

BENTHAM NEWS



BENTHAM COMMUNITY BONFIRE

This year the Bentham Community Bonfire will be on Saturday 30th October.

There will be a Fancy Dress Competition, Hallowe'en style, so please come in your best ghost frocks if you would like to enter. There will be prizes for the worst three witches etc, in the following two age groups: under 7 years 8 years and over.

The Bonfire will be held in the Auction Mart yard, by kind permission of the directors, and once again there will be a lantern procession which will start from the Youth Club at 6.40pm.

The bonfire will be lit at 7pm.



OCTOBER 1993

TRUST STUDY FOR BENTHAM

As Bentham News goes to press, plans are being made for the October start of a major study of Bentham's needs and opportunities carried out by the Civic Trust. This national Charity specialises in supporting rural communities with expert advice. Their team, called the Regeneration Unit, is funded by the Rural Development Commission and backed by Prince Charles. Alan Caldwell, who will be heading the Bentham study, told Bentham News "The combination of resourceful local people and strong support from local authorities is very powerful. We are looking forward to a really exciting project". Full story page 16.

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BENTHAM TRADERS

The Collectors Fair and Fleamarket on Sunday 12th September, was well attended and raised approximately £123 towards the Christmas Lights. Many thanks to all who donated prizes for the raffle, and a big thank you to Maxine, John and Val Barwise and Pam Woof for their help.

HIGH BENTHAM W.I.

Peter Marshall brought along 120 different pub signs on slides, mostly in this area, and gave us interpretations of them. This made a very informative and interesting evening. The competition for the most unusual beer mat was won by Wendy Dowbiggin.

Members are invited to a Knitting and Stitching Exhibition, in Harrogate on Thursday 25th November, Please let our secretary know if you have not already booked.

The next meeting is the AGM on 7th October, when the topic is 'Safety in the Home' by St. John's Ambulance. New members are most welcome to join us.

SPRINGFIELD BOWLING CLUB

The finals of the club competitions were held on Saturday 21st August, followed by a Mixed Doubles Knock Out Competition. Results were as follows:-

Ladies Rose Bowl - Winner H. Lloyd, Runner Up - K. O'Hagan

Ladies Challenge Cup - Winner D. Rose, Runner Up - J. Denby.

Men's Butterfield Cup - Winner M. Taylor, Runner Up - J. Dawber.

Men's Challenge Cup - Winner P. Taylor, Runner Up - P. Thompson.

The Mixed Doubles Competition was won by M. Taylor and H. Lloyd.

KIRKBY LONSDALE BRASS BAND

Following last year's successful concert Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band will be making a return visit to Bentham Town Hall on Saturday 6th November at 7.30pm. The concert is being promoted jointly by St. John's Church, Low Bentham and High Bentham C. P. School P.T.A.

The Band has had a very busy year and

by Christmas it will have had about 55 engagements underlining its increasing popularity. It won 5 out of the 8 prizes on offer at the Kirkby Lonsdale Band Concert and was second overall at The Middleton In Teesdale Contest. The Junior Band has continued to prosper and one or two Bentham youngsters attend.

We are fortunate in being able to have live music in Bentham. We hope those who came last year will be able to attend once more and that others will join them. The Concert will last about two hours. Admission is £2.50 (conc £2) including refreshments. Tickets will be available either from the Church, the School or at the door.



GOODENBER ROAD PLAY AREA

from Kathleen Lea.

A new committee has formed to complete the 'Play Area' in Goodenber Rd. Our aim is to raise £3,000 by summer 1994, to equip the site for the children of Bentham. We feel the time is right to continue the hard work which was accomplished by the previous play area organisation. Initially we propose to re-start local fund raising, as well as apply for grants to the Yorkshire Rural Community Council, the Rural Development Programme, the National Playing Fields Association, Craven District Council, North Yorkshire County Council and not forgetting our very own Town Council.

We are approaching a company called 'Playdale' who supply playground equipment to come and advise us on how to use the site to its full potential. 'Playdale' are responsible for the Ingleton Play Area.

We hope to involve as many volunteers as possible from the Bentham community to help us complete this venture.

If you would like to get involved, the new committee meet each Tuesday at the Youth Club between 1pm and 3.30pm or telephone Voirrey on 62912 or Kathleen on 62473.

