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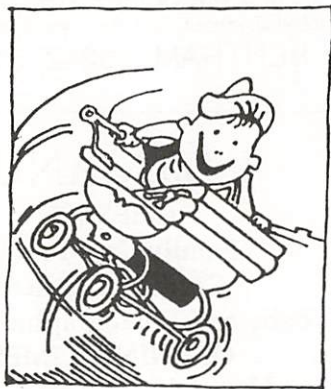
Another of Bentham's record holders has hit the news again. Mrs Newhouse has recently co-operated with the Nestle firm on the compilation of a recipe book of favourite recipes of the famous. In return Nestle would donate £100 to a charity of Mrs Newhouse's choice. We are fortunate enough to be the beneficiary of this donation and all of us at BN are very grateful for this kind gesture. May we also take this opportunity to wish Mrs Newhouse a Happy 104th birthday, which was on the 12th July.

AUGUST 1993

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BENTHAM NEWS COFFEE MORNING - 3rd July

This was a very pleasant event which raised £130 for BN. It was lovely to see so many of our readers there enjoying the coffee, croissants and chat. Musicians Dave Mulligan and Fiona O'Hare played for us throughout the morning and helped to create a friendly, relaxed atmosphere. We would like to thank Phyllis Tomlinson for making the coffee, Sid Hogg for the milk, Frost's bakery for the croissants and the generous people who made us cakes.

Those of you who filled in our questionnaire might like to know that all your comments are being carefully read, and when all the questionnaires have been completed we shall be publishing our findings.

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WHY

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The Playscheme theme is "JUNGLE FUN" looking at endangered species with the playleaders Stephen Smith (Ex Beast in the Panto) and Dawn from St. Martins College. The trip this year will be to LIGHTWATER VALLEY.

Please save and collect all your old 'junk'. We need household boxes, washing up bottles etc, dressing up clothes, old hats, material bits, old wool.

The Playscheme is being run on a 'shoestring' budget this year and volunteer help from parents is needed in order for sessions to go ahead. Three helpers are needed for each session - so please come along with your children to a session and sign up to help. A full programme is being planned for the two weeks - lots of action, activity, games and FUN!

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TOWN COUNCIL

by Margaret Hayton

The meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Hurtle, with Councillors Marshall, Jackson, Joel, Preston, Dowbiggin, Dawber, Hewitt, Cowling, Bateson and District Councillor Pilkington present.

POLICE MATTERS

Two Councillors had attended a meeting in Skipton. Our troubles seem nothing compared with other areas, but that doesn't mean we are satisfied with the policing. The meeting concluded with a letter being sent to David Curry, MP and Clerk of the Police Authority. The Police hope to recruit more Specials: anyone interested should contact Skipton Police Station.

LOW COST HOUSING

Low Bentham houses have now been allocated. Some Councillors are concerned that most went to one-parent families. Apparently rents are too high for most families unless they get housing benefit. No applications yet for the retirement bungalows. If the High Bentham scheme doesn't find private funding by July it may be cancelled. Council will write and stress the urgent need for these houses.

TREE PLANTING

Three dead elms on High Bentham playing fields need felling. Do they belong to Angus or the railway? If you have any suggestions for tree planting please let the Town Clerk know as trees have to be ordered by 6 August.

CLEVELAND SQUARE WASTE

Bins are no longer emptied free of charge but cost £21 per bin. The greengrocer will pay extra to have his rubbish removed but some shop keepers are putting their extra rubbish there. Could a locked bin - open on Wednesdays only - be the answer?

MISCELLANEOUS

A plan for reorganisation of the sewerage system will be presented in March 1994 and the work will be carried out in 1995/6. -Bentham Civic trust will carry out a full survey in late summer or early autumn. - The Headmistress of Low Bentham School wrote to thank the Council for their

donation towards swimming costs. They have been able to use Bentham School in the past, but Hornby is more suitable as Bentham pool is too deep for younger children. - Angus Fire Armour are reconstructing the foam plant which will unfortunately cause increased smell and movement of heavy traffic. - Age Concern are worried that their rent has gone up 33% and the grant from Craven has gone down. Council will discuss this at the Town Hall committee meeting, but lots of charities use the hall and they cannot differentiate. - Residents at 4 Tweed Street are having trouble with youths cutting through from the Legion Hut. Council suggested contacting police and erecting a gate. - The graffiti on the Legion Hut is to be painted out by the Youth Club with special paint. - The Highways Department has been reorganised. Anyone with faults to report re street lighting, potholes, drainage, etc, can get the necessary postcards from the Town Clerk. - The job of Caretaker at the Town Hall is still vacant. Anyone interested should contact the Town Clerk.

