

BENTHAM NEWS



Peacock Unfolds

Exotic food lovers, gastronomes and curious locals turned out in force recently for the opening of "The Peacock", Bentham's long awaited Chinese Food Takeaway. Heavily trailed in the Bentham News for over a year now, the last few weeks saw a flurry of refurbishment activity on the old laundrette building, and on the evening of Tuesday 18th June the floodlights went on and the doors opened for business.

First night queues lasted all evening and led to some long waits for service, but these teething troubles were rapidly overcome as trade settled down over the next few days. Early reactions from customers were favourable, "This is great alternative to the other food choices in Bentham" and "It's really brightened up this end of town" being typical. Although the food is more expensive than other takeaway options in Bentham, the management say that they will be varying the menu when they get a feel of what the customers want. More vegetarian options and set meals have already been suggested. The Peacock open every evening except Mondays from 5.30 to 11.30 pm. With its cheery appearance and its situation as the only authentic Chinese food provider between Lancaster, Skipton and Kendal, we hope that it will prove to be

a great attraction for visitors to Bentham, as well as locals.

Elsewhere on Main Street in High Bentham, 'Hazel's' clothes shop has changed hands and become 'Casuals'. The new shop stocks new men's, women's and children's casual clothes and will specialise in large sizes. Hazel will continue to be available on Wednesdays for her much-valued alteration service. Like the 'Peacock', Casuals will be closed on Mondays, but is joining the increasing trend towards Saturday afternoon opening.

It is especially good to see new businesses and investment in our shopping centre at a time when the recession is making trading difficult. One or two shops have closed recently and many existing businesses are being offered for sale. The clear message is to support our local shops as much as we can if we want to keep them.

Following the successful BENTHAM CARES DAY held in the Town Hall on Saturday 15th June, the Editorial Committee of Bentham News you like to extend their thanks to JEAN, SEAN and GAYE for all their help in making the day a huge success for all concerned. A special thanks to the public who came to support the BENTHAM NEWS stalls. There will be a full report in next month's issue including raffle winners, sponsors and a financial report.

BENTHAM WOMEN'S SOCIAL SERVICES & N.S.P.C.C.

On Saturday 3rd August the N.S.P.C.C. are holding a Craft Fair and coffee morning in the Town Hall. There will be demonstrations of spinning, basket making, glass engraving and other crafts. There will be plant, cake and book stalls, raffles and the N.S.P.C.C. stall. Come along and have a look.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION,

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KIRKBY LONSDALE 71136 or BENTHAM 61168.

TOWN COUNCIL

Monday 3rd June 1991

All Town Councillors were present at this meeting, plus Councillors Atkinson and Pilkington and 7 members of the public including Sgt. Wallis.

NEW LOOK COUNCIL MEETINGS

Not only do we now have a woman wearing the Mayoral chain but the new seating arrangements provide an excellent view of all Councillors - rather like *Question Time*. I am all in favour of this - Councillors seemed to like being in the 'limelight' too.

TOWN HALL

It's going to cost about £250 to install a telephone in the foyer, plus extra for the acoustic hood. By the time you read this, it could be in. But you won't be able to dial Bentham Town Hall - outgoing calls only. Wall heaters are to be purchased for the Wenningdale Room.

PROPOSED HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

The Council have been approached by a developer wanting to build houses on the plot of land above Lakeber Drive and there was a good deal of discussion (some of it heated) on this subject. Councillor Atkinson reported that it was unlikely to get Planning Permission as the plot officially lies outside the village boundary set by Craven's Planning Department. This produced such an outcry that you could have been forgiven for thinking that Councillor Atkinson had drawn the thick black line himself! Councillor Cowling suggested that this was an excellent opportunity for the Council to recommend what they would like to see in Bentham. Certainly, low cost houses are needed for local people but it's difficult to enforce this as a requirement for development. The Council agreed to write encouragingly to the developer and Craven.

SUMMER HOLIDAY PLAYScheme

The Council have received a request for funding for a proposed playscheme to be run in the Youth Club during the summer

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holidays. Requests for substantial (by Town Council standards) sums of money are guaranteed to produce a few choking fits around the table and this one was no exception. The request for £1400 to fund 2 organisers for 3 weeks, plus materials produced a lively response all round. Councillor Davies, at risk of becoming "well known as a local kill-joy", felt that the amount requested was excessive and that perhaps parents should pay. (If kids have money for the video arcade, they have money for a playscheme.) Councillor Cowling reminded Council that they have often discussed the problem of kids having nothing to do - surely this was a solution deserving support? Councillor Joel was anxious not to set a precedent. Councillor Marshall pointed out that Council could not take a decision on allocation of money without it being on the agenda. As this request has been lodged at such short notice, it was agreed that a sub-committee of Councillors Bloxham, Davies, Preston and Telford would meet with the proposers and report at the next meeting.

OTHER ITEMS -

Jude Pereles and Terry Whitaker, the new tree wardens, will get 'how to do it' packs. - The installation of a light at the 'black hole' end of Tweed Street will be investigated. - 48 applications have been received for the post of Headteacher at Bentham School. - If it's summer, it must be dirty water time again. Council to complain to the Water Board.

The next meeting is on Monday 1st July - don't miss it.

Kate Steele

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INGLETON GREEN FAIR

Ingleton's first GREEN FAIR will take place on **SATURDAY 6th JULY** at the Community Centre in Ingleton. The emphasis will be on green ideas for home & garden, with displays of household products, appliances, carpets & linoleum, natural fabrics & clothing.

There is to be a display of garden furniture made from recycled plastic, a stand on native trees & wildlife gardening, & one on organic gardening which will tell people about the best ways to produce vegetables, fruit & flowers in abundance without leaching or poisoning the soil.

One of the most interesting features of the fair will probably be the paper recycling project, which will demonstrate how to make your own paper using recycled materials. There is also to be a recycled glass display.

Bentham Footpath Group will have an information stand, & it is expected that several environmental organisations, such as Friends of the Earth & the Worldwide Fund for Nature, will also be represented.

Children are to have their own separate area for play, Landlife games, face painting & quizzes etc. There will also be quizzes for adults, a video corner & a green reading corner with magazines & a notice board packed with green information. Visitors are welcome to bring their own green notices, ideas & magazines to share.

Snacks & light lunches will be available, & a health food stall will sell goodies for taking home as well. Free parking is available outside the Community Centre. Entrance fees are: Adults 50p Concessions 25p & Children free. The fair will be open from 10am-4pm. For more information please contact: Ruth Ive on (05242)41997.

BENTHAM TREE WARDEN SCHEME

The Town Council is supporting the setting up of a Tree Wardening Group, & the first 2 volunteer wardens have been appointed; Jude Pereles from High Bentham & Terry Whitaker from Low Bentham.