TOWN COUNCIL

by Margaret Hayton

The September meeting was chaired by Deputy Mayor Hurtley, Councillors present were Bateson, Cowling, Dowbiggin, Jackson, Marshall and Preston. Eight members of the public attended.

Structure Review

It looks as though most people want a Craven Unitarian Council, but no decision had been made at the time of writing, so it may not happen that way.

Trade Waste

The Council have paid to have one bin emptied on Cleveland Square, so will Market Traders please keep their waste to a minimum or take it home.

Civic Trust Report

Hopefully a survey will take place in early Autumn. The Council have been asked to donate £500 towards the cost. Councillor Marshall proposed that it be supported in principle but it would have to be put to a full council meeting.

The Panto Group are asking for a bigger phase electric supply, Councillor Jackson and Cowling will take a look and report back, but does the rent from the Panto Group warrant this?

The Salvation Army clothing bank on the car park needs a lock to stop children taking clothes out. It is distressing if bereaved persons clothes are put in and later found strewn about the car park.

The Craven Herald are sending a reporter (Joanne Hill) to attend this meeting and future council meetings.

A.O.B.

999 Call Crisis

A letter from Doug Baker, Bentham Fire Officer, was read out, regarding traffic jams at the junction of Main Street and Station Road. This is caused by people parking on yellow lines outside Fishers. Delay in getting the fire engine through could be a matter of life or death, the same applies to

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the ambulance or the doctor. The police don't seem to want to know. It was suggested that Inspector McCann be invited to the next council meeting to answer questions regarding this and other matters.

Councillor Marshall wants to know if any Councillors have visited the toilets on School Hill recently? He says they are disgusting and need completely refurbishing. Craven will be approached about this. Several Councillors and members of the public think they should be moved to the car park. Perhaps this could be a venture for the Civic Trust.

Tweed Street residents are complaining about the disused builders yard which is looking like a rubbish tip and attracting vermin. This now belongs to Brown and Whittaker, so the council will write and ask for it to be tidied up.

What is the smell coming from the newly resealed floor? the Market Traders and some public want to know. It will eventually fade says the caretaker.

The Badminton Club would like lines put back in the Ballroom. The Councillors were divided on this issue. But do we want to lose them. After much discussion a vote was taken, the result 4/3 in favour of putting the lines back, but with no repercussion if anyone falls.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.
Next meeting 4th October.



Unplugged

Acoustic Music Club
Black Bull Hotel Bentham
Friday 8.00pm - 2.50pm

Oct 1st	Richard Grainger
Nov 5th	Martyn Wyndham-Read
Dec 3rd	Party Night!
Jan 7th	Martin Carthy
Feb 4th	Old Rope String Band

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PLAYSCHEME

from Vi Christensen and Lin Barrington

We have had two successful Playschemes: now it's time to think about the next one. If we are going to get money to run it we have to apply for grants this Autumn. We are telling you this because we are unable to do much of the work ourselves due to other commitments. We would like to get a committee of interested parents together to plan it all, do the fundraising, appoint Playleaders etc. It does not involve a lot of work, just bits now and then. We are having a meeting in the Youth Club on Tuesday 12th October at 6pm. So come on kids, nag your parents and get them to come along or you won't have a Playscheme next year.

'UNPLUGGED'

from Sean Sanderson.

Bentham's Acoustic Music Club meets the first Friday of the month upstairs at The Black Bull at 8pm. Admission £2.50.

On October 1st Richard Grainger, who comes from a musical family learning harmonies at his grandmothers' knee, will be entertaining us. Richard made his debut at Teeside Folk Clubs, earning a reputation as one of the folk scene's most accomplished performers. Richard's songs reflect typical North Eastern passion and humour. Richard has three albums - "Herbs on the Heart", "Darklands" and "Home Routes". All should be available on the night.

The November meeting sees Martyn Wyndham-Read, an acknowledged expert on Australian folk music, entertaining us, Martyn is one of the best known and respected folk singers in the world. Although English by birth he has spent a lot of time collecting and learning songs from the drovers, sheep-shearers and cane cutters of Australia. Martyn's performance is warm, sincere and humorous. A skilful guitar accompaniment to a powerful voice.

Unplugged 

BENTHAM SCHOOL NEWS

The new school year is now well underway with Alex Cave as Head of School and Liz Lowe and Phillip Mason as her two deputies.