The next Council meeting is on Monday 2 August and could Councillors speak up please, as some of us have difficulty hearing what is said.

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Sid and Nora Woolman would like to thank Bob, Sylvia, Jack and Clare, for all their practical help during Sid's sudden illness and stay in hospital. Thanks also to Flora for prayers answered, Dr. Story for speedy attention and all the many people who have sent cards and good wishes. God bless you all.

Christine and Tommy Davies would like to thank the staff of High Bentham Primary, Ingleton Middle and Settle High Schools for their dedication and skills in the education of our son Peter. We are pleased to say he has recently graduated with Honours in Theoretical Physics from Newcastle University.

Roy & Margaret Kay would like to take this opportunity to thank Ingleton Primary, Ingleton Middle, Settle High School for the good ground work they put in with Robert and Sarah which enabled them to gain Honours degrees.

Special thanks to me Mum, Dad, Nana, Grandad and friends, and all who have supported the opening of me new shop - Craig MacDonald.

Action Aid - Many thanks, once again, to the generous people of Low Bentham. £60 was collected in Action Aid's House to House Collection.

BIRTHDAYS

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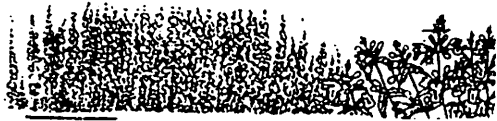
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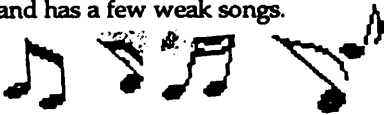


RECORD REVIEW

from David Greenep
U2 - ZOOROPA

This album is a follow up album to 'Achtung Baby' which they have been touring with over the past year. The group consists of four members, Adam Clayton on bass guitar, Bono doing his usual vocals, Larry Mullen Jr on drums and The Edge on lead guitar. U2 is a group which most people like with numerous changes in style over the years. U2 have been going since 1979 with great success in sales of both albums and singles including the better known 'Joshua Tree', 'Rattle and Hum' and their most recent 'Achtung Baby'. The current LP 'Zooropa' feels to be a bit of a let down after 'Achtung Baby' with uninspirational lyrics and a lack of strength to make it a good album. Saying that this record is going to top all charts as it is very highly hyped and has received extensive publicity. The songs on 'Zooropa' are very nice with unusual noises, a brilliant bass sound can be heard on a song called 'Some days are better than others'. My overall favourite song on the album is 'Numb', sung by The Edge, which is very different with low pitched singing and a nice loud rift on guitar. I liked 'Zooropa' as U2 have kept away from ballads and have created a different sound.

U2 - 'Zooropa' gets 7/10 as it isn't a strong album and has a few weak songs.



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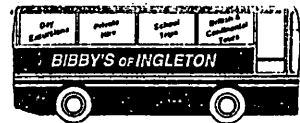
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HIGH BENTHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL WHAT A SURPRISE!

Headmaster David Johnson and teacher Mrs Kay Piper were given a surprise presentation at the school's recent open evening.

The presentation was made to mark David and Kay's 20 years teaching at the school. Cards and gifts were presented to them and a cake to denote 20 years.

County Councillor Ralph Atkinson in his speech said what a happy school it was due to the Headmaster's leadership and the excellence of the teaching staff.



BIBBY'S OF INGLETON

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6 THE BENTHAM "10"

from W. Stockdale.

Bentham School again played host to road runners from all over the country for their Annual 10 miles Run. Perfect weather helped compensate runners for the very tough course. John Wiczorek of Accrington R.R. found himself alone in the lead for most of the race, he went on to break the course record with a time of 56 minutes 39 seconds. Jon Mitcham of Settle Harriers was second in 58 minutes 07 seconds and Ken Robinson of Bingley, third.

The women's race was won by Jennifer Adams of Red Rose; she was also the winner of the lady veterans race with a time of 1 hour 13 minutes 41 seconds. Runner up was Janet Pound and Sandra Pinder was third. The male veterans class provided a popular winner in Ex-Bentham School teacher, Nick Hambrey of Kendal in 1 hour 4 minutes 58 seconds. The super veterans classes were won by Dick Stapleton, Lancaster & Morecambe A.C. in 1 hour 12 minutes 11 seconds and Edith Wilson, Settle in 1 hour 20 minutes 11 seconds.