They will be working to increase public awareness of trees, & to encourage the planting & protection of trees in our community. Help would be appreciated, & it is hoped that others will volunteer to be wardens. (Experience of tree management is not needed as training is available). Names of people willing to help when planting projects get under way are also needed.

Anyone with ideas for planting projects, or suggestions for what trees could be planted where, should contact either warden. What sorts of trees would you like to see appearing in & around the parishes? If you think a particularly notable tree is worth protecting, please let the tree warden know where it is.

Farmers & landowners who are considering planting trees might like to get in touch as we have information on grants available & can also give technical advice.

TREE WARDENS: Jude Pereles (61750) & Terry Whitaker (62269)



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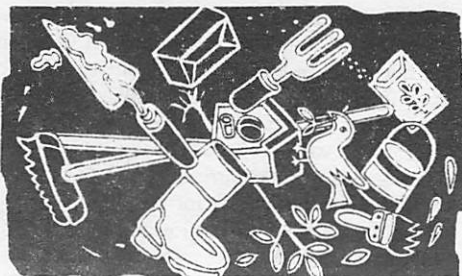
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GERTIE GREENFINGERS



For those of you planning a summer holiday away from home, here are a few helpful hints to ensure the survival of your favourite house plants during your absence.

First of all, be utterly ruthless and throw out all weak and sickly plants, check for pests and spray if necessary. Remove all faded flowers and leaves. Water well but avoid the temptation to over do it as plants suffer equally from over as well as under watering and NEVER leave them standing in a puddle of water.

If you intend to let the plants fend for themselves remove them from sunny windowsills and put them in the coolest room in the house. For a large number of plants the best method of watering is to put them on capillary matting in the bath; the end piece of the matting should be placed in a container of water and the plants can then soak up the moisture as they need it. This method is particularly suitable for plastic pots, for clay pots try the wick method: push a pyjama cord or something similar through the drain hole in the bottom, stand

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the pot alongside or on top of a container of water with the cord immersed, this will provide a constant supply of water through the wick.

Feed all your plants well with a house plant fertiliser and spray with tepid water, always leave a few cactii or dried flowers on the windowsill so that it doesn't look as though you are away.

If you have a friendly neighbour to tend your plants, make sure they are all grouped together and provide a fully filled watering can, your plants are less likely to get a good drink if frequent trips to the tap are necessary.



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AGE Concern

BENTHAM

We have really been living it up recently. We've had a quiz session, a slide show, a musical workshop(?), a card bingo session; and a coach outing to the Butterfly House, Williamson Park.

We now suspect that we have been infiltrated by Town Hall snoops, and that we have moles in our ranks. Psst! Promise not a word to S.B., R.P., B.M., R.A., etc. and I'll let you in on it. The Town Hall is bugged! Surprised? Why else do you think the Town Council (TC) engineers kept breaking up through the floorboards a while ago? They said it was to do with the central heating. Likely story. And just a few weeks ago (you remember, that weekend when all the subversive elements, anarchists, and terrorists were invited into the town to soften up all the townspeople before the big takeover at one of the auctions - but don't fret, our "A" Team have agreed to take on the assignment!); yes, that weekend! Their snoops sent in some agents disguised as children to set off the fire alarms in the TH. Then they followed it up with the bully boy gang to intimidate us. In disguise of course - navy blue uniforms and yellow helmets. Said they were from the Fire Brigade; if so, why were they carrying riot shields and axes? Then they raided the place while we were still trying to recover from the shriek of the sirens (another secret weapon?), and since then we haven't seen our recipe for the latest aphrodisiac (which we desperately need) - it incorporates roast lettuce leaves and whole grilled ice cubes. If you know of its whereabouts, or have a copy, please hand it in to our Family Planning Counsellor. He is currently living in the large cardboard box behind the loos in Robin Lane. You can't mistake it. It's marked - "Supplied by D.S.S. Income Support Section", and he'll be wearing a grubby raincoat with a "Nicked from Sue Ryder" label down the back.

We do have our cultural side too. Every so often a charismatic and very charming young lady, Gail Ferrin, recently wed, and her equally charming friend Diane come over from one of those centres of educational excellence (like wot 'Aroget is), to conduct our own Bentham Age Concern Chamber Orchestra (BACCO). We decided against Filarmionik and Simfony for obvious reasons and settled for Chamber because three of us can play them, and a further five sit on theirs and play other

instruments. Appropriately too, we have a small band of smokers who have gone to pot, and are now completely potty. So in those immortal words of the bard - "toBACCO, or not toBACCO, that was the question" put before our publicity section. And the Town Hall Chambers still echo to their resounding vote of continence. A special thanks to Gail for her valiant efforts to keep in time with our own Keyboard Kate* during our BACCO rehearsals of "Roll Out The Barrel" for the Proms (being held under the station bridge, nice and quiet these days without the trains).

More behind the scenes news about ACB next month. SC's Unite! Up brollies an' at 'em! But above all - Be good to each other!

*Keyboard Kate available for gigs etc. Agent:- Heathcliffe, "Gruesome", Wuthering Heights. Call me on Gravesend 0012, full moon only, after midnight, wearing lace frillies and fishnet rugger socks. No! Not you Florrie (code name for Laurie Blundell). Eat up you Complan! Agency by official appointment of Kathy Ward! Honest!!

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DISTRICT AFFAIRS



POST AND TELEPHONE COMPLAINTS

While I wasn't looking last month some bright spark nominated me for the North West Post Office Advisory Committee (POAC) and the North West Telecom Advisory Committee (TAC). I was a bit cross at first but decided (in the interests of my constituents of course!) to go along to the first meeting. Anyway you now have a direct input into both these organisations, so please don't hesitate to use it. Only one thing - they insist you complain to BT or the PO first - but if you don't get any satisfaction from them - do let me know.

As a follow on I have already complained about the reinstatements on Pye Busk footpaths (OK - parapets!). The story is a long one but Highways have got the message and are negotiating for a complete reinstatement of the whole footpath. If they (Highways) get the contract it shouldn't take too long. However, if some other contractor gets it it may take a good while longer.

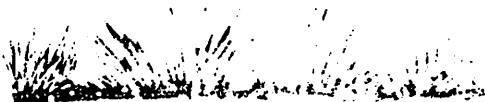
HOUSING

Don't let anyone say I complain too much about the Government - bouquets are awarded when earned! And they've earned one this month. First of all they've legalised Craven DC's policy of negotiating for an element of low cost housing in every significant housing scheme. This will give much more force to this policy. Secondly, they've removed the requirement that on any scheme with a Govt. or local govt. input, whether land or money, the first tenant should be able to buy the dwelling as a whole. Now we can limit it to 80%. Meaning that when the house is sold the Council or Housing Ass. can retain 20% of the profit to plough back into more housing. It's not as much as we wanted but it will help quite a lot, in that we can now justifiably use Council land.

