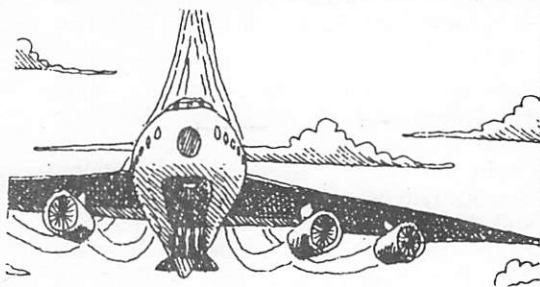


BENTHAM NEWS



LOW FLYING!!



Frightened employees of Angus Fire armour dived for cover a couple of weeks ago as a low flying jet roared into a climb over the factory and showered the area with metal fragments. People trying to gather the pieces rapidly discovered that they were burning hot and could not be touched for several minutes. The shower punctured flat roofs and tarmac, dented cars and one piece struck driver Gerry Preston on the head. Luckily no one was seriously injured. There has been a heated debate for several years locally about the merits and problems of low flying, notably in the letter pages of Bentham News, and following this latest scare, some local people, realising that a more serious accident was only narrowly avoided, have complained to the M.P. David Curry, County Councillor Ralph Atkinson and to the Ministry of Defence. The Ministry sent representatives to Angus

to examine damage and take statements from those who saw the incident, but to date they have provided little information about the cause and have not responded to demands to keep low flying away from centres of population.

Meanwhile the low flying continues....

Bentham Trust Discussed Again

On the 10th. of September Bentham News Committee invited interested local people to listen to visiting speaker Marion Horton from the Yorkshire Rural Community Council talking about the work of the Colne Valley Trust and the things it has been able to achieve for the area around the towns of Slaithwaite and Marsden. The Colne Valley Trust is one of a growing number of local town trusts that promote co-operative approaches to local problems and encourage joint action by local authorities and local businesses and voluntary groups.

Here in Bentham, we at Bentham News have been thinking about founding a trust for Bentham for some time, as readers of our columns may already know. Although we have survived our first five years as a loose editorial committee with little formal

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PANTO GROUP NEWS

If you enjoyed 'GREEN FORMS' last Autumn and 'THE LITTLE MAN' at the Hornby Drama Festival, we hope you will come along to our presentation of two One-Act Plays in the Town Hall on Thursday October 17th, Friday October 18th and Saturday October 19th. The plays are 'A VISIT FROM MISS PROTHERO' by Alan Bennett (a companion play to Green Forms) and 'TEETH' by Tom Stoppard. Tickets will be available before productions or on the door.

ROBINSON CRUSOE is our Pantomime for next February. We felt a tropical island setting very apt for 1992 the 500th anniversary of Christopher Columbus's famous voyage. Ann Corrigan and Sue Morphet are brimming with ideas and are busy writing the script. There will be parts for anyone who wants to act, sing or dance, no matter what age. If you have any skills you could offer such as set - construction, painting, dress making, stage lighting etc let us know **PLEASE WE NEED YOU!!**

DRAMA WORKSHOPS Vi is busy setting up a series of Saturday Drama Workshops for children. Further details will be published as soon as possible.

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GREEN FAIR

Settle High School Parents' Association are organising a week-end of events and exhibitions concerning environmental issues which they hope will be informative, stimulating and entertaining.

Friday October 4th, 7.30pm Graham Mort, the highly regarded Poet from Clapham will read some of his poems and musical interludes will be provided by Settle High School pupils. This will be followed by a tasting of home-made wines and wholefoods. Tickets £2.50 and £1.50 obtainable from School tel Settle 822451 or Ingleton 41155.

Saturday October 5th, 10am - 4pm Exhibitions of work from local schools on Green Issues, various stalls by environmentally aware organisations, demonstrations of dry stone walling and style-building etc. Light refreshments will be available all day. Admission 50p and 20p. There will be a **GREEN RAFFLE** all weekend.

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TOWN COUNCIL

Monday 2nd September 1991

Councillors present at this meeting were: Bateson, Bloxham, Davies, Dawber, Hurtle, Marshall, and Preston, plus District Councillor Atkinson. 9 members of the public were present.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Members of the Traders' Association came along to the meeting to discuss their involvement in Bentham's street decorations. They are planning to hire strings of lights (yes, we've heard that one before) and will report back to the next meeting when they've done the sums. Mention was made of the notional £400 allocated for decorations last year - and yes, that'll do nicely, say the Traders. Councillors indulged in the usual financial splutterings. But the competition for the best dressed windows will again be organised by the Council.

READ ALL ABOUT IT!

It seems that the silly season is not quite over. You may remember that the Council decided not to fork out £20 for books for our Tree Wardens. Well, one resident of Low Bentham took a dim view of this - and duly sent the Council a cheque for the £20. How embarrassing. After a bit of paper shuffling, it was decided that the £20 cheque should be redirected to Councillor Cowling, who had taken it upon himself to purchase the books anyway. On a brighter note, the Tree Wardens have compiled a report on trees requiring replacement/planting in High and Low Bentham and will liaise with Craven about free trees from the Amenity Tree Scheme.

SUCCESSFUL INJUNCTIONS AGAINST HIPPIES

Councillor Atkinson reported on the actions of local farmers in the recent battle to keep hippies off their land and the moors. Much ditch digging has been going on in an attempt to impede the ingress of buses and caravans, but not with total success. It seems that injunctions are the only effective

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way of dealing with the problem, and as Councillor Atkinson said, "hippies have been shown that they are not welcome here". The trouble is that injunctions are expensive - about £2,000 a throw. So how about the Council showing its appreciation by donating some money towards farmers' legal expenses? £75 is the most the Council can give outwith the precept, and this was unanimously endorsed (although I can't remember seeing Mayor Bloxham's hand in the air).

BURTON FOOTPATH DISPUTE

5 or 6 Councillors had walked the so-called footpath and had viewed the deeds of affected houses. All had agreed that there is no case for formalising this 'footpath'. At the insistence of Burton Parish Council (and they're paying for it), the case has gone to the Department of the Environment. They may decide to hold a public inquiry, but for the moment Bentham Town Council can do no more.