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COUNCIL CONCERNS

by County and District Councillor Ralph Atkinson.

REORGANISATION AGAIN!

I know! I know! You're all fed up with the subject! But not half as fed up as I am - both Councils seem absorbed with little else these days - five meetings in the last 10 days and more to come! However, I must apologise to anyone who turned up for the meeting at Bentham on 26th July I told you about. This has been postponed until the 4th August. It's important that as many people turn up as possible. For one thing, if the Commissioners think we're not interested, they'll go ahead with their own proposal to link Craven and Harrogate. Whatever the final decision it'll affect all our lives (and pockets!) Also, write to the Commission if you possibly can. The ommissioner has made it quite clear he thinks councillors are biased and he's determined to go by the views of the general public - that's you!

HOUSING FINANCE

The Govt. was bent on extending 'right to buy' to old folks' housing, like Grasmere Close, etc. This would have meant the loss of these sites - chosen to be near the shops, etc. to individuals, and in most of our villages they'd have been irreplaceable. However, Govt. has now decided to return the responsibility to councils. That's one battle won. However, another battle has been lost in that they are reducing the proportion of Govt. money to the Housing Corporation - the one that's financing the Housing Association schemes - from 67% to 55%. Meaning that the Associations will have to depend much more on commercial money - meaning that costs will rise and so will rents, etc. The Associations are also having difficulty raising money when the planners put on restrictions to keep houses for local people. Fortunately this won't apply to our High Bentham scheme which is now scheduled to go ahead.

NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

Yes! We're already starting to look at our finances for next year and the outlook is pretty bleak. We're right up against capping limits on both councils. It beats the band though when the Govt., with its own record borrowing, slashes our ability to borrow. On first calculations the County looks as if it's going to be about £17 million short, so I'm afraid we're going to have to cut services. Those this year were relatively painless, mostly cuts in proposals, eg. increases in nursery provision. Next year though, I think people are going to feel them.

DOG BY-LAWS

Good news on the dog dirt front too. The District Council has agreed to make by-laws on a Govt. model, for the control of dogs and removal of dog dirt in public places. This'll be at the request of Town and Parish Councils so those of you concerned had better get on to your local councillor.

OLD PEOPLES' HOMES

At least the new County Council has stopped the rot in Old People's Homes. A further nine were scheduled to be closed this year but the first meeting of the new Council decided not to do so. This has left Social Services with a deficit of £825,000 this year but we'll find it somehow.

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CO-OP THIS

Bentham News spoke to Mr. Thexton, who is Area Manager of the United Norwest Co-operative Society and Mr. Colin Prece, who is Shop Manager of High Bentham Co-op regarding all the changes that have taken place recently to the shop and the opening hours.

Mr. Thexton said he thought the residents of Bentham deserved a better service and it was time for a change, and the appropriate time was now. He felt it important that the Co-op retained a presence and provided a service to the public in Bentham. Mr. Thexton and Mr. Prece wished to thank their customers for bearing with them while the alterations took place and hope they will enjoy the new layout of the shop.

The new opening hours, for those who don't already know are:-

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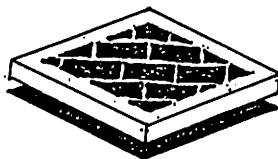
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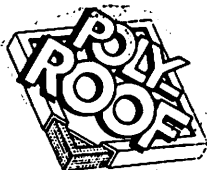
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THE INTERVIEW

by Tom Cahill

This month we interview Gail Lister who works as a Home Help and makes the teas for the cricket team.

Were you born in Bentham?

I was born in Barrow in Furness. I've lived in Bentham before, during my early teens, at 4 Summerhill. Thirteen years ago, after we got married we came back to live in Low Bentham, in this house.

What do you like best about Bentham?

Its situation, handy for everywhere. And I like the people, they're really friendly.

If you could live anywhere on earth, where would you live?

I've never thought of moving somewhere else. Sometimes when you go on holiday, you think, I'd love to live here. But that's your holiday, it's nice to get home and I love Bentham. So I've never visualised myself living anywhere else.

What sort of music do you listen to, if any?