New members of staff joining the school this term are Mr and Mrs Andrew Presland, who are in charge of the recently refurbished senior boys boarding house with Mr Presland teaching Maths. Mrs Val May has joined the staff in the junior department as form teacher of the newly created fourth class which has been made necessary by the increase in numbers in this area of the school.

The school play this term is Peer Gynt by Ibsen. This will take place on December 9th, 10th and 11th. The Parents Association will be holding a Jumble Sale at the school on the afternoon of Saturday October 16th.

THE RICHARD PHILLIPS FUND UPDATE

At an event held in the Town Hall, in February 1991, following the death of Richard's father, Robert, £750 was raised by the good people of Bentham. Since that time this money has been kindly looked after by Mr Stan Telford of the Horse and Farrier. Provision has now been made for the money to be transferred to a trust account for Richard, to provide for his future. Any further donations can be made through Jordan's solicitors, Station Road, Bentham.

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AGE Concern

BENTHAM

from Doug Garlick

We are pleased to report that the Information Day, held recently, was highly successful.

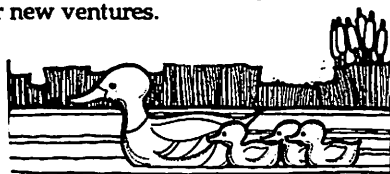
A wide range of information was available aimed primarily at the elderly and the disabled. The fourteen exhibitors were pleased at the number of enquiries made and the amount of interest shown. The layout and the displays gave a highly professional look to the room and we are sure that those who attended our first major publicity effort in Bentham were agreeably surprised. Refreshments were provided by Pat Smith.

Another highly successful coffee morning was held on the 11th September when £246 was raised towards the overheads of the Day Centre. All the stalls and the raffle reported brisk business and the prize winners were:- Mrs A. Slinger, Mrs Robertshaw, Mrs M. Cowgill and Mrs D. Watkinson. Thanks to our helpers and all those who supported us.

Committee members in addition to a number of our Day Centre 'regulars' attended the Presentation and Buffet, held at the Castleberg Hospital on 15th September, to Lissa Smith, North Craven Age Concern Development Officer, who will be leaving the area very shortly. Lissa is very well known in Craven for her work in the community, she was responsible for

introducing Age Concern to Bentham over 4 years ago. Since then she has worked closely with the local committee members resulting in what is now recognised as a highly popular organisation for the elderly citizens of the Bentham district. We all wish Lissa well in her move to Kent, where her husband Brian has been appointed suffragan Bishop of Tonbridge in the diocese of Rochester. The consecration will be by the Archbishop of Canterbury in Canterbury Cathedral in early November.

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mrs Rosalie Elliott as our new Day Centre Organiser. Rosalie takes over from Vi Christensen at the end of September. Vi is taking up a new appointment at the Youth Club and we wish her and Rosalie the very best of luck in their new ventures.



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POLICE FILE 999

from Inspector John McCann.

First my apologies for the absence of this article from the paper, but holidays and other commitments have conspired to put me behind schedule. Obviously criminals have not been on vacation as the following sample of events indicates.

20.8.93 1 tonne Westmorland slate taken from a builders yard at Low Bentham.

25.8.93 21/2 tonnes Westmorland slate taken from Station Road, Bentham. value £1,500.

26.8.93 Theft from a BMW car at Bentham - Pioneer radio and CD player stolen.

31.8.93 Spar shop burglary, when the safe contents were removed.

6.9.93 - Batteries were stolen from the mobile library when parked on Lairgill Car Park.

9.9.93 - Theft from Ford Escort car parked in Main Street, Low Bentham when a radio cassette was stolen.

11.9.93 Westwood sit and ride garden mower taken from a garage at the Sportsfield, High Bentham. It is orange with a black seat and trim value £1,300.

POLICE NEED YOUR HELP

As you can see there has been quite a lot of activity. In order to solve and prevent crimes of this nature the police need information from the public. It may seem

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trivial to you and you may not think it's worth bothering us with a call. That information may be the final piece in the jig-saw that we need to make an arrest.

The onset of darker evenings now presents an opportunity to the would be burglar. If you are out for the day ask a neighbour to keep an eye on your house, perhaps closing curtains and turning on the light for you. Make it as difficult as possible for the would be thief.