OTHER BUSINESS

Why has the Council been refunded money from Craven? No-one was quite sure, but they'll bank it anyway. - Low Bentham housing scheme has gone to Craven for planning permission - 5 family houses and 4 bungalows for the elderly. - If you want to have a coffee morning in 1992, any month except January - you've had it. - The Precept Meeting will be held on 18th November - get your bids in.

Kate Steele



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BENTHAM & DISTRICT HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY



The Society was founded in 1956 to arrange outings to gardens and flower shows and to stage an Annual Horticultural Show in Bentham. Early officers of the Society included Dr. P.W. Wright, president and Mr E. Hardy Birt, secretary, several families including the Coates, Cowgills, Gotts and Nobles have been associated with the Society from its inauguration right through to the present day.

For many years the Society organised outings to such events as the Southport and Harrogate Flower Shows together with talks and occasional annual dinners, but the main events have naturally always been the Shows.

Initially, an August Open Show alone was held each year, but an Annual July Rose Show was started in 1962 and two years later the September Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Show was introduced. Although the Rose Show has not taken place for three years, the other two events continue to attract much support, not only from exhibitors living in Bentham, but also from those in the surrounding area; the many visitors to the shows marvel at the high

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standard of the exhibits on display.

These shows have fluctuated over the years between one and two days each; in 1991, due to the crowded summer calendar, the Open Show, after 15 years, reverted to a very successful single day, entries were up and there were new exhibitors, but the Chrysanthemum and Dahlia Show continues as a full week-end attraction. Additionally, a very popular coffee morning is held each year to enable the Society's funds to cover the cost of the main events.

Each Show attracts up to 400 entries of flowers and vegetables and provides friendly competition for the exhibitors, however as is frequently the case, the work of staging these events falls on the shoulders of a small but dedicated group of workers, who would always be delighted to welcome interested helpers. Further information can be obtained from the Chairman Mr. E. Coates (Bentham 62424) or the secretary Mrs A. Shallcross (Bentham 61411).

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FOOTPATH MATTERS

Quite a few people have appreciated the descriptions and route maps of shorter walks around Bentham which *Bentham News* has very kindly published during the summer, and we expect that before long these will be collected together in a more permanent form. The summer of 1991 will be remembered for many things, some are already speaking of it as "the year of the thistle"! Our walks over field and fell, between neighbouring communities, and along the river valleys, have left impressions of a varied, harmonious and (mostly) well - managed countryside, and it has been good to see more and more members of the local community, of all ages, venturing forth and appreciating what they discover.

The season moves towards its conclusion with several important walks, and finally with our annual Open Meeting on Friday 25th October at 7.30pm at Bentham Town Hall. The Chair will be taken by Councillor Sue Bloxham, and there will be displays of maps, literature, photographs, art work and other mementoes. The main purposes of the meeting are, firstly, to review and celebrate the past year's events, especially to listen to comments, criticisms, suggestions; and, secondly, to shape plans for the coming year November 91 / October 92.

Undoubtedly, activities will continue on established lines, with guided walks to suit all tastes and capacities. By way of an important innovation, however, our committee has been considering how far we can, or ought to, extend our activities into the area of voluntary conservation work. The feeling is becoming more widely recognised that those who derive so much pleasure, relaxation, recreation - even material benefit, from the countryside may wish to contribute actively to the maintenance and preservation of precious resources. The condition of local footpaths is not bad, and indeed is steadily improving;

5 but we are frequently reminded that in many places more substantial, convenient, and lasting structures (stiles, steps etc.) are desirable. We are seeking funds to facilitate such improvements, and we aim to build up a reserve of volunteers, often organised in quite small groups, who in close consultation with landowners and local authorities can undertake urgently needed work, which might not otherwise be done. Basically, as volunteers, we are looking for reasonably capable "handy-men" (and women), who can work for short periods under experienced direction, - folk with special skills in joinery, masonry etc will be especially useful.

No doubt there will be questions to be asked about this new line of activity, though we are aware that such schemes are being carried out successfully in neighbouring communities. Appropriately, the guest speaker this year, at our Open Meeting, will be Mr Russ Turner, secretary of the Yorkshire Dales Conservation Volunteers (affiliated to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers - BTCV), who will give a special presentation on "Problems of Maintaining a Rights of Way Network."

Anyone in the least bit interested in such problems and opportunities is urged to come to the meeting at the Town Hall on Friday 25th October: offers of volunteer help, whether by individuals or by representatives of other organisations, may be made at any time (though sooner rather than later!) to members of the Footpath Group committee.

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BENTHAM TRADERS

The following survey was conducted around the main shopping areas of High and Low Bentham. It included pubs, cafes, banks and trades people as well as retail shops. It was carried out because there seemed to be a growing discontent with the effects of the Horse Fair on the town after this years event. The following questions were asked and the results were as shown, a total of 45 people were contacted.

YES NO

1, Does the Horse Fair generate extra trade for your business?	20%	80%
2, Do you require extra staff?	12%	73%
3, Do you suffer from shoplifting during this period?	26%	69%
4, Do you / have you suffered any property damage?	4%	93%
5,, Do you extend or restrict your opening hours?	extend 4%	restrict 26%
6, Is it necessary for you to do extra cleaning?	20%	78%
7, Is your normal trade deterred by the visitors?	31%	60%
8, Do you feel that behaviour during the Fair is getting better?	2%	71%
9, If the travellers did not arrive until Friday would the problem of bored children be relieved?	44%	37%
10. Are you generally in favour of the continuation of the Fair?	22%	64%
11, Do you consider that any extra trade generated is profitable to you?	17%	73%

The results are quite interesting with a significant bias against the Fair taking place at all. Some traders, close to the Auction Mart, had very strong comments to make about the nuisance caused by what seems to be the 'hangers on' who follow the genuine horse traders.

There were also several comments from people who like the idea of horse drawn caravans and the actual Horse Fair continuing but don't like the presence of all the modern caravans parked all over Bentham with no proper facilities.

What are the thoughts of Bentham inhabitants? The traders would be interested to know!

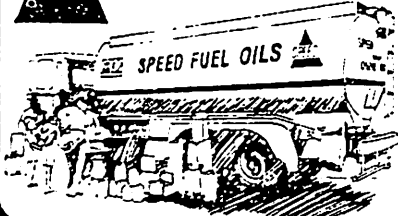


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DISTRICT AFFAIRS



Ralph Atkinson, one of our two Liberal Democrat District Councillors reviews the month's issues at Craven District Council.