I love music and my radio. I listen to Red Rose Gold a lot. I really like Mark Cohn. If they're playing all the old seventies music, that gets me going. Gary Glitter, Sweet, Mud and Tigerfeet. The Mark Cohn track I really like is called "True Companion". I wish I'd known it earlier, I would have played it at our wedding.

What is your favourite walk in the Bentham parish?

At the moment, up to High Bentham on the road with the pushchair. Its the easiest one. But when we were courting we used to walk along the river.

If you had a personal motto, what would it be?

"Give a little bit of yourself". You do get rewarded.

If you could spend £1,000,000 to improve Bentham, what would you spend it on?

There's a definite need for more low-cost housing for people starting up. Also for elderly people, they obviously need somewhere to live. Some could be spent on providing a service for the elderly people that would let the young ones join in, so they come together. Something like Age Concern, but on a daily basis, something that would create jobs for the younger

people. I think the young have a lot to learn from the older people.

What is your favourite vegetable, fruit and pudding?

Cauliflower, I love cauliflower cheese. Rhubarb. Ice cream, vanilla, the Lakeland stuff you get off Sid the milkman.

What two books would you take on your desert island?

I would definitely take a survival book, in case there's any poisonous things about, I would know what to avoid. I'd like to take a blank book and a lot of pens, to write. I used to love writing at school, but now I just don't seem to have the time.

What comments do your friends and visitors make about Bentham?

I talk to the caravanners, down at the sports club. They always say how wonderful a place it is, how friendly everyone is, how lucky we are.

What do you think are the most serious problems facing Bentham?

Unemployment, for the younger ones. There's not the variety of jobs, they've got to go further afield. Also it grieves me when I see the local shops shutting down. When Tim Churchill's shut down, that upset me, it really did. Like a little wonderland, you could find all sorts in there. That's why I feel we should support the local shops. I did all my Xmas shopping in Bentham last year. Every bit. And everybody's helpful, they watch the baby while you choose what you want. And if there is anything wrong you can always take it back.

Why are you active in community activities?

Because sometimes I think I find it hard to say no. I used to hate cricket, thought it was really boring. Then on the Saturdays, I used to wait for Ray to get back from cricket so we could go out, I thought you might as well go along. Somehow I ended up doing the teas and selling the raffle tickets.

What is the most rewarding aspect of your work?

I feel useful and I feel needed. And to know you enable people to stay in their own homes, like the elderly, feels good. Because I think what I'll be like when I get older, and I'll want to stay in my own little place. At the end of the day, you've done something useful, not just paperwork. Everyone has a purpose. Mine is to be useful to people so I feel that I'm not just a waste of space.

LOCAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

- Mon 2nd TOWN COUNCIL MEETING in the Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm.
- Tues 3rd Bentham Organic Gardening Group meet at Cramond Farm, Ireby at 7.30pm.
- Child Health Clinic at Bentham Health Centre 1 - 4pm.
- Wed 4th Guided circular walk round waterscale and Shaky Bridge (5 miles). Leader Ken Walton (tel 62382). Please meet at Lairgill, 6.30pm.
- Thurs 5th N.S.P.C.C. Monthly meeting at 3, Springfield Terrace at 1.30pm.
- Fri 6th 'Unplugged' at the Black Bull at 8pm. Roger Pugh. Everyone welcome.
- Sat 7th N.S.P.C.C. Craft Fair and coffee morning in the Ballroom at the Town hall 10am - 12.30pm.
- Sun 8th BLOOD DONORS in the Town Hall ALL DAY.
- Mon 9th NORWEB SALE
- Tues 10th NORWEB SALE
- Tatham Fells W.I. at 7.30pm. 'Walk'
- Wed 11th High Bentham Methodist Church - Thanksgiving and Farewell Service for Rev. John Millard and family at 7.30pm.