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HOUSING (Cont.)

More good news is that the Low Bentham Scheme is on its way at last. Not on the original site against the railway, but a new site. A bit further away from the centre of the village for you older folk, but not too bad. And more still - we stand a good chance of getting another scheme - this time for High Bentham - next year.



GRASS CUTTING

The tender for grass cutting on our Council estates has been won by our own Direct Service Organisation. Hopefully this will mean better standards this year. Note that this is not the general grass cutting on road sides, etc.

STREET CLEANING

You'll remember I reported that street cleaning had been taken over from the County Council this year. This now has to take account of the much more stringent regulations under the Environmental Protection Act and we have to keep separate accounts of the costs. If the cost is more than 20% above the cost of the original contract we will have to put the whole lot out to competitive tender again. This isn't very likely because we'd already substantially increased standards in anticipation of the new law. Anyway we can now look forward to cleaner streets.

District Councillor Ralph Atkinson

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PROPRIETORS -

J. R. and N. H. EASTWOOD

BENTHAM PEOPLE PAGE

PERSONAL THANKS

Mrs Leah Cox, of 4, Collingwood Terrace, would like to thank all the people who sent sympathy cards to her on the demise of the late Jack Heron. Thanks also to the relatives of Mr. Heron who showed there concern. Thank you everyone.

Miss Marian Bradley sincerely thanks all her relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy, letters, cards and flowers received at the time of her sad loss.

Mrs E. Sharples would like to say thank you to all the people who have made her feel welcome since she came to live here 25 years ago, on July 15th 1966. "I am sure if I had been born here I could not have been made to feel more at home. I have seen a few changes since I arrived but the people have never changed. I hope they never will, God Bless them all".

JUST ARRIVED

Alec and Maureen (Tomlinson) would like to thank family and friends for all their good wishes, cards and gifts on the birth of their daughter Megan.

WANTED

Cot Bed. Good clean condition (and strong!). Minimum mattress size 4ft -2ft. Tel 62329.

SCOUTS CAN RE-CYCLING. A donation of £25.00 has been made to Dr. Barnardos from the 1990 collection of aluminium cans. Many thanks to the people and traders of Bentham for making this possible.

CHRISTIAN AID HOUSE to HOUSE COLLECTION This year £1,036.10p was collected: a record sum for Bentham, both High and Low. Very many thanks to all who took part in this very worthwhile venture.

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HORNBY DRAMA GROUP would like to thank all who supported our recent festival of one-act plays. We much appreciate the help of those who worked behind the scenes and those who gave us publicity.

EVENTS

COUNTRY FAIR at LUNESDALE HIGH SCHOOL on Saturday July 6th between 1pm and 5pm. CLASSIC CARS, VINTAGE MOTOR BIKES, CLAY PIGEON SHOOTING, EXEMPTION DOG SHOW, PET SHOW, SCOTTISH DANCING, CRAFT and CAKE STALLS. BEER TENT and REFRESHMENTS. Admission Adults £1 children 50p. For further details Tel Mrs Bolton 61435.

LOW BENTHAM GALA SATURDAY 20TH JULY at 1.30pm on the Primary School Field at Low Bentham. Stalls, Floats and amusements, raffle, side shows and a car boot sale. This years Gala Queen will be Polly Johnson and her attendants will be Zoe Briggs, Leanne Dixon, Jenny Bloxham, Katie Whinnery and the page boy will be Ryan Carter.

SMALL ADS

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CHILDRENS ACT 1991

All the legislation on children has now been brought together in one Act, effectively rewriting 7 Acts and 48 other pieces of legislation. More important, there is a complete revision of the whole approach to children's rights, replacing the concept of parental rights with that of responsibilities for and obligations to children. 'Parents' in this sense may be anyone acting in a parental role - natural or step-parents, grandparents, or other relatives and, significantly, the local authority for children in care.

For the first time local authorities will have a duty towards children 'in need' while having the power to provide for all children. There is still some argument about the definition of 'children in need' some childcare professionals wishing to see the definition widened. Regardless of this the new act will have widespread repercussions on the whole range of children's services and our approach to them. So the Social Services Committee will be doing a complete revision of their policy in the next few months.

One of the new duties under the Children's Act is for the Council to inspect independent schools with a view to the children's welfare. Anticipating this the Governors of our own 'Grammar' School invited Social Services to inspect the school recently and I'm glad to report that the School was given a clean sheet.

COUNCIL TAX

With regard to what I said about the workability of the new Council Tax last month, it is interesting that the Auditor General (the Govt. body charged with over-seeing local government finances) now says the new tax is unworkable!

9 HOME HELPS

In view of all the changes which have occurred in the last couple of years Social Services recently commissioned a comprehensive report of the whole service. Despite some resentment by clients in lower priority groups the changes have led to a substantial increase in the efficiency of the service. The service costs us over £7.5 million and provides 1,400 Home Care Assistants and their supervisors. The move towards personal care instead of just domestic help means a 7 day a week service and unsocial hours but better and more uniform management has led to the better use of resources especially by getting away from the fixed number of hours for each client and a more flexible approach.

LANCASTER/SKIPTON RAILWAY LINE

You'll all have heard of the threat to our local railway line by cuts in services especially at peak times. The obvious conclusion being that British Rail is trying to show that the line is uneconomic and then to close it. Two groups have now been formed to oppose this and to try and develop more services rather than less. The first is the user group organised by Jack Warbrick (Please give them your support). The second is a group of all the councils concerned. So far we've had good support from everybody but North Yorkshire. More persuasion needed!

RECYCLING

Good news and bad news on this front. The good news is that councils must now recycle as much as they can under the Environmental Protection Act. The bad news is that an investigation by County has shown that using recycled paper for printing and photocopying would substantially increase costs. Each year County Hall uses 10 million sheets and other County users consume another 26 million - so the extra costs are substantial - some £20,000 a year. Hopefully prices will fall as more recycled paper comes onto the market. Unfortunately recycled paper is also more dusty - causing trouble with photocopyers, and absorbs more ink than ordinary stuff.

County Councillor Ralph Atkinson

HEALTH NOTICE BOARD

HEALTH VISITORS AND VISITING

Health Visitors have no legal right of entry into anyone's home. Part of our role is to visit all families with children under five who are new to the area. This is to inform them of local services, amenities, clinics, doctors, etc. Further visits are always arranged with parents or clients when a convenient day and time is agreed.

SAFETY IN THE BACK

On July 1st it will become law to wear rear seat belts in cars. This will apply to all cars which have rear belts fitted, and will apply to all passengers in the back. Children should be in a suitable child seat for their age and weight, or on an approved "booster" seat.