HOUSING

You remember I reported that the Gov't's proposals to extend the right-to-buy Council houses to housing for the elderly was defeated in the House of Lords last year. Well it seems that they are trying to overcome this by administrative dodges. In the August issue of the magazine, 'Housing', several District Councils report that the Secretary of State has insisted on exceptions being made to the law and such houses being sold to their occupants for all sorts of reasons - too large; too far from the shops; too large gardens; a new occupant allowed in when she was a week under pensionable age; so-called inadequate heating, etc, etc. Imagine if our houses for the elderly at Grasmere Close were sold off to their tenants. It'd be the heirs that'd benefit not Gran and they'd be very quickly sold off to private buyers. Then where could we find a place to replace them? We've had enough trouble finding a half-suitable spot in Low Bentham without trying to find new places in High Bentham.

POLL TAX

An interesting comment on recent history comes from 'The Times, 21st August'. The Institute of Fiscal Studies says the failure of the Poll Tax could have been foreseen! A study of council spending on the old rates system showed that many of the alleged flaws in the rating system simply didn't exist. Also there was no evidence to suggest that people who didn't pay rates also voted for high spending by councils. Let's hope they've got it right with the Council Tax - I certainly don't think they have!

WRITING TO YOUR MP

Another survey, this time by the Cabinet Office reckons that the public send over 250,000 letters a year to their MPs. It estimates that the replies cost an average of between £8.00 for a simple standard reply, £60-90 for a more complex reply from Social

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Security or Health and an average of £100 for a reply from the Ministry of Defence. The record was £1,140 for one reply from MOD! Compare that with a cost of precisely nothing for a reply from your friendly local councillors who deal with an average of around 240 cases a year. Value for money? - you bet!

RECYCLING CREDITS

Following what I said last month about the miserable credit (of £2.65 per tonne) the County Council gives Districts for recycling their garbage, it now appears the Government is going to force them to pay up to £4.50 a tonne. This will help enormously to encourage more recycling. Who knows, we may even be able to get them to collect separate products at the door, like some councils do already.

COMPETITIVE TENDERING

The Aireville Swimming Pool and other leisure facilities in Skipton have been put out to tender under the Local Government Act, 1988 and our own Direct Services Organisation has won the tender.

ENFORCING PLANNING CONTROL

The system of planning controls has been considerably tightened up with maximum penalties increased from £2,000 to £20,000. However, the main inconsistency (in my view) still hasn't been corrected. This is that developers are not penalised for building before they've got planning control provided that they would have got it if they had applied (Yes, I know! but that's the law!).

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YOUR LETTERS ⁸



Dear Bentham News,

I feel I should apologise to some local photographers for creating a difficulty with the photographic competition at this year's Bentham Show.

After several years without change I thought it would be more interesting to alter the topics and suggested a new list, but the new list was available too late for many people to get their entries ready in time so only about one third of the usual number entered and many were disappointed.

I now realise that the change should have been publicised in *Bentham News* a few months ago, so I will announce NOW that next year the topics will be the same as this year's, namely colour prints :-

For juniors:- Water Scenes, Textures and Patterns, Flower Study, Activity.

For Seniors:- Fishing, Glass, Wheels, Markets.

Black & White prints for both juniors and seniors may be of any topic.

If you know anyone who was disappointed this year please ensure they know what they can plan for 1992.

Finally, there are obviously some very good photographers in the area - why not join the BENTHAM AND DISTRICT CAMERA CLUB; none of us are professional, some are learners all of us are friendly and helpful.

Sincerely Dennis Dafforn (Chairman).
Fleet House,
Tatham.

Dear BN,

I just wanted to say how much I and others have enjoyed using the "4 square mile walks" around Bentham that have been

publicised in *BN* during the past four months. They have been carefully, accurately and simply described and have taken me to parts of the countryside very near to where I live which I had never visited before.

I would like to thank the Footpath Group for the hard work that went into producing the walks and maps.

Shirley Brown,
"Asperlands",
Bentham.

FIFTY TREES FOR BENTHAM?

It is possible that we shall receive up to 50 assorted trees from the Craven District Council's amenity tree program. As a priority the tree wardens decided that all dead / vandalised trees on the High Bentham estate would be replaced, also a few dead trees in recent plantings in Low Bentham and at Springfield.

The Town Council agreed that Lairgill (New) Cemetary should have small trees on its East and South boundaries and later it is hoped to add some flowering shrubs. If trees are available planting along the main road between High and Low Bentham will be continued.

Help will be needed for planting at the end of November, volunteers watch this paper, additional tree wardens are also needed. We hope you will rally to protect trees in the area where vandalism has previously happened, these trees are for us all. Offers of help to Terry Whitaker 62269 or Jude Pereles 61750.



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By County Councillor Ralph Atkinson

LANCASTER/SKIPTON RAILWAY

Our July survey of passenger useage along the line before the reduction to three services a day showed an average of 74 passengers per train in a westerly direction and 88 travelling eastwards. Altogether 764 passengers travelled on the line each day. Questionnaires filled in by the majority of passengers showed that most came from outside the district to visit friends and relatives along the line. Less than 20% were business passengers, ie. they were not so strictly time-limited, and there was very little movement between stations on the line. Thanks to Lancashire County Council we've managed to complete another survey since the reduction to three services to compare with this, but the figures aren't out yet. Hopefully, they'll be ready by our meeting on Friday, the 27th September in Bentham Town Hall (Sorry about last month's slip - it is the 27th not the 29th) We're also planning another survey in Sept/Oct to have school term-time figures to compare.

The Govt. have also completed a study of rail and road traffic across the Pennines. Our route, the A65(T) and Lancaster/Skipton railway is compared with other routes further north and south. The figures I have got so far need some interpretation 'cos they show only 400 passenger movements on the railway compared to 764 in our survey. What they do show however, is that the A65, even on a week-day carries more traffic than the A66 (Brough Road), though the A66 carries far more lorries:

Average daily traffic:

A65 11,126 with 8.7% HGVs; A66 9,979 with 23.5% HGVs

9 On our route the railway carries only 4% of the passenger traffic whilst further south the railways carry over 10% - so there is clearly room for improvement.