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- Sat 14th Guided circular walk - Dent to Ingleton via Gragareth (10 miles). Leader David Asquith (tel 62619). Please ring leader for details.
- Toddlers coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall 10 - 12 noon.
- Tues 17th Child Health Clinic at the Health Centre 1 - 4pm.
- Wed 18th Bentham Footpath Group's Quarterly meeting for all members, Town Hall 7.30pm.
- Thurs 19th Low Bentham W.I. in the Victoria Institute at 7.30pm. Mrs Anne Burrows 'Creative Embroidery'
- 'A'level results announced.
- Fri 20th WASTE PAPER COLLECTION at the Legion Hall 8.30 - 11am. Proceeds to the N.S.P.C.C..
- Sat 21st Tatham Fells W.I. coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall 10 - 12 noon.
- Burton in Lonsdale & District Horticultural Society's Annual Show in the Endowed School at 1.30pm.
- Sun 22nd Bentham Horticultural Society's Open Annual Show in the Town Hall 2 - 5pm.
- Sat 28th St. John's coffee morning in the Town Hall 10 - 12 noon.
- Come Dancing in the Town Hall 7.45pm - 10.45pm.
- Sun 29th Guided circular walk via Furnessford Bridge (8 miles). Leader David Stubbs (tel 61430). Please meet at Low Bentham Car park 10.30am.
- Fun Events in aid of Charity at The Flying Horeshoe, Clapham Station. DON'T MISS IT!

LOCAL EVENTS IN SEPTEMBER

- Wed 1st High Bentham Methodist Church - Welcome Service, at 7.30pm, for Rev. N. Paterson and Mrs Paterson.
- Fri 3rd BENTHAM NEWS published.
- Sat 4th St Bonifaces coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall 10 - 12 noon.
- BENTHAM SHOW.

11 BENTHAM GOLF CLUB

On Saturday, 10th July, Bentham Golf Club held the President's Day Competition. This years President was Robert Brown who sadly passed away early this year. The entry fees from the competition has been used to buy a seat in memory of Robert.

The result of the competition was:

1st	J. Wilkinson & S. Marshall	57
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3rd	R. Day & W. West	65
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THE RANTER

The £5 has still to be claimed in the Name The Ranter Competition.

The Ranter has now been called up for the seventh time to explain, before the Petty Sessional Division, his failure to pay the Poll Tax, "But this tax was repealed 2 years ago, wont it?" I hear you thinking. Perhaps so, yet since the good and true people of N. Yorks have all paid up (approx 96%) this leaves the full weight of the debt recovery agencies to 'lean' on me, with 'smart', lazier guided single mindedness. However, to my everlasting shame - I have now paid up. "Will no one rid me of thistax? I cried unto the wilderness of community solidarity.

It has been remarked that the Ranter appears somewhat ill tempered in his prose in recent months. Well - I can promise my faithful reader that I am now utterly appopleptic with rage since the removal of my liquid assets at the hands of these "robbing thugs".

I now feel the time has come to take off the kid gloves in regard to this column. No longer will the Ranter's pen be tempered with reason and considered charm.

Names will be named! The guilty will be exposed! Excess will be outed! The meek shall sit around and pick their bums as usual - no doubt!

But the Ranter will let them have it full bore. Litigation will fly no doubt (No fears amongst the stout hearts at BN) Oh yes - your champion of malcontents will not be

cowed into submission by strong letters from the purveyors of vegetables (and English fruits when in season), nor those excitable pedlars of insurance and mortgages who already find BN to be a subversive organ with "dangerous" tendencies.

However, I may have to ease off on the breweries story until my legal department has full confidence that the "evil facts" can be varified.

In the meantime, the Electricity Boards trenches have breached my lines on the Eastern Front. The Bentham 'road works' continue to exact a heavy toll. "Collateral Damage" is imminent as the traffic cones now have me surrounded on three sides. The strain is beginning to show - Mrs Ranter has taken to calling me a "raving pratt" and suggests I leave town. Poor woman, how much more can she take. But I know how so many depend on so few. We shall never surrender.

The Ranter would be pleased to hear from any readers who have an opinion on ANYTHING! Well anything except dog dirt. (This correspondence is now closed, as they say in the Times) The life of a writer and defender of the cause can be disspiriting. Since the demise of Paul Foot, the small world of top flight investigators Journos is not the "happy few - that band of brothers" that it once was. We need new blood. So pick up your pens Bentham. If you're brassed off - say so!



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STAFF CHANGES AT SETTLE HIGH

by Christine White and Shirley Brown

OUT! Geography teacher, FRANCES HINES', decision to leave the school after 7 years to take on the further challenge of doing an M.Sc at Lancaster University in European Environmental Management and Legislation, is a sad loss. She said recently, "It was a hard decision to make as Settle High School is easily the best school I've worked in. It has a lovely atmosphere and nice children. I've certainly got a lot from school, and I hope I have put something back" Well, you have Mrs. Hines, and both pupils and parents send you a big "thank you".

IN! Mrs. Hines is to be replaced by BRINLEY BEST, who has studied both in the University of East Anglia and at Leeds, and has done environmental research in South America.