SUMMER SUN

Summer sun can burn the skin of children even on a cloudy or windy day. A sun hat is an essential part of summer clothing even under a shade. The hat should have a floppy brim to protect forehead and nape of the neck. Use a total sunblock cream on exposed skin remembering the face. Cream needs renewing every few hours or after swimming or water play.

Sunburn is painful and distressing. Try to keep the child indoors and keep cool. Apply calamine lotion and give plenty of drinks. If the child becomes feverish or seems confused and delirious, seek medical advice.

E111

If you are planning to travel to an E.C. country this summer make sure you obtain form E111 from the Post Office before you leave. Once obtained you can keep it for as long as you continue to live in the U.K. It will entitle you to claim for money spent on payment for emergency treatment for accident or sudden illness.

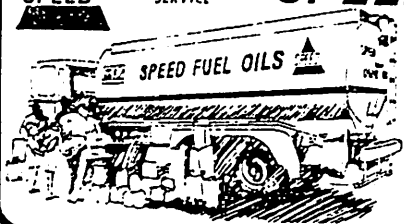
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GREEN COLUMN

I've been in Portugal lately, mostly Lisbon, and thought I might fill this column with various (greenish) observations.

TRANSPORTATION

Lisbon had extremely cheap public transport! I could use any bus, electric tram (made in England!) or the underground for £11.00 per month. Call me old-fashioned, but riding the trams was a delight. And entering the underground depended entirely on honesty. No turnstiles or people checking tickets. I like that. In spite of this, it was bumper to bumper for hours every day. As soon as people get rich enough, they buy a private car and drive it to work. I saw the depth of the car addiction. Probably worse than cigarettes or alcohol or chocolate, everyone wants the car-drug and it is nearly impossible to give it up. Maybe "European standards" will rescue them from the usual pattern of disaster.

AGRICULTURE

A country as fertile as England, with lots more sun, must be an agriculturalist's dream. Talk about fecund soil! Unfortunately, the (slightly "backward") farmers and peasants are discovering the delights of modern agri-chemicals, and are probably less regulated than in Britain. Portuguese greens are concerned about a rapid increase in the dangerous use of pesticides, industrial fertilizers, herbicides and the increase of "factory farming".

Another huge problem is eucalyptus production (for pulp and chipboard). Reminded me of the now rejected Forestry plantings in Britain. Entire hillsides are being sculpted by bulldozers and planted with what can only be called "industrial" eucalyptus. This species grows straight up, very fast. When harvested, in only ten years, more grows from the stump. A perennial!

green fair
july 6

The "forest" floor is a desert. The taproot reaches deep into the water table to disrupt the centuries old supply, sealing the fate of whatever peasants are left. Unless greens are successful, much of the mountainous area of Portugal will be solid eucalyptus.

THE MODERN WORLD

Joining "Europe" and becoming a proper modern country means a number of things for Portugal, for example, building motorways. I found it ironic that they think that building more motorways will solve the traffic flow problem (like our own yellow line freaks). I kept wanting to shout to someone, come to Britain, see how it doesn't work!

A recent meeting of Greenpeace suspected that Portugal might become the dumping ground for toxic wastes from elsewhere in the European Community, a bit like the Third World is now.

Double the number of golf courses by the end of the year. The whole problem of the distorted development based on tourism made me want to be even more suspicious of people in Bentham who think tourism is an unmitigated good.

At this moment one can buy a McAnything in only one location in Portugal. By Xmas 15 McDonalds will have opened.

Tom Cahill

P.S. I noticed that I can now buy a large tin of "dolphin-friendly" tuna. Ain't life great!

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GALT TOYS

LOCAL EVENTS FOR JULY

- Mon 1st** St John's Womens' Fellowship Extra 'final' meeting at Tenby, Low Bentham Road at 2pm.
- TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**
7.30PM in the TH
- Wed 3rd** **YOUTH CLUB TRIP to FRONTIERLAND, Morecambe.**
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- Burton in Lonsdale W.I. coffee evening at Burncroft.
- Hornby Drama Group Fashion Show as part of the Hornby Festival at 7.30pm.
- Thurs 4th** Hornby Drama Group's production of 'Under Milk Wood' at 7.30pm.
- N.S.P.C.C. Monthly meeting at 3, Springfield Terrace 1.30pm.
- STARS and STRIPES night at the Black Bull with entertainment by 'Ricky Silvers'.
- Thurs 4th** Bentham Footpath Group's circular evening walk (in conjunction with Forest of Bowland AONB) from Eldroth Church (4-5 miles) Leader

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Sat 6th

Verena Smith tel 61100. Please meet Eldroth Church 6.30pm.

Brownies Coffee Morning and Jumble Sale at THE RED HOUSE (at the top of the lane opposite Barwise's shop) 10am - 12noon.

Friends of Low Bentham School coffee morning in the Town Hall.

"The Section" at Horse & Farrier.

Country Fair at Lunesdale High School, Hornby 1pm to 5pm (see Bentham People page for further details)

Parkinson's Farm Garden open all day 10am - 4pm. Proceeds to Wray Endowed School. Raffle, refreshments, stalls etc.

Sun 7th

BENTHAM YOUTH CLUB DAY OF SPORTS 11am - 4pm at Settle. Activities include- Archery, fishing, netball, caving, mountain biking, aerobics, badminton, swimming, table tennis and tennis. For further details contact the Youth Club.

Fri 12th

Barbecue at Stonegate for 18's and over 8pm - 1am. Tickets £3.75 ring 61048 for further details.

12th- 14th

(Fri- Sun) St John's Flower Fest: al at Low Bentham.

Fri 12th

Concert in St John's Church, LB

Sat 13th

10am-6pm Church open to visitors (short organ recitals all day) 6.30pm Evensong.

Bentham Footpath Group's guided walk over Airedale Pikes, from Gargrave via Leeds-Liverpool Canal (11 miles). Leader B. Ellershaw Tel 62078. Please meet Lairgill Car Park 10am.

"The Berettas" at the Horse& Farrier

Sun 14th 10.30am Holy Communion at St John's. 5pm Evensong sung by Choir of Bradford Cathedral. Preacher:-The Provost of Bradford. All proceeds in aid of the Bishop of Bradford's 'Committed to caring'

Wed 17th "Leather and Lace" at the Coach House.

Thurs 18th **FREE TRANSPORT** arranged to 'After Dark' Disco in Skipton. Depart Bentham Youth Club 6.45pm approx, Return 10.45pm approx. Tickets available at Bentham Youth Club.