RIGHTS OF WAY

The maintenance of footpaths and bridle ways is the joint responsibility of the landowner and the Highway Authorities. Incidentally, bicycles are not allowed on footpaths nor motor cycles on bridle ways. In the National Parks maintenance has been delegated to the Parks' Committees who, because of their general aims, are rather more generous in maintaining RoW than County Highways. A recent report by the Countryside Commission compares the amount spent on RoW by different authorities and I'm afraid North Yorkshire is by no means top of the league:

NY Average. Length of RoW(km) 5,600 -
Popn./km RoW 124.7 274.5 RoW /sq.km 0.7
1.3

Expenditure £/head popn. 0.176 0.266 £/
km.RoW 22.0 72.8 £/sq.km. 14.8 91.6

As you can see we spend only two thirds the average per head of population on our RoW and only one third of the average per km. though if the National Parks are included the figures are a somewhat better.

MINOR ROAD WORKS

Roads again! It's all about roads this month! They've been and gone and altered the formula to assess the priority for minor road works. The basis for this (quite rightly!) is accidents and traffic density. But, taken together this threatens to cut out any improvements on rural roads altogether. So I've asked for rural roads to be put in a separate category and a separate sum or number of projects allocated each year. Fortunately the new formula won't alter those projects already on the list, like the A687 at Eldron House and the B6480 at Mount Pleasant.



BENTHAM PEOPLE



PERSONAL THANKS

Mr & Mrs Jim Hall of "Annancliffe", Bentham, would like to say thank you to everyone who helped to make 20th September '91 a very special day.

Miss Margaret Maudsley wishes to thank all her friends for the lovely cards and gifts she received on her birthday and for making it such a happy occasion.

FOSTER - Mrs Edna Irene Foster and family wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kindness, messages of sympathy and donations to Pear Tree School received during their recent sad bereavement. Special thanks to the ambulance crew and staff at Blackpool Victoria Hospital, Casualty Department, for the care and kindness shown to John Allen, and to the Rev. Alan Clark for his comforting words. Thanks also to J & A Porter for their efficient funeral arrangements, especially Mr Cook for his care and understanding.

EVENTS

'FREEWAY' LIVE also LORD CHARLIE'S ROAD SHOW AT THE TOWN HALL on Fri 8th November at 8pm. TICKETS £3 from Armstrong's Hardware Store, Peak Condition & Horse & Farrier. TICKETS also available on the door £3.50.

INGLETON PLAYGROUP is holding a sale of nearly new children's clothes and toys. Quality bargains, no jumble, at Ingleton Community Centre on Saturday 19th October 10am - 2pm. Admission 50p including refreshments. Raffle, Tombola, Cake Stall etc.

10 INGLETON SPORTS HALL ASSOCIATION are holding a LADIES ONLY EVENING at Ingleton Community Centre on Saturday 14th December. Comedienne DOLLY DEE, Drag Artiste LEE STAR, BOY BLUE and DJ. Tel 41567 for enquiries and to book, tickets held for 7 days only. £11 including carving buffet supper and sweet.

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FOR SALE

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 2. 2 pairs Roller boots (gd cond.) £6.00 each.
 3. Matchbox Motorcity 500 £8.00.
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PIANO LESSONS - LINDY WILLIAMS is now teaching in Bentham. Any age and standard from beginner to diploma. Tel 07294 206.

LANCASTER SCANNER COFFEE MORNING held on 4th September in the Town Hall raised £685.72 for the appeal. Mrs Mary Frankland would like to thank ALL who helped in any way to make raising the above amount possible. Special thanks to her 'working party'.

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Look out for poster displays locally, recipe leaflets, information in supermarkets, shops and other public places.

Could you change from full fat milk to semi-skimmed? (halving the fat). Try a low fat spread instead of butter or margarine. (halving the fat). Buy leaner meat or more chicken and fish. Could your grill replace the frying pan? Remember your heart likes:



BEDWETTING

10%-12% of all children at 5-9 years wet the bed. Of the 10-19 yrs. group an estimated 200,000 will still wet the bed. In Great Britain there are approx. 1/4 million adults who find they are troubled by bedwetting.

Tell your doctor or talk to your Health Visitor/School Nurse - they can help.

Bedwetting is a common problem which can be stressful for children, parents, and families. Learning to be dry is a skill which has to be learnt, as all children reach dryness at different ages. It can be made worse or even start again for various reasons eg. starting school, any upset or stress or a medical problem like an infection.

Stopping evening drinks and "lifting" at parents bedtime does not usually help. "Lifting" teaches the child to sub-consciously learn to rely on others - but changing evening drinks can help. Fizzy drinks, tea and coffee

make the body produce more urine, so try to limit these from early evening.

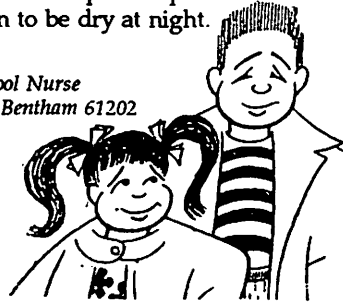
Most children achieve night dryness by 4-5 yrs. but many do take longer. Once a child is over 7 yrs. it may be a good idea to seek help, through your G.P. or Health Visitor/School Nurse.

We see the child regularly and discuss various helpful methods which may include using reward charts, diaries or even a buzzer alarm. We have 2 alarms at the Health Centre (purchased through local donations), which in many situations do help. It is possible for all children to learn to be dry at night.

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Health Visitor/School Nurse

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LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Wed 2nd	N.S.P.C.C. monthly meeting at Lingfield, Robin Lane at 7.30pm. Bentham Footpath Group's guided afternoon walk to Oakhead (4 1/2 miles) Leader, Ken Walton (tel 62382) Please meet at Bentham Bridge at 1pm.
Fri 4th	GREEN FAIR at Settle High School at 7.30pm.
Sat 5th	OFF THE WALL at the Town Hall 8pm. Bentham Conservatives coffee morning in the Town Hall 10 - 11.30am. Cake stall. GREEN FAIR at Settle High School 10am - 4pm.
Sun 6th	St. John's, Low Bentham, Harvest Festival Service 10.30am.
Mon 7th	Town Council meeting 7.30pm St John's, Low Bentham, Womens Fellowship at 2pm. Fashion Show by Casuals in the Town Hall at 7.30pm in aid of the N.S.P.C.C..
Wed 9th	LEATHER & LACE at The Coach House.
Fri 11th	Bentham & District Camera Club Federation Dinner & Individual competition at The Bridge Hotel 7 for 7.30pm.