OUT! Technology teacher, ALAN JARVIS, is taking early retirement having been in teaching for 39 years, 20 of these in Africa.

IN! RUSSELL MILLS will replace Mr. Jarvis. Mr. Mills has a civil engineering background, and comes to Settle after studying at Ripon and York and teaching in Knaresborough.

OUT! Chemistry teacher, PETER CRISP, already part-time retired, has now decided to enjoy full-time retirement.

IN! He will be replaced by CHRISTOPHER FLOOD, an experienced chemistry teacher who also has worked in local industry.

OUT! Food technology teacher, MARGARET HOLGATE, a pupil of Settle Girls High School from 1951-1957, is retiring early after 24 years of teaching at Sedbergh, Burnley and Settle. Mrs. Holgate has been a highly successful teacher and over the years has encouraged teams of staff and pupils to undertake ambitious projects within the

community. Some highlights have been the Craft and Produce Shows, The Music and Flower Festival, and school/industry links with the Falcon Manor and Settle and West Marton Creameries. When almost 50, Mrs. Holgate took a group of Sixth Formers on an outdoor activity week. After abseiling, potholing and climbing, she realised that age was no barrier to facing new challenges! Her retirement brings another new challenge and one which she will embrace with her usual enthusiasm.

IN! Mrs. Holgate's replacement will be a part-time technology teacher.

OUT! HEAD TEACHER RETIRES

The School's Head Teacher for more than a decade, MR. ROGER HASLAM, retired at the end of the academic year. Mr. Haslam (B.Sc), a natural philosophy graduate from St. Andrew's University, brought to Settle his wide experience of previous jobs, such as an Instructor Officer in the Navy, a founder member of staff at Atlantic College (the first International Sixth Form College) and the first Head Teacher of Lings Upper School, Northampton, where he saw the birth of a new school from the skeleton of the building onwards.

While at Settle Mr. Haslam has not just been Head of a thriving High School (a demanding enough job in itself), but his commitment both to campaigning for, and maintaining, a high quality state-funded education for all, led him also to become very involved in the work of the Secondary Heads Association. He is also a Director of the General Teaching Council, and has committed himself to continue working voluntarily for them. He feels this is important as a way of reflecting upon, and hopefully influencing, the government's attitude to education locally. He said recently, "I think the threat to destroy North Yorkshire would be a tragedy. The governors of the School do not want to opt out and become a direct grant school, but the time may be coming when it has to be reconsidered. We must continue to fight for North Yorkshire and for all our schools." Mr. Haslam will be missed by the staff,

governors, parents and pupils of the High School. The fact that Settle High is a very good and happy school with excellent standards of pastoral care and a proud record of academic achievement, says much for the hard work, professionalism, compassion and fair mindedness of the departing Head. He has led by example, and leaves the school strong and well able to meet the demands of an uncertain future.

In his retirement he is looking forward to spending time with his wife Brenda, and their scattered family of three children and five grandchildren (with a sixth due soon!). He also hopes to enjoy time on his boat and walking in the mountains.

IN! The new Head Teacher is MR. TREVOR WEAR. He has a hard act to follow, and we all wish him well.



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Dear Sir,

As a relative new-comer to the area, I would first like to compliment you on the production of such an excellent monthly magazine, but continue by saying that there is one particular page which always does irritate me with it's often snide and negative comments. I refer to the notes of Town Council Meetings which I consider to be journalistic reporting at it's very worst.

I take particular exception to a comment in the July Edition which refers to Bentham School Swimming Pool. The writer alleges that the swimming pool is not made available for local use and for this reason local people have some how been cheated out of contributions they may have made in the past to its construction.

I cannot comment about what has gone on in past years, but I can say, quite definitely, that the pool has been and is used by Low Bentham County Primary School for swimming lessons and we are very happy for High Bentham Primary School to also use it should they so wish.

Having local people generally using it does create more of a problem. This is because of the stringent requirements placed by the Health and Safety Executive on private swimming pools being made available for public use, but if any local swimming club would like to explore the possibilities with me, I would be only too happy to discuss it.

I know that traditionally in any small town where there is an independent school, "town and gown" relationships can become strained, but I would like to state quite clearly in the pages of your magazine, that we at Bentham School do feel ourselves very much part of the local community and will always look positively on things that we can do to contribute. I do hope that your correspondents will therefore refrain from making negative comments about the school

without first checking their facts.