Fri 19th Playgroup and Toddler Group finishes for the summer.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTION at Bentham Leisure Centre, Grasmere Drive. (Legion Hall) 8.30am - 11am. Proceeds to N.S.P.C.C.

Sat 20th Bentham Horticultural Society coffee morning 9.45am in the Town Hall. Cake stall, raffle etc.

60's to 80's with "Looking Back" at the Horse & Farrier.

LOW BENTHAM GALA on the Primary School field at 1.30pm. Fancy Dress, Floats, Jazz Band etc. Family Disco in the evening in the Public Hall at 7.30pm dancing to 'North West Disco'.

Celebration in St John's. Speaker: Bishop David Evans (Assistant Bishop of Bradford)

Sun 21st Bentham Footpath Group's guided walk in conjunction with Forest of Bowland ANOB) North across Bowland from Dunsop Bridge, via "Hornby Road" to Wray (11 miles). Leader B. Ellershaw Tel 62078. Meet Dunsop Bridge Car Park 10.30am. (To book return transport from Wray to Dunsop ring 0772-264183)

Thurs 25th **TEQUILA NIGHT** at the Black Bull with a variety of Mexican food available.

"The Band from Uncle" at the Horse & Farrier.

Sat 27th Settle & District Blind Welfare coffee morning in the Town Hall 10am - 12noon

LOCAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

Thurs 1st Bentham Footpath Group's guided evening walk: Bentham Four Square Mile (alternative) No 2- Northwest via Boiling Well and Clifford Hall (5 miles). Leader Deborah Pickett Tel 61288. Please meet at the Horse and Farrier 6.30pm.

Sat 3rd N.S.P.C.C Craft Fair and Coffee morning upstairs in the Town Hall 10am - 12.30pm.

Sun 4th **BLOOD DONORS** in the Town Hall all day.

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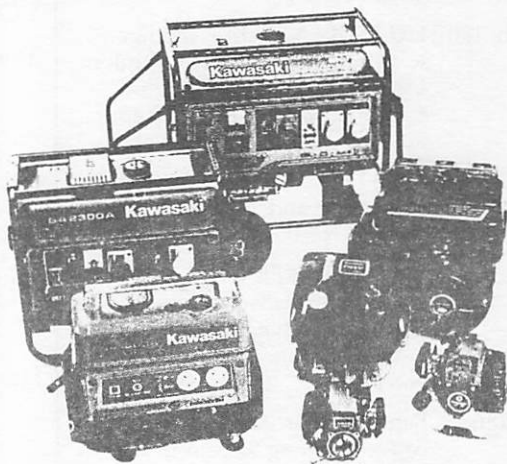
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High Bentham Primary School P.T.A.

BN went along to talk to Jane Callus (Chairperson) and Janet Dobson (Secretary) to find out a bit about the PTA: what it is and what it does.

I was interested to learn from Janet that the Parent Teacher Association (P.T.A.) is a registered charity affiliated to the National Confederation of PTA's, founded in 1956. This reflects the school's policy of working in partnership with parents. The PTA's function is to represent and work for the best interests of parents and, of course, their children. The PTA meetings provide the opportunity for parents and teachers to meet formally to discuss school business.

I asked Jane to summarise the main functions of the PTA. It is to enable parents to discuss school policy on such matters as discipline, the National Curriculum, extra-mural activities etc. It supports the running of the school in whatever way it can by fund-raising to provide resources for books, computers, trips etc. (funding from the County Council for many such essential items is inadequate). It runs social events and activities for parents and children and nurtures good school/village relations.

Janet then explained the structure and form of the P.T.A. The committee is made up of ten members - officers: Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer; a Parent/Governer; two teachers; 4 parents. Any parent can put forward their name, or the name of someone else, to be on the committee. Where there are too many nominated, there is an "election" held at the Annual General Meeting in September. However, Jane emphasised that, despite the formal structure and operating procedure, the Committee in practice was very *informal*. Anybody who wants to be involved, in any way, regularly or irregularly, would be made very welcome and their support highly valued. She went on to say that being a committee member or involved with the PTA meant that you felt more part of the school, learnt about what went on in it, you got to know the staff and other parents, and what's more, you had a good time!

Over the last year the PTA has been hard at it

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thinking up and running events which have been very enjoyable for those taking part and have raised valuable funds for the school. Recent successful events have been the Auction of Promises (reported in last months BN), and indoor artificial ice-skating sessions during the Easter holidays, together raising over £600.

Their next event is a date for your diary: **SATURDAY 29TH JUNE**. There will be a Treasure Hunt around Bentham and later on a barbeque in the school grounds. It is anticipated that it will be as good a social event as last years treasure hunt and barbeque.

My impression is that the PTA plays an invaluable role in the life of the school, benefitting the children and enabling parents to feel involved and contribute positively to their children's schooling.

Tony Bennett


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SPORTS PAGE

FOOTBALL

Bentham Football Club held their Annual Presentation Dinner and Disco in the Coach House recently. Many thanks to all the staff for a great evening.

Awards were presented as follows:

1st team **PLAYER OF THE YEAR** - Ian Guy
Res team " " " " John Hill

1st team **PLAYERS PLAYER** jt winners Glen Parker, Ian Guy
Res team **PLAYERS PLAYER** Chris Rosier

1st team **RIVERSIDE TROPHY** Ian Guy
Res team " " Colin Moore

Fred Richards's **CLUBMAN OF THE YEAR** award to Ian Guy.

Tony Dawber's **LOYALTY** award to Ian Guy and Mr. Jim Guy.

Special thanks to our President Mr John Sedgwick and his wife Val, to our main sponsor Phil and Nora Wright at Grove Hill Garage, Mr Ron Fleming for the raffle prize every week, Stan and Viv at the Horse and Farrier for a new Res team strip and all who help at the Sports Club week in week out.



NETBALL

The Craven Netball League is here once again. I would just like to welcome all the new team members to our club and of course all the old ones. This season promises to be an even better one than last, now that we can see the enthusiasm returning to the club. If there is anyone still wanting to play come down to the practice night 6.30pm on Monday evenings.

Wenning Wanderers v Ingleton 1

This was the first match of the season and

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both teams got off to a shaky start. The scores were very even throughout but Ingleton managed to creep ahead in the last quarter to win 23 - 20.

Wenning Wanderers v Hellifield

This promised to be a hard match as Hellifield dominate the Craven Netball League. Wenning got off to a good start with Hellifield unsteady on their passing. Excellent play by our new centre and the rest of the team enabled us to keep up with them. The score at half time 12 - 15 to Hellifield. The match continued with great determination on the Wanderers side. The final score 26 - 21 to Hellifield. A pleasing result for the Wanderers who hope to improve the score on the return match.