BADGER PROTECTION

On a different note our Wild Life Liaison Officer is setting up meetings on the 20th and 27th September at Skipton Police Social Club. The aim is to set up badger protection groups in the Craven area. If you are interested please contact the Community Affairs Dept. at Skipton. This is a positive way in which you can help the community and from my experience the type of person who digs badgers is also the opportunist thief who roams about our countryside.

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YOUR APPEALS AGAINST COUNCIL TAX GRADES

Countywide so far there have been 14,115 appeals against Council Tax bands, which is an average of 2.66% of the total properties. From Craven there've been 1,655 appeals - an average of 7.39%, ie. nearly three times the average rate. The worst case which has come to my notice are the concrete houses in Ingleton New Village, many of which, classified as unfit by Environmental Health, have been put into B and C bands. A clear case for appeal I would've thought but no, the first ones have been turned down.

TRANSFER OF COUNCIL HOUSING

The push from Government to transfer our Council houses to a Housing Association, is getting more and more forceful. I don't think we can resist it much longer, despite the unwillingness of our tenants. Even if we do retain them the job of managing them will soon be brought under the Compulsory Competitive Tendering rules. With (now) 1,935 units they could be sold off as one lump. The snag is that whether we set up a Council owned Association or go to an entirely private one, the fall in capital costs under the Govt's formula is punishing. The formula works out at about £7,000 per house or flat - a fraction of their real value! On top of this there would be a 20% levy, bringing the effective return per unit down to £5,700 !!! Although existing tenants would have rent increases guaranteed at no more than 1.5% above RPI, new tenants could expect substantial increases.

POLICE

After Sheaby and the White Paper on the Police, police morale is at an all time low.

7 We are having unprecedented numbers retiring causing pressure on both finance, (as their golden handshakes come out of current funds), and on the rest of the force.

So that you can discuss your problems and concerns the police have agreed to set-up once-a-week day surgeries at Bentham and Ingleton. Times and dates will be advertised in due course.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: BENTHAM

I had to take a lot of ribbing at the last County Economic Development Sub-committee because I persuaded them to pass not one but two projects for Bentham. Together with the £1,000 granted by Craven DC the £4,000 granted by County should see the Civic Trust survey well on its way - financially at least. The other one was Wenning Avenue and now County have agreed to share the residual costs (after an appeal to the frontagers and North West Water - the owners) equally with Craven. This is when membership of both councils pays off.

INGLETON ON-WAY SYSTEM

The very well attended and quite vociferous meeting at the Community Centre on this subject appears to be paying off in the more serious attention the Police and Highways are paying to signs and parking restrictions. It's unlikely we'll get the new system removed but as I promised the whole thing will be discussed at Area III Highways Sub-committee in October.

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YOUTH CLUB NEWS

by Vi Christensen

September has started slowly! Come on, get yourselves down to the Youth Club, our opening times are the same as last term:

Junior Club (10-13 year olds)

Mondays 6.30 - 8.30pm

Senior Club (13-18 year olds)

Wednesdays 7.00 - 9.00pm

STAFF CHANGES

BILL PYBUS who's been running Ingleton Youth Club is now working at Settle Youth Club, and SHARON HASLAM, Bentham's assistant leader, is standing in for him at Ingleton. She MAY give up her post at Bentham and continue permanently at Ingleton. We shall be very sorry if we lose Sharon as she has worked extremely hard and enthusiastically bringing in fresh, exciting ideas to get Bentham Youth Club into its present healthy state: healthy in terms of morale as well as financially. Sharon and I hope to strengthen links between the 2 clubs, and there is even talk of getting a minibus for us to share! Lack of transport has always been one of our main problems.

In Sharon's absence we have managed to persuade STEVEN SMITH to assist at Bentham, and if Sharon's post does become vacant he will apply for it. Steven was one of the playleaders at this year's Playscheme, so he's well-known to all the youngsters, who will remember that he's interested in sports and indoor team games. We'll be doing lots of these activities this term, along

with pool as our pool table is being recovered. We're also investing in a brand new sound system.



SPORT, MUSIC AND GRAFFITI!

We'll actually not "graffiti" but a mural on the Legion Hut is one of our projects for this term! The winner of the competition to design the mural for the front of the Hut will be announced in the next BN. If anyone has any oil-based paint to spare (gloss, undercoat, satinwood or eggshell) please leave it at the Youth Club. Thanks.