Yours faithfully

N.K.D. Ward.

Headmaster, Bentham School.

Editor,

Regarding the article "TOWN COUNCIL" in the July issue of Bentham News. I would like to draw attention to the inaccuracies in the report "School Swimming: Low Bentham" The cost of the slot is NOT £700 - this is the total cost of:-

- a, Transporting 30 children by coach.
- b, Hire of the pool.
- c, Instructors salaries.

Low Bentham County Primary School have had the use of Bentham School pool for the last 4 years, free of charge. They have also had the use of the Sports Hall facilities on the last swim day and the use of the school bus to ferry the children of the whole school to the end of term "Gala".

It would appear that when West Riding became NYCC all links with Bentham School were cut and no further interest was taken in the School by the County.

The benefits of learning to swim in a heated pool far outweigh the costs incurred.

Why is it that NYCC are being so parsimonious?

Margaret Nicholson,
Swimming Instructor,
Low Bentham C P School.

Dear Sirs,

The writer of the article "Taking the Reins", which appeared in last months 'Bentham News' is clearly suffering from delusions of his own self importance. His reference to "an articulate minority" not only implies that the majority of people in Bentham are ignorant, but also suggests to the reader that Mr Dixon and his "intellectual associates" are the only ones who know what is good for the village. These people are reminiscent of the current government: full of high flying ideas and beaucroatic schemes which are utterly meaningless as far as the population in general is concerned. I would suggest to the writer that he firstly considers his own position in

the scheme of things, and , secondly, that sometimes it is more prudent not to interfere with village matters unless such "interference" has the full co-operation of the village as a whole. It may interest the writer to know that most people in Bentham have lived here quite happily for longer than himself and some of his associates, and that maybe these locals are not impressed by the officious manipulations of local affairs.

Yours

A. J. Barker,
Parkinsons Cottage, Main Street.

Dear BN

Recently my girlfriend had a panic attack and stopped breathing. I would like to thank Martin Hastwell, for his quick actions in phoning the ambulance, which I would also like to thank.

Thanks also to Derek for driving to Lancaster Infirmary and everyone who looked after Maree and kept feeling her pulse when she had stopped breathing. Grateful thanks to everyone who rang, if it was not for these people she may not be here now. Thank you.

Alex Young,
7, Old Hall Cottages,
Bentham

ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL for RESEARCH.

The recent Open Garden at Parkinsons Farm by kind permission of Mr & Mrs Atkinson on a lovely hot summer's day, one of the few this year up to press, was to help raise funds for ARC. At the end of the day £631. 81p had been raised. Many people supported this event and enjoyed sitting in beautiful surroundings chatting and enjoying a lovely cuppa. Our thanks go to our hosts that day for the use of their beautiful home and garden, and everyone who supported this event.

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HIGH BENTHAM W.I.

Our July meeting was a talk and demonstration by Sue Wood of "Lavender Blue". Members and visitors had an enjoyable evening and were able to pick up some handy hints on drying flowers from their own gardens.

Arrangements were made for our coffee morning on 31st July, and also for a trip on 5th August to Leighton Moss, to take the place of the August meeting.

Our September meeting will be talk on Pub signs by Peter Marshall. Please bring an unusual beer mat for our competition.

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from Dr. Ralph Sullivan

We are roughly half way through the holiday season and in spite of the poor weather conditions, are able to report that the number of visitors to the TIC is approximately the same as those of last year - which was our best year. It is to be hoped that the next two months will bring us some sunshine and a steady influx of visitors to the town. As a matter of interest, we have had visits from people from various parts of the world including Australia, USA, Holland, Germany etc as well as two separate couples on a cycling trip - one from John O'Groats to Lands End and the other doing the reverse trip.

For those still undecided on where to go during the school holiday, why not call in to the Centre to see the vast range of literature we have which may help you decide.

Volunteers are urgently required to help man the Tourist Information Centre over the period August and September. This could be on a weekly or fortnightly basis and each shift is of approx 2 hours duration. Those interested are asked to leave their names and phone number at the Centre or phone directly 62171.



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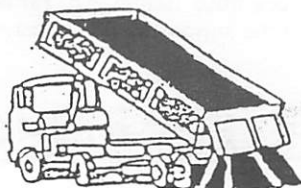
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Believe it or not somewhere inside the building site on Grasmere Drive is a functioning health centre with receptionists, nurses, health visitors, chiropractors and doctors carrying on as if nothing had changed - well almost nothing anyway. It is "business as usual" although the gallons of rain water which leaked into the building before the roof was completed made us feel more like MASH 4077 than ever!