Listing for Local Events

Day.....
Date.....
Event.....
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Venue.....

Please complete and return to Lesley Barker
or hand in at Churchill's

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Sat 12th

St. Margaret's coffee morning in the Town Hall.

Old Tyme Dance with Blencathra at Settle High School 8.30pm - midnight. Tickets £3.00. Bentham 61764 or school Settle 822451.

Bentham Footpath Group's guided Autumn Walk in Southern Lakeland Whitebarrow Scar (8/9 miles). Leader Frank Yates (tel 61375) Meet at Lairgill car park at 9.30am.

Tues 15th Bentham & District Camera Club Practical demonstration on developing slides 'E6 process', by M. Culshaw & C. Barnes.

Thurs 17th Bentham Panto Group's two One-Act Plays in the Town Hall 7.30pm.

Arthritis Research Council AGM in the Methodist School Room at 7.30pm. Anne Davis Film Show.

Fri 18th **WASTE PAPER COLLECTION** at Bentham Leisure Centre (Legion Hall), Grasmere Drive. 8.30 - 11.30am. Proceeds to N.S.P.C.C.

Bentham Panto Group's One Act Plays in the Town Hall 7.30pm.

Sat 19th Liberal Democrats coffee morning 10am in the Town Hall. Homemade cakes, Bric a brac stall and raffle.

Bentham Panto Group's One Act Plays in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Low Bentham W.I.'Cuts and cooking of meat' by Mrs K. Woodburn. Competiton - Tea Towel.

Fri 25th

Bentham Footpath Group's Annual Open Meeting in the Town Hall 7.30pm. Further

details under the Footpath Matters column.

Sat 26th

FAMILY NIGHT at Bentham Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Visit of Bethel Young People.

Hornby Drama Group presents The 'Hornby Broadcasting Corporation's' performance of **THREE MELODRAMAS** at 7.30pm. Tickets (£2 adults £1 children) will be available at the door.

All day Wenning Poultry Club Show and coffee morning.

Sun 27th

St John's, Low Bentham, Gift Day Service 10.30am.

Bentham Footpath Group's guided afternoon walk over Casterton Fells and Bull Pot Farm (6/7 miles). Leader Tony Burnett (tel 41304). Meet at Devil's Bridge, Kirkby Lonsdale 1.15pm.

Wed 30th

The all day **CARPET SALE** in the Town Hall.

LOCAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER.

Sat 2nd

OFF THE WALL in the Town Hall 8pm.

Springfield Bowling Club coffee morning in the Town Hall.

Fri 15th

LOWGILL SPORTS SUPPER DANCE at the Town Hall, Bentham. Tickets available by ringing Bentham 61780 or 61706



For your information

Public opening times for **SETTLE SWIMMING POOL**

MONDAY CLOSED ALL DAY

TUESDAY 3.30 7.30pm

WEDNESDAY 12.30 6.00pm

THURSDAY 7.00 8.30am(ladies)
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FRIDAY 2.00 7.30pm

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BENTHAM COMMUNITY BONFIRE

7pm at Bentham Auction Mart

on

SATURDAY 2nd NOVEMBER



Come and enjoy a spectacular display of fireworks at the Bentham Bonfire. The event has been funded by donations from many clubs, societies and churches of High and Low Bentham. It is hoped that it will become an annual event and virtually self-financing. This year the bonfire will be held in the Bentham Auction Mart yard. This ideal location, with plenty of parking, will hopefully attract a large crowd.

ADMISSION will only be £1.00 for adults, and children under 16 will be admitted free of charge.

One of the advantages of an organised bonfire is the safety it offers and, with this very much in mind, the organisers have decided that **SPARK-ERS ONLY** will be allowed by spectators. Kits full of water will be provided in the yard for the safe disposal of wires.

There will be a **BEST GUY COMPETITION** for children to be judged at 6.45pm. So children - bring your Guys.

Finally, last but not least, the **BONFIRE FAYRE** - soup, hot dogs, burgers etc. will be available for your refreshment.

BE THERE BY 6.45 FOR THE GUY JUDGING, SEE THE BONFIRE SET ABLAZE AT 7.00pm, AND ENJOY A SPECTACULAR EVENING OF PYROTECHNIC ENTERTAINMENT.

Thanks to Bentham Auction Mart for their kind permission to use their grounds.

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from 30th September 1991 to 10th May 1992

LEEDS TO LANCASTER TIMETABLE

Monday to Saturday

LANC	BEN	SKIP	LEEDS
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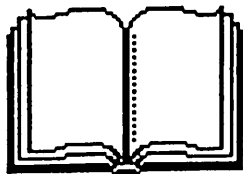
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Monday to Saturday

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0825	0915	0955	1030
1233	1318	1357	1432
1633	1721	1800	1831

SUNDAY

1405	1451	1530	1601
1705	1751	1830	1901



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1745

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We have received a number of replies to our request for further information on the Horse Fair. We have included some in this month's issue.

Dear BN

I enjoyed reading the article in issue 58 about the Hiring Fair and Horse Trading. It also struck a chord in my memory which took me back to the early days of Bentham Folk Club at the Brown Cow (as it was then). The members of the resident folk group - 'Farmstead' were on the lookout for local material and Robert Dugdale found the following song in a book called 'Holroyds Collection of Yorkshire Ballads'. I am not sure of the date it would have been written but it was certainly a typical 'broadside ballad' which would have been sold in the streets printed on one side of a large sheet of paper (broadside).

In short it is a comic song of two horse traders who are both out to swindle each other. They each know the condition of their own horse and trading is done without seeing the horse they are going to get. At the time that the deal is made both horses have actually expired. However, one of them still comes off the better because the carcass of the horse he has received is in good condition whereas the other had fallen foul of insect damage ('flead').

THE YORKSHIRE HORSE DEALERS.