Ingleton 11 v Wenning Wanderers

Wenning got off to a good start with accurate passing and good shooting. Ingleton tried very hard to fight back but with Wenning's good defence Ingleton could not make up the difference. It was however a most enjoyable match with good play from both sides. The final score being 43 - 16 to the Wanderers.

Wenning Wanderers v Matchmakers

This promised to be a good match and started off so. But with Matchmakers' good strong and accurate passing they crept into a lead of 17 - 13 at half time. However after half time the heavens opened and play resumed under somewhat soggy conditions. Matchmakers held on to their lead and the final score was 30 - 16 to Matchmakers.

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TENNIS

Following a positive response to last month's tennis item, it has been decided to revive the **BENTHAM TENNIS ASSOCIATION**. Membership will run from 1st July annually, & will cost £10 for adults & £5 for children & students. Holders of membership cards will have priority in the use of the courts. A **CLUB NIGHT** will be held on **WEDNESDAYS, 6.30pm onwards**. If you want to come along with your racquet there should be others there to play tennis with - why not give it a try?

Membership enquiries to: Ken Robertson, Lynwood, Lakeber Drive, Bentham (tel: 61285).

TENNIS MATCH RESULTS IN JUNE:
(Kendal & District League: Mens Division I)
Bentham 'v' Kendal A: 2-2:

Kendal's supposedly weaker team (winners of the 2nd division last season) provided stiffer opposition than anticipated, & with Bentham's 2nd couple losing both rubbers the home team had to be satisfied with a draw.

Vickers(Barrow) 'v' Bentham: 2-2:

A rare defeat for Bentham's experienced 1st couple by the 2 best juniors in Cumbria on Vickers' splendid grass courts meant that, despite the home team's weak 2nd couple, the match resulted in a draw.

Milnthorpe 'v' Bentham: 1-3:

A welcome victory for Bentham at Milnthorpe on one of the rare, recent evenings that confirmed that tennis is, after all, a summer season activity! A delightful evening.

Team for the above 3 matches: John Bell, Alan Warde, Colin Brown, Ken Robertson.

Bentham 'v' Wanderers (Barrow): 2-2:

A creditable draw against the 1st Division champions for the last 3 seasons. Bentham were without their preferred 1st couple, but mature, aggressive play from the home team's youngest member enabled the 1st & 2nd couples to come away with one straight sets win each.

Team: Colin Brown, Ken Robertson, Simon Hicks & Roger Alston.

REQUEST

Would the person, or persons, who inadvertently took the Town Hall electric kettle, engraved with Bentham Town Council, please return it as it is regularly needed. Also missing is the water set of jug and glasses and the large two handled milk pan.



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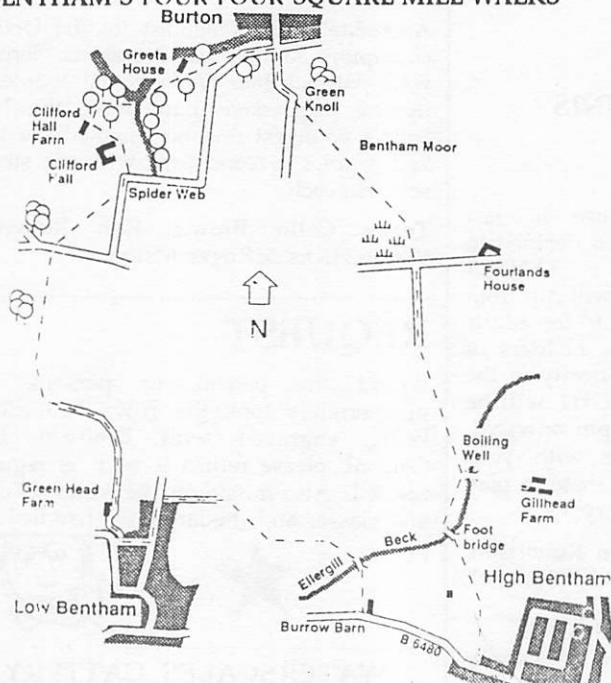


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BENTHAM'S FOUR FOUR SQUARE MILE WALKS



No 2 NORTH WEST: over Benthams Moor to Burton and Clifford Hall.

MAPS. The beginning and end of this walk is on OS Pathfinder Map 650 (Bentham & Clapham): the greater part is on Pathfinder 628 (Kirkby Lonsdale & Barbon)

TO BOILING WELL. From the centre of Bentham walk down Main Street and continue past the Horse & Farrier for 100 yards when you will see on the right a public footpath (PF) sign to "Burton in Lonsdale". Go through this stile and follow the line of the hedge over the brow of the hill, across the wooden stile, down into the dip and up again, ignoring two gates and a stile on your right, until you come to broken down stile hidden in the corner. Cross this next field keeping well to the right of the barn and the oak tree in the middle, and the next stile with its yellow waymark will come into view; also in view on a clear day are Gragareth and Ingleborough. From the

top of the stile you can see your next crossing point, a footbridge over Ellergill Beck, in the bottom right hand corner of the field. Once over the bridge turn sharp right and keep going until you reach the next stile with the waymark pointing straight ahead. A short diversion to your right brings you to the spring known locally as Boiling Well.

TO BURTON OVER BENTHAM MOOR.

Rejoin the path to follow the direction of the waymark towards a wooden cage which protects a young beech tree, planted in March of this year to replace the ancient one blown down in the gales of 1990. From here a well trodden path heads diagonally to your left across the field to a stile in the corner from which a green lane leads out on to the road near Fourlands House. Cross the road and the stile opposite then, keeping close to the hedge on your left, walk through the next two fields passing through a gateway (very muddy at certain times) and over a stile into a third field. Still follow the hedge until it turns sharp left when you will see ahead a white post in the fence which marks your next stile. Walking in the same direction after this stile as you were before, clip the corner of the field to the next waymarked stile, and before crossing it take time to turn around and look at the Wenning Valley set out behind you. Once over the stile (mind the barbed wire) follow the line of the telegraph poles across the next two fields watching for the appearance of Burton Church Spire and a panoramic view of Ingleton, Burton and the Lakeland Hills. A sturdy ladder stile leads you on to Green Knoll, walking in the direction of the church spire will bring you to the stile by the gate which leads you on

the Burton - Low Bentham road. Turn right down the hill to the bridge spanning the River Greta where the grassy banks may tempt you to rest a while.

TO CLIFFORD HALL. Turn left before the bridge and follow the road alongside the river until a PF sign directs you to the right along the track past Greta House. Here the track becomes a clearly visible path (muddy at times) which you follow over a small stone bridge (ignore the path to the left going up to Clifford Gill) and up through the wood, taking the left hand fork at the Y-junction denoted by two yellow arrows painted on a tree and, further on up the wood, ignoring another path to the right leading over a stile. You should now be curving left up to the top of the wood on to the track past the new Clifford Hall Farm and, ignoring the well-used track branching off to the left, drop down to Clifford Hall itself. This was the original farm and is now being developed into seven dwellings. Follow the stony lane up and beyond the Hall, keeping the triangle of trees to your right, until you arrive on to the road at Spider Web (why Spider Web?)