See you Mondays or Wednesdays at the Club!



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Tourist Information



from Douglas Garlick

As a seasonal TIC, we would normally be due to close for the winter at the end of September. However as last year, we intend to offer a restricted service until Saturday 23rd October, by opening on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday mornings between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

The miserable weather this summer has had its effect on visitor intake but we would like to thank everyone - visitors and local residents alike - for their continued support. In particular, a special thank you to our voluntary helpers for giving their time and without whose help it would be impossible to sustain this service in Bentham.

We are due to re-open at Easter 1994

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but we shall find this extremely difficult without the assistance of a few more volunteers for the centre. We feel it would be unfortunate and a great loss to the area if we were to close through lack of help.

Please give it some thought and phone Doug Garlick on 62171 or Peter Marshall on 62512 if you think you can help.

Lowgill Sports Committee are holding a Supper Dance in Bentham Town Hall on the 29th October. 8pm until 1am. Tickets and further information Tel 61784.

WANTED - MUSICIANS

Band presently forming to play for Off the Wall cabaret 11th December badly needs trombone, tenor sax and/or baritone sax

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Bentham Show Bounces Back

By Keith Cowling

After months of preparation members of the Show Committee breathed a sign of relief when the 4th September dawned dry and the 123rd Bentham Show got under way. Good entry numbers in many classes and good support from commercial exhibitors provided a wealth of interest for visitors. The new arrangement of the show field was featured a crane for the main entertainment, a central arena with three separate rings and a new position for the main tent.

The smooth running of the day belied the immense amount of organising that happens each year to promote what is really six or seven shows in one! In the Main Tent the Bentham Traders enclosure proved popular and the poultry and produce competitions provided that traditional display of local expertise and enthusiasm. Meanwhile on the field horse jumping, working hunter competitions and the dog show were all happening against a backdrop of vintage and military vehicles and Bungee Jumping! This spectacular departure from the fun fair of recent years provided locals Dave Savage, Andy Willan and Les Pilling with the chance to raise hundreds of pounds for local charities by 'taking the plunge'.

Underneath all the froth however, the show provides the local farming community with an annual showcase for its skills and traditions, so it was particularly good to see

sheep entries 15% up on last year and a fine show of cattle despite difficult times for the agricultural industry generally.

By popular agreement the show seems to have been one of the most successful in recent years. Most people liked the new layout and the treasurer seems confident that the final accounts will be in the black. The good turnout from local people should inspire the committee to find even better attractions for next year but the inescapable fact is that on the day nearly everything depends on the weather.

COMMUNITY BONFIRE

continued from the front page

You may be wondering after such an artistic firework display last year if we can do as well this year. Have no fears about it, David Clough is planning a superb pyrotechnical experience for everyone's entertainment so the whole event will be well worth attending. Once again we have a stall selling hotdogs and beefburgers etc. If any group or organisation would like to sell toffee apples, toffee etc to boost their own funds please contact Pam or Colin Woof (tel 61387).

The bonfire will be built from Thursday 28th onwards. Wood and garden cuttings are ideal but please **DO NOT DUMP TYRES**.

Admission adults £1.50 children 50p under 5's free.

SPARKLERS ONLY ON THE FIELD

If anyone would like to make a lantern to carry in the procession, the Youth Club will be open for workshops at the following times. Wednesday 27th October 2.30 - 4.30 & 6.30 - 8.30. Thursday 28th October 2.30 - 4.30.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

- Sat 2nd Springfield Bowling Club coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall 10am - 12 noon.
- Sun 3rd The Countryside Society outing to Fungal Foray, Roeburndale Woods. Meet at Middlewood Trust Car Park at 10.30am.
- Mon 4th Town Council meeting in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.
Guided Circular Walk to Little Stainforth and Feizor 7 miles. Leader Gerald Amos (tel 51621) Please meet at Austwick Bridge 12 noon.
St. John's Women's Fellowship at 2pm.
- Tues 5th Bentham & District Camera Club meeting. 'A Story in Pictures' - Members work.
- Thurs 7th High Bentham W.I. AGM and 'Safety in the Home' 7.30pm in the Lower Town Hall.
- Fri 8th Come Dancing in the Town Hall 7.45pm - 10.45pm. Admission £1.20 including tea and biscuits.
- Sat 9th St. Margaret's coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall 10am - 12 noon.
- Tues 12th Tatham Fells W.I. Annual Meeting. Speaker Mrs Sue Wood. Subject 'Dried Flowers'

Listing for Local Events

Day.....

