Using a long handled spoon, to avoid scalding by steam, add the herbs, salt & pepper, lemon juice & bring to simmer, still stirring.

Cover & cook gently for 45 minutes or until vegetables are cooked, stir occasionally to prevent sticking.

Pass the sauce through a blender or sieve.

Reheat & season to taste.

BURGUNDY SAUCE

Follow the recipe for ESPAGNOLE SAUCE, with these changes.

Add 4 fl oz red wine instead of sherry before stirring in the tomato juice. Serve with steak or gammon.

BIGARADE SAUCE

Follow the recipe for BURGUNDY SAUCE with these changes.

Add the grated rind & juice of 2 oranges & 1 small lemon, 2 tblsp redcurrant jelly and 2 fl oz port.

Cook until the jelly is melted and the sauce has slightly reduced.

Serve with duck, goose, hare or venison.

SAUCE ROBERT

Follow the recipe for ESPAGNOLE SAUCE with these changes.

Fry 2 tblsp finely chopped onion in some melted butter, until well softened.

Add 1/4 pt dry white wine & 2 tsp wine vinegar, boil briskly until reduced by half. Add the mixture to 1/2 pt Espagmole Sauce with 1 tblsp french mustard, 1 tsp sugar to taste.

Serve with pork or lamb.



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