TO LOW BENTHAM via SEDGWICK HILL. Continue up the road ahead for approx 50 yards, looking for an overgrown stile and PF sign on your right. Once over the stile, using as a landmark the corner of the hedge just visible on top of the hill, cross the field in a diagonal line, up the hill and down again into the far corner where there is a stile on to the Wennington road. Go through the gate almost opposite and, bearing slightly left, begin to cross this extensive field, heading for the tip of a telegraph pole which is peeping up over the brow of the hill and keeping the clump of hawthorn trees on Sedgwick Hill well to your right. Once at the telegraph pole, keeping in the same general direction, your next obvious landmark is the jutting out corner of the adjacent field to your left. Continue walking without altering course, passing a line of four oak trees growing by a fence to your left, then immediately past the second line of four oaks you will see a gate with a waymarked stile. Cross this and go over the wobbly one 50 yds ahead into

another green lane which you now follow down into Low Bentham, passing Green Head Farm and its cartwheel gates before coming out into Cross Lane.

BACK TO HIGH BENTHAM. Turn left and keep going until Cross Lane meets the Burton Road at the T-junction, then turn left again and walk up the hill until, just past the 30MPH sign, you see a PF sign pointing to the right. Go over the stile and walk along the green lane to its end where you will reach two gateways; take the left hand one and follow the hedge on your right through the field. Pass through the gate at the top of the field and walk diagonally to your right to the corner where there is a little stile (don't go down past the bath!). Turn left over the stile and walk alongside the hedge to the stile at the end of the wall. Pause for more views of Bentham and the Wenning Valley before crossing the stile and walking diagonally down this field, in single file if the grass is long, keeping to the left of the two trees in the middle and heading for the next stile clearly visible in the centre of the long wire-netting fence. The next stone stile can be seen down in the dip; take care using this as not only is the wall precarious but immediately over the other side is a narrow footbridge. Head up through the obvious gap in the hawthorn hedge, across the field keeping the houses to your right, and through the stile with the PF sign on to Low Bentham Road by Burrow Barn. Turn left and walk along the road back to High Bentham. This walk can be completed in about two and half hours and is about five miles from and returning to the centre of High Bentham.

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Route by Carol Crellin; map by George Pickett.

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Dear Sir,

May I use your columns to say 'Thank You' to all those who helped me to raise £650.00 for the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research either by sponsorship or simply encouragement for my successful attempt at the London Marathon.

Yours Faithfully

John Corrigan,
11, Hillcroft, Benthams.

Dear Editor.

You have published many letters in the past from people who have visited Benthams and have written to say what a friendly town it is.

Not only have my family and I discovered this to be true for ourselves during our five years here, but also the walkers who visited Benthams recently from the 'Walk of a 1000 Men' said what a friendly and welcoming place Benthams was. They enjoyed their visit so much that they wanted to stay longer.

Thank you to all who spent time talking to the men, on their doorsteps, in the pubs and clubs and at the Town Hall. The men really appreciated the opportunity both to listen to you and to share their faith.

Finally if anyone wishes to talk some more about the Christian faith, or ask some questions (without obligation!), I would be pleased to try and help if they make contact with me.

Yours sincerely

Rev. John Millard,
The Manse, Station Road, Benthams.

Dear Benthams News,

Whatever their feelings on the matter I expect most people have had enough of the 'Hippie' saga. However after reading the last installment I must have my say.

I understand that people feel strongly about the presence of people in buses but to say it is like catching an 'unpleasant infectious disease' is just rude and ridiculous.

May I point out that although concern is expressed for the children who have to live in these 'unsanitary conditions' a local farmer threatened to spread slurry on the buses and occupants within half an hour of them arriving at Mewith. Now that's pretty unsanitary. The police were called to prevent this happening.

Am I to believe that lack of water supply and sanitation seriously affects a child's well being? If so, very few of us would be here as most of our ancestors would have died because they didn't have a pretty flush loo. The warning has come too late for my daughter as she has lived on a boat for six months and is no doubt damaged beyond repair after this horrific experience of no running water in the taps. To quote a classic Yorkshire phrase 'A bit of honest muck never hurt anyone'

The parents are accused of forcing their way of life on their children, but don't house dwellers equally impose their way of life on their own children? May be that's different because it's 'normal' and if anyone can define normal for me I would appreciate it.

Virtually all the sites in the area have been ditched fenced or gated in some way despite having been used by gypsies and travellers for many years. Yet there is still no official site.

They are made to feel unwelcome and moved on continually. Why should they care if they offend the locals when the locals don't care if they offend them.

A compromise is needed, give and take on both sides. Surely this is possible in 'democratic England'. As the travellers are hounded out of yet another area and complaints start about the gypsies before they even get here, I wonder when this witch hunt will end. What is the point of this dog in a manger attitude, travellers are not going to disappear just because their usual sites are inaccessible. Why doesn't someone do something positive about the situation instead of all this petty and selfish moaning.

Yours faithfully

Diane Wells ('local' as if that matters)
Crow Trees, Mewith.

Dear Editors,

As I write Bentham is gradually returning to normal after the event euphemistically known as the Bentham Horse Fair. The equine element of this event is not entirely clear, but this year it must have played a very small part as the relatively few horses located at the main venue were far outnumbered by trailer caravans, motor vans and lorries apparently involved in scrap-metal dealing, tarmacing and other unidentifiable activities seemingly unconnected with horses. The traditional horse-drawn caravans were all but squeezed out. So what is it that brings this influx of "visitors" to Bentham? What attracts them may be something of a mystery, but what is not a mystery is the result of their presence in our midst.

There is damage to houses, vehicles, & other property, excessive drunkenness, disturbances in pubs, pilfering and attendant problems in the shops, rowdiness into the small hours, urinating, defecating and vomiting along boundary fences, walls and elsewhere, abuse of local facilities and general interference in the normally pleasant and peaceful atmosphere of Bentham. After a few days, which to those in the "front line" seems like an eternity, the visitors depart leaving their litter, general garbage and filth behind. Much of this is promptly cleared up, but much inevitably remains to attract flies and vermin and maybe constitute a health hazard.

It surprises me that anyone could permit, encourage or even condone such an event, but this is only my personal opinion, and admittedly that of an "in-comer". Perhaps some of your readers who have been resident in Bentham for much longer than I will enlighten me as to the appeal of this event and the benefits it brings to this otherwise pleasant, peaceful and friendly community. Yours sincerely
D. J. Schofield, "Braemar", Mount Pleasant

Dear Sir,

Is there anyone who can tell us why our Poll Tax is being used to pay two headteachers salaries at Low Bentham Primary School and for how long we are going to keep this up?