Now that the roof over the main part of the building has been felted the work of preparing the rooms on the first floor has begun. This inevitably means a lot of noise for those of us below. You may find it obtrusive if you come to the Health Centre but we hope that you will bear with us whilst this phase of the work is going on. At some point in early August when the new roof has been sealed the refurbishment of the reception office will begin. Reception will then be moved, temporarily, to the new room on the entrance corridor. The new reception counter will be clearly marked with signs. The waiting room will still be in use.

Sadly we are going to have to remove one of the cherry trees from the front of the building. It is very close to the building and the roots will be badly disturbed by excavations to lay service pipes and cables, which must come into the building at that point. We deeply regret having to do this; the display of blossom on the two cherry trees has brightened up Grasmere Drive every spring for some years. We plan to plant a new tree just a few feet to one side to replace it once the building work is complete.

Again we apologise for any inconvenience we are causing people using the Health Centre or Grasmere Drive whilst the work is in progress.



BENTHAM AGRICULTURAL SHOW

The 1993 Show will be having some new events along with many favourite attractions from previous years.

The Extreme Sensations BUNGEE JUMPING CLUB will be attending the Show and will be jumping from 10am. Anyone interested in jumping can get further details from either the Show Secretary or the Club ON (0748) 826324.

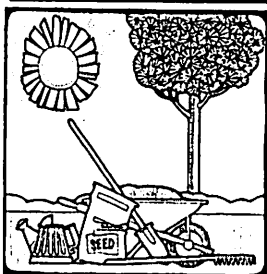
Being repeated this year, after successful introductions in 1992, are the ATV BIKE HANDLING COMPETITION, for which entries will be taken on the day, and the DOG EXEMPTION SHOW, which will commence at 2pm.

Another popular feature of the recent Bentham Shows, the Vintage Engines and other Machinery will be present.

The Bentham Traders will be having a larger section in the Main Marquee, and will be putting on a varied display of their businesses. Also in the Marquee will be Gerald Trisconi's Model Circus, Craft Stalls and displays by other local organisations.

The Vale of Lune YFC will be demonstrating fencing outside the Marquee, and there will be the ever popular Magic Shows, Bus Rides and Bouncing Castle for the children.

Further details about any aspect of the Show can be obtained from the Secretary, Deborah Taylor on Bentham (05242) 62077.



ORGANIC GARDENING WEEKEND

August 7th & 8th

National organic gardening weekends are again being

organised by the Henry Doubleday Research Association, Britain's largest organic body, with 17,000 members and 60 local groups. In conjunction with H.D.R.A. the Bentham Organic gardening group have

19 arranged for 14 organic gardens locally to be opened during those two weekends, creating an ideal opportunity for people to discover what really lies behind the "All muck and magic" image. Organic gardeners use no artificial fertilisers or pesticides. Soil fertility and plant health is achieved by working in harmony with nature. Gardens will be open at Roeburndale, Wray, Wennington, Bentham, Ingleton and Horton in Ribblesdale.

Amongst the gardens involved is the one behind the Ingleborough Nursing Home, the "Chris Brown Organic Garden" which was opened by Cecil Parkinson last year as a memorial to Chris, who battled with cancer for nine years. As a memorial to her husband, Robert, who died suddenly in April the gardens are to be renamed "The Robert and Chris Brown Organic Gardens". Robert, did much in trying to set up a centre for the demonstration of organic gardening near Ingleton, is sadly missed. At the Ingleborough there will be craft stalls, plant and cake sales, local honey, raffles, white elephant stalls, glass engraving, gardening quiz's and lots more. At 3pm on Sunday 8th, there will be a slide show about organic gardening techniques. The Organic Gardening Open Weekends aim to raise public awareness of organic gardening, concern about the environment is leading more and more people to question current methods of food production and the effect on their health. Thelma Barlow, Mavis out of Coronation Street, will be touring the gardens over the weekend.

Some of the gardens are small some are large, all are very interesting and well worth a look.

Bentham Organic Gardening Group has been established for approximately two years and is a small but informal group of people who are keen to keep their gardens organic. Meetings are the first Tuesday in the month and new members are welcome.

Enquiries and further information from Pauline on 05242 21722 or Jo 05242 21776.



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