(Trad sometimes called Tommy Towers & Abraham Muggins)

*Hard by Clapham town end lived an old
Yorkshire Tyke,
Who in dealing in horses had ne'er met his like
Twor his pride that i'aw the hard bargains he'd
pit
He'd bit a gort many, but never got bit.*

*This ould Tommy Towers (bi that name were
kraan)
He'd an old carrion tit that were sheer skin and
baan, (horse)
To hev killed him already wed hev bin quite as
well
But 'thor Tommy's opinion he'd dee on himsel!*

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*Well one Abey Muggins a neighbourin' cheat
Thout to diddle ond Tommy wod be a rare treat
For he'd a horse too worse n' Tommy's ye see
For t'night afore that he'd thout proper to dee.*

*Thinks Abey t'owd codger'll ne'er smell a trick
I'll swop wi' him my poor dead horse fro his
wick, (lively one)
An' if Tommy I nobbut can happen to trap
'Twill be afine feather i' Aberrans cap.*

*Soa to Tommy he goes an' a question he pops
'Between my horse and thine, prithee, Tommy,
what swaps?*

*What'll gimme to boot, for mine'e better horse
still?'*

*'Nowt' says Tommy, I'll swap even hands and
ye will.'*

*Abey preacht a long time about summat to boot
Insistin' that his was the liveliest brute
But Tommy stuck fast where he first had begun
Till Abey shook hands and said, 'Done, Tommy,
Done!'*

*'Oh Tommy!' says Abey 'Ise sorry for thee,
I thout thaa'd a had mair white i'thee e'e, Good
lucks with thy bargain for my horse is dead!'
'Hey Abey', says Tommy 'Soa is mine - an its
flead!'*

Perhaps it is little wonder that Yorkshire folk have a reputation for being careful with money.

Yours sincerely

Vere Foster, West Bridgford, Birmingham.



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The article below was received from Reg Suart, 'Bentham', 3, Harlech Close, Dinas Powis, Glamorgan.

BENTHAM HORSE FAIR.

The market and fair at Bentham has been in existence several centuries. King Edward 1 granted a charter to John de Mowbray in 1306 for market and fair to be held within his manor.

For many years the market was held each Monday when farmers brought their produce in horse drawn carts and lined the Main Street offering their goods for sale.

FIRST THE CATTLE MARKET

An early recorded fair was 'The Cattle Fair' held on Easter Saturday, but when the fair gained popularity Good Friday became market day. The fields which then were close to the Main Street were filled with cattle. Previous to the sale local youths and others gave the cattle a somewhat miserable time chasing them into the corners of the fields, then attempted to milk them.

Cattle dealers came from a wide area and so large were the crowds that the local innkeepers subcontracted any available bed in Bentham on Good Friday night. Cattle drovers and those not fortunate to secure a bed took to the local barns, stables or shippens.

A TWO DAY OCCASION

The Horse Fair was held on June 22nd and 23rd unless one of the dates fell on a Sunday when it was held the following day. The first day was the great hiring day whilst on the second day the greatest event of the year took place. The day when young and old came from far and wide.....

The hiring day gathered momentum at the expense of the second day, it progressed and was held annually until World War 2. The writer recalls the occasion when the Main Street from 'The Cross' to the top of Mount Pleasant was virtually choked with horses and men. School Hill with its pleasant sycamore tree became the 'Horse Park' whilst traders and their stands were almost squeezed out of existence by crowds of men, mainly Irish seeking employment for a month's haymaking. Hands were 'Slapped' in a deal as verbal contracts were

17 agreed.

The horse traders spent the day running horses from The Cross to the top of Mount Pleasant to demonstrate the capabilities of their beasts. It was great day for Bentham, especially for the school children who were given the day off!

THEY CAME FROM FAR AND WIDE FOR.....

The second day of the original Fair was the day when the members of 'The Independent Lodge,' 'The Old Sick Club' and 'The United Order of Oddfellows' in company with the Sunday School scholars and friends from St. Margaret's Church marched with their bands and banners to the Parish Church (Low Bentham). On the return journey hymns were sung at various places en-route. The side walks of the Main Street were lined with stalls of various kinds.

In the early days of the nineteenth century the day following the fair day was classed as an 'idle day' when many of the local workers and tradesmen took the day off. The afternoon amusement was a duck hunt on the mill weir of the Wenning. Dogs and ducks were provided for the crowds who obviously had no feeling for 'animal rights'. Thankfully this cruel sport was discontinued.

CHAIRING THE MAYOR

The evening amusement was of a better nature. It was called 'Chairing the Mayor'. If a suitable man could not be found to act the part of the mayor then a loafer or village idiot was 'topped up with ale' and was carried around the village on a chair hoisted on the shoulders of four men. At suitable rendezvous 'the mayor' was 'egged on' to make a speech and finally threatening the innkeepers who gave short measure, or the farmers who watered down their milk.

Another Fair was held in Bentham, this was 'The Pall Fair' and was held on October 25th. It was the last cattle fair of the year but since the Auction Mart was opened in 1903 cattle fairs have not been held.



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How can you help yourselves and the Police to reduce crime? Well, the North Yorkshire Police have introduced Good Neighbour Schemes in all parts of the County.

What are these schemes and how do they work? They simply bring together people from the same locality to form a Good Neighbour Group with the object of reducing crime in their area. They keep an eye on each others property and look out for suspicious persons, incidents or vehicles in their area. But it not just about burglary, Good Neighbour Schemes can be very effective in helping to combat thefts from vehicles. They can also give warnings about the presence of the criminals we call "bogus officials" who usually prey on elderly people and invariably steal cash, which in some cases can be their life savings. They can see strangers hanging around schools, parks, playing fields or similar places and approaching or talking to children.

The schemes are run by the residents for the benefit of their community. Any information is dealt with in strict confidence, and a telephone call to report anything suspicious is all that's necessary. The number of houses in a scheme can vary. It could be a few in a cul-de-sac, or it could be several streets or even a whole village.

It's a positive way in which you and your neighbours can help create a crime free area. It gives the Police the extra eyes and ears which they need to prevent crime. It's not a job, it costs nothing and only requires common sense, interest and awareness.