Date.....

Event.....

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Venue.....

Please complete and return to Lesley Barker or hand in at Bentham Sportswear.

- 12 Tues 12th Child Health Clinic at Bentham Health Centre 1pm - 4pm.
Bible Society Annual Meetings at Bentham Methodist Church 2.15pm and Burton in Lonsdale All Saints at 7.30pm.
- Wed 13th North Craven Labour Party at the Black Bull at 8pm.
Institution of Rev. Bamforth as priest-in-charge of St. John's, Low Bentham at 7.30pm.
Everyone welcome.
- Thurs 14th Bentham & District Camera Club Annual Dinner of the Federation of Camera Clubs - to be held in Carnforth.
Wesley Guild entertain senior citizens at 7.30pm.
- Fri 15th Bentham Footpath Group's AGM in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. Anyone interested please come to the meeting. A talk with slides entitled 'Looking Back - Looking Forward' will be given by Len Moody.
The Countryside Society meeting in the Hornby Institute. Speaker Mr A. Webster. Joint meeting with Lunesdale Civic Trust.
WASTE PAPER COLLECTION at the Legion Hall 8.30am - 11am. Proceeds to N.S.P.C.C.
- Sat 16th Bentham & District Liberal Democrats coffee morning in the Town Hall 10am 11.30am.
Guided Circular Walk to Langcliffe - 7miles. Leader Charlie Procter (tel 61654) please meet at Lairgill at 10am.
Tatham Fells School Jumble Sale in the Youth Club 10.30am.
Jumble Sale at Bentham School, Low Bentham.
- Sat 16th A two week painting exhibition

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Thurs 21st Low Bentham W.I. in the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham at 7.30pm. Speaker Mr. Don Summerhayes - Subject 'Disasters with Houseplants'.

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Fashion Show featuring Kydele Lingerie and jewellery in aid of the N.S.P.C.C., in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. Adm £1 children 50p.

Fri 22nd Arthritis and Rheumatism Council AGM in the Methodist Schoolroom at 7.30pm. Speaker Dr. P. Nightingale. Refreshments provided.

Sat 23rd Conservative Association coffee morning in the Town Hall 10am - 12 noon.

Come Dancing in the Town Hall 7.45pm - 10.45pm. Admission £1.20 including refreshments.

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Sun 24th St. John's Harvest Festival and Gift Day 10.30am.

Mon 25th Ewecross Historical Meeting in the Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm. Speaker :-Dr. Andrew White. Subject:- Georgian Lancaster.

Tues 26th Child Health Clinic at Bentham Health Centre 1pm - 4pm.

Bentham & District Camera Club 'Warts and All', members' monochrome prints.

Fri 29th Bentham News published.

Sat 30th The Good Shepherd Church coffee morning in the Town Hall 10am - 12 noon.

Sun 31st Guided Circular Walk to Eldroth 7 miles. Leader Verena Smith (tel 61100) Please meet at Eldroth Village Hall at 11am.

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Division 2	A. Chappell
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Division 3	B.C. Carter

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Sunday

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Monday - Saturday

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BENTHAM SET FOR CIVIC TRUST STUDY

By Keith Cowling

Two years of effort by Bentham Trust were rewarded on the 16th September when North Yorkshire County Council voted to grant £4,000 towards a Civic Trust study of Bentham. The cash, along with other funds promised by Craven and Bentham Town Councils, brings the total close to the target and should be enough to ensure that the work begins in October.

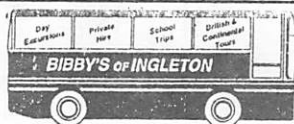
In June Bentham Trust hosted a very successful two day seminar about Bentham led by the Civic Trust's Regeneration Unit (CTRU). The discussions focused on the problems and opportunities of our area and led to strong expressions of support from local authorities, businesses and voluntary organisations for a partnership approach to Bentham's needs. The outcome was a proposal for a thorough-going study of issues raised by local people, focusing principally on three areas; the environment (both in the town and surrounding countryside), the local