Yours faithfully

John Corrigan

11, Hillcroft, Bentham

Dear Bentham News,

I enclose a press cutting from the Yorkshire Post regarding school bus fares which may be of interest to your readers.

"Parents have probably won their long campaign to get free transport to school for their children. People living in and around Bentham who want their children to attend Queen Elizabeth's School, Kirkby Lonsdale have battled with North Yorkshire Council over who should foot the bill for bus fares

Parents said they should be paid for the journeys because they paid the same local taxes as those whose children went to Settle. They said Queen Elizabeth's was closer for some parents and that choice in education should be upheld.

The Department wants the county's policy changed so that parents wishing to send their children to a school of their choice would get free transport if it was closer than the one designated by the council.

A council spokesman said the committee would be recommended to change its policy to bring it into line with the Department's suggestion."

The council (North Yorkshire County) accepted the Government's advice today (14th June 1991).

Regards

Stephen Dawson, (Chairman North Craven and Ribblesdale Conservatives.)
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JOHNNY ONE-NOTE'S NORTH WEST CLUB REVIEWS

This month I'm taking a look at some of the dance clubs in our area, & have been helped in my research by DAVE THE RAVE.



ANGELS: BURNLEY (opposite main car park) Capacity: 450. Entrance fee: £5. Good PA. Good local DJ's with House/Techno acts (Editor: What are these?!) every Friday. A great night out, best Friday/Saturday.

CARLTON INN: MORECAMBE Capacity: 1,000+. Entrance fee £5. Good PA & lighting. Local DJ's & occasional acts. A reasonable night out. Friday nights only.

EUREKA: BLACKPOOL PROM Capacity: 800. Entrance fee: £5 (get there before 8.30pm). Excellent PA & lighting. Top resident DJ & special guest DJ's imported from America. Great night out. Members only. Best nights: Thursday & Saturday.

HACKETTS: BLACKPOOL (Central Prom) Capacity: 400-500. Entrance fee: £7 (get there before 9pm). Good PA & lighting. Top resident DJ's. Best night: Saturday. Well recommended.

HARVEYS: MORECAMBE (Heysham Road) Capacity: 350. Entrance fee: £3 (FREE on Thursday & Sunday). Excellent PA & lighting. Local DJ's. Reasonable night out. Best on Sundays.

PALACE: BLACKPOOL (Central Prom) Capacity: 1,000+. Entrance fee: £10. Excellent PA & lighting layout. Good visiting DJ's & regular House/Techno act (Everlution, Dream, Frequency). A good night out. Best on Thursdays.

PARK HALL: CHARNOCK RICHARD (M6 junction 26) Capacity: 1,000+. Entrance fee: £5. Good PA & lighting. Good visiting DJ's & regular House/Techno acts. Best nights Friday/Saturday.

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REFLECTIONS: WINDERMERE Capacity: 300. Entrance fee: £5. Excellent PA & lighting. Resident & visiting DJ's. Reasonable night out, Wednesdays only.

SEQUINS: BLACKPOOL (Central Prom) Capacity: 650. Entrance fee: £7 (get there early, 7.30pm). Excellent PA & lighting. Top resident DJ is Dave Charnley. Superb night out, best on Saturdays.

If anyone has discovered any other clubs where you can have a good night out near Bentham, please let me know. Notes for JOHNNY ONE-NOTE can be left at Tim Churchill's shop.

POLICE FILE



HOW TO CONTACT THE POLICE Have you ever had difficulty telephoning the police? Perhaps you ring the Bentham number first, followed by Ingleton, then Settle and then Skipton? Well, you're doing it wrong. Our local Police Sgt. Wallis would like Bentham News to make it known that callers should ring **SKIPTON: 0756 793377**. Thereafter the call will be diverted to the nearest operating station or police-person in the locality, saving time and money.

SPECIAL CONSTABULARY Recruits for the Special Constabulary (voluntary positions) are still needed. Anyone interested should contact Sgt. Wallis.

FUNNY MONEY Many people in Bentham have had their paper money scrutinised by shopkeepers over the past couple of weeks. Bentham News contacted the Chief Inspector at Skipton for comments. Apparently the police had asked traders to be especially vigilant because counterfeit money had been circulating during the period around Appleby Fair. They considered that the action was recommended because of specific circumstances and that the 'normal' level of vigilance could now be resumed.



RECIPES



These recipes are from Shirley of Ingleton, tried and tested.

CREAMED ONION LORRAINE

PASTRY

6 ozs plain flour
3 ozs butter or margarine
pinch of salt

Mix together with water and line a 7" flan tin

FILLING

1lb onions
2ozs butter or margarine
2 eggs (2 large or 3 med)
2 ozs grated cheddar cheese
2 dsp of cream
salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter or marg add onions, salt, pepper and cook gently until the onions are soft and transparent.

Cool and add the beaten egg and cream and stir well.

Adjust seasoning if necessary.

Pour into flan case and bake at 350F until golden brown.



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LEMON CAKE

6ozs castor sugar
4 ozs soft margarine
6 ozs plain flour
rind of lemon grated
1 tsp baking powder
4 tblsp milk

Put all ingredients in a mixing bowl and beat together until well blended.

Put in to a lined 8" cake tin and bake at gas 4 or electric 350F for 50 - 60 minutes.

TOPPING

juice of one lemon
4 ozs castor sugar or granulated.

As soon as the cake has been taken out of the oven, mix the juice of the lemon with the sugar and pour over the top of the cake. Leave in the tin until cool.



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SUNDAY 8am Eucharist. 10am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church. WEDNESDAY. 9am Eucharist. Mothers Union 2nd Tuesday each month in the Legion Hall at 2pm. Enquiries Mrs Field 61084

St John the Baptist, Low Bentham.

1st Sunday 8am, Holy Communion, 10.30am Family Service. 2nd Sunday 10.30am, Holy Communion, 3pm Village Hall. 3rd Sunday 9.15am Holy Communion, 10.30am Praise Service. 4th Sunday 10.30am Holy Communion, 2pm Village Hall. 5th Sunday 10.30am Worship & Holy Communion.

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Sunday Worship 10.30am & 6.30pm. Junior Church 10.30am. Fellowship Meeting Tuesday 7.30pm. Bright Hour 2.15pm. alternate Tuesdays commencing the 2nd October. Springboard 7-10 years Monday 6.15pm. Breakout 11-13 years Wednesday 7.00pm. Jam Club 14 plus Friday 7.30pm.

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