For further information on how to set up a Good Neighbour Scheme, please contact either PC 970 David Carr at Ingleton Police Station, or PW 759 Julia Thompson, Crime Prevention Officer at Skipton Police Station. Both persons can be contacted by dialling (0756) 793377.



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JOHNNY ONE-NOTE, GOODBYE and FAREWELL



Bentham News would like to thank Johnny One-Note for the regular contribution he has made to the paper since July 1990. Good things don't last forever and we wish him luck now he has started his new college course.

Johnny One-Note's departure leaves a gap in our provision for the teenage population of Bentham. Is there any youngster out there who would like to make either occasional or regular contributions? It could be comments about the teen-scene in Bentham, fashion, record or video reviews, or information about concerts, gigs or parties in the area.

If this appeals to you either ring and talk to Lesley on 62040 or just drop your article in at Tim Churchill's shop. Don't forget although we need to know who you are your article can be printed under a pseudonym, of your choice!



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ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL RAISES £900

At a recent coffee evening held in the Town Hall the **GRAND RAFFLE** was drawn by Mrs Ann Davies, regional organiser of ARC, who stated that despite being sparsely populated Bentham and District raised more money for research than the whole of Liverpool and ackburn, but that more money and volunteers were still needed Below is a list of the **GRAND RAFFLE WINNERS**.

1 WEEKEND FOR TWO at Low Wood Hotel, Windermere won by Mr & Mrs R. Holland, Clapham, donated by Ingleborough Cave, Clapham.

2, PORTABLE COLOUR T.V., won by Mr F. Carter, Bentham, donated by Tooby's.

3 £50 MARKS AND SPENCER VOUCHER won by 'Jane' c/o Tilcon.

4, RIDE ON CASE PEDAL TRACTOR won by Mr I. Armstrong, Bentham, donated by Robert Taylor and Sons, Bentham.

5, STAINLESS STEEL FORK AND SPADE won by Mr Atkinson, Tunstall, donated by Robert Taylor and Sons, Bentham.

6, £20 ASDA VOUCHER won by Mr Stan Telford, Bentham.

7, CHOCOLATES, Mr. J. Dockray, Burton in Lonsdale.

8 SHERRY, Mrs B. Cowgill, Bentham.

9, WINE, Mrs E. Hewitt, Low Bentham.

10, WINE Mr A. Ball, Keighley.

11, CHOCOLATES, Mrs M. Paley, Bentham.

12, BISCUITS, Mrs J. Robinson, Bentham.

13, BISCUITS Mrs Chesters, Bentham.

14, SMOKE ALARM, Mrs S. Ralph, Bentham.

15, COSMETIC BAG, Mrs S. Porter.

16, PINE TEA POT STAND, Mr M. Mason, Tatham.

17 CHOCOLATES, Mrs M. Walter, Burton in Lonsdale.

18, TABLE NAPKINS, Mrs M. Robinson, Bentham.

19, WINE, Mrs Walker, Bentham.

20, CHOCOLATES, Mrs B. Cowgill, Bentham.

21, SMOKE ALARM, Mr R. Vickers, Burton in Lonsdale.

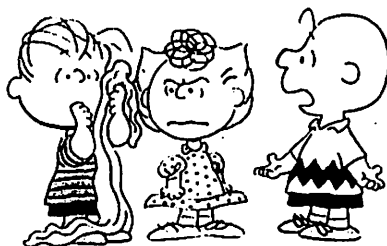
22 WINE, Mrs L. Scott, Ayrshire.

23 CHOCOLATES, Mrs E. Lister, Bentham.

24 CUT GLASS VASE, Mrs E. Towler, Bentham.

25, WOODEN BOWLS, Mr M. Taylor, Bentham.

26, SHORTBREAD, Mr G. Denby, Bentham.



CHILDMINDING

Have you ever thought about becoming a childminder?

In this area there is a shortage of registered childminders and each week I have parents asking me how to find local childcare - both full and part-time.

On October 16th 1991 a new "Children Act" becomes law. Anyone who looks after children up to the age of 8 in their own home for money or reward has to be registered.

To become a childminder you must be registered with Social Services. Once you are registered you may childmind children in your own home. It can be a rewarding and enjoyable job.

There is a support group between Ingleton and Bentham childminders. They meet approx. once a month to discuss local issues, fees, insurance, etc., but more importantly get together and support each other.

If you would like to talk to a childminder about the job or what is involved, Sue Coates (Tel: 41765) has kindly volunteered to try and answer any queries. She has been a registered childminder for several years.

If you are looking for a childminder and want an up-to-date list of Minders, or want to discuss becoming a childminder, contact Wendy Sanderson at Social Services, Telephone no: 075679-3042.

*Christine Hodson
Health Visitor*





AGE CONCERN BENTHAM

There is a very useful document now available from the Day Centre entitled 'Instructions for my next of Kin or Executors upon my Death'. This form can be used to record a variety of information useful to them, for ensuring your wishes are carried out after your death. The information includes such things as funeral arrangements, Cremation or Burial, directions regarding the funeral ceremony, directions re ashes (if cremated), instructions on where to find such things as House Deeds, Building Society Account Books etc.

The document is not a will, as it does not deal with the dispersal of your property, money etc., but if completed will prove extremely useful to your executors. The point is made, however, that even if you do not own very much, you are strongly advised to make a Will, otherwise your possessions will be distributed according to legal regulations, which may not coincide with your wishes.

Age Concern England produce a range of extremely informative books, many of

which we have on display at the weekly Day Centre. These are available for purchase or as an alternative, we are now prepared to issue them ON LOAN to members of the Day Centre. The current range of books is as follows and enquiries for them should be made to the secretary or other committee members.

- *YOUR HOME IN RETIREMENT.
- *LONELINESS - HOW TO OVERCOME IT.
- *AT HOME IN A HOME.
- *MAGIC OF MOVEMENT.
- *SHELTERED HOUSING.
- *MANAGING OTHER PEOPLES MONEY.
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- *USING YOUR HOME AS CAPITAL.
- *FAMOUS WAYS TO GROW OLD.
- *YOUR HEALTH IN RETIREMENT.
- *THE FOOT CARE BOOK.
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structure, we need to give **Bentham News** a clearly charitable legal framework to avoid liability for corporation Tax, and have felt for some time that the effort needed to do this might be better spent if other local voluntary groups, especially those that sell things, were able to take advantage of a 'charitable umbrella' for their activities to avoid similar potential tax problems.

Beyond this, there are sometimes opportunities to do things for the good of the town which could not be undertaken by local authorities and would not interest commercial organisations. A recent example is the provision of a play area at the back of Goodenber Road, High Bentham. A Town Trust could simplify such projects, especially where they involve acquiring land or property on behalf of local people. It could also focus local support and make sure that all available funds, both public and private, were poured back into the local economy.

At the meeting a number of such possible projects were discussed and Marion offered to take interested people over to Colne for a visit. She returns to Bentham on October the 8th to get to know Bentham better and to help continue the discussions. Anyone interested in taking part should contact Lesley Barker, our co-ordinator, for time and place for the discussion on that evening.



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A REPORT FROM DOWN UNDER!!

from our Australian correspondent

A very interesting story has come to my attention recently!

Back in the 1970's, explorers travelling in the Simpson Desert, close to the Queensland - Northern Territories border, came across two natives, who spoke a language that had not been heard before, and defied interpretation. After studying the two 'human guinea pigs' for a week or so it became apparent that they came from a nomadic tribe of people. Unfortunately the two 'human guinea pigs' contracted a cold from the explorers and subsequently died. Because of this further contact with the tribe has been avoided for fear of killing the whole tribe off.

That should have been the end of the story but the Australian Government, in their wisdom, decided that these people should have homes. A convoy of trucks was despatched 1500 kilometres through the desert to erect four small houses for them. On return visits to carry out routine maintenance the tribe was only ever seen from a great distance and there was no evidence that the houses had been used.

This year at a cost of \$2 million Telecom (editor's note:- Australian Telecom not British, I hope) have installed a phone box for the tribe, coin operated with solar panels through the day and a satellite dish and batteries for the hours of darkness. The fact that these people have a unique tongue and no currency or knowledge of the outside world seems to have escaped Telecom.

That should be the end of the expense BUT:- Every six months someone is sent to empty the already empty coin box, a trip that takes over a week. Is this progress? and at what expense? I leave you to draw your own conclusions!

This is Andrew Frost for the Bentham News in Queensland Australia.

EDITOR'S NOTE:- It seems bureaucracy exists everywhere!

SETTLE SWIMMING POOL

We have received the following communication from the Settle Swimming Pool Committee who are trying to keep the pool open through the winter months.

Settle swimming pool was largely paid for by the local community and opened for their benefit in 1975. The support it gets throughout the summer months is enough, but in winter the extra cost of heating and the smaller number of users make a greater loss inevitable. After taking into account all currently available sources of support, this loss is expected to be between £2,500 and £3,000 annually and the loss from this cause of £4,500, over the last two winters, is still to be paid.

As you will see, we desperately need financial assistance and the Pool committee would be most grateful for any financial support that you are able to give. Greater use by the public would certainly help, but increasing the cost of a swim would probably reduce our takings. A single gift of £5 or £10 per household would solve our problems for a few years.

I hope that you will not be offended by this direct approach; I can only emphasise how important we think the winter opening of the pool to be.

Any donation that you are able to make should be sent please to Midland Bank, Settle for the credit of the Settle Area Swimming Pool account number 81002872 or to Kevin Petrie, Treasurer, Settle Area Swimming Pool, Kendal Road, Settle.

All year round a variety of local groups including Age Concern, a disabled group and the "Water Babies" (under 5's with their parents) use the pool, and it would be very sad if this use had to be curtailed.

See page 13 for opening times of Settle Swimming Pool.

TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

As a 'seasonal' Tourist Centre, it is our normal practice to open for business during the period April to September, when we close for the winter months. However, in recognising that there may be a need for our services to be available into the Autumn, we shall this year remain open - on a restricted basis - during October. Please note that from Monday September 30th, the Centre will open three days per week:- Monday 10am - 12.15pm; Wednesday 9.45am - 12.15pm. and Saturday 9.45am - 12.15pm. We shall continue this service until Saturday 26th October.

Note to all Organisers of local events within the Bentham (High & Low), Burton and Lowgill area. Are you aware that it is possible to have all local events taking place within the area publicised completely free of charge. The Regional District Tourist authorities produce annually free brochures giving details of all such events and supplies of these are made available to all visitors to Tourist Information Centres within the region. There are two brochures applicable to this area - the 'Craven District Events' and the 'What's On in Yorkshire and Humberside' publications.

All that is required for your events to receive the maximum publicity is for you - the organiser - to inform this (Bentham)TIC of the date, location and type of event, this could be for example, a Flower Show, an Agricultural Show, an Exhibition, Sports, Galas etc. However, there is a printing deadline to meet and you should therefore let us have details of your 1992 events as early as possible. If you have not seen a copy of these brochures, please collect one from the TIC.



RECIPES

by Doreen Park

"What could be nicer than home-made biscuits?"



OATMEAL AND PEANUT BISCUITS

2oz polyunsaturated margarine
3oz crunchy peanut butter
1oz Muscovado sugar
1 large egg
3oz S R Flour
3oz medium oatmeal
milk for brushing

Method

Pre-heat the oven to 190c / 375F or gas mark 5.

Cream together the margarine, peanut butter and sugar.

Beat the egg and add to the creamed mixture, stir in the flour and oatmeal to make a stiff dough.

Turn on to a floured surface and roll out to 1/4 inch thickness.

Using a 2" cutter stamp out the biscuits. Place on a greased baking tray, brush with milk and cook for 10 - 12 minutes.

Cool on a wire rack.

Makes about 24.

NOTE:- These are good served with cheese as a snack or as part of a packed lunch.



SULTANA SPICE BISCUITS



4oz polyunsaturated margarine
6oz light brown sugar
2 oz mashed potato, sieved
6 oz plain wholemeal flour
2 oz sultanas
1/4 tsp mixed spice
1 tblsp caster sugar.

Method

Pre- heat the oven to 180c / 350f.

Cream together the margarine and sugar until smooth and fluffy then beat in the potato, add the flour, sultanas and spice and mix well.

Turn out on to a lightly floured surface and roll out to a 1/4" thickness.

Using a 3" cutter, cut rounds and place on a greased baking sheet.

Bake for 15 - 20 minutes or until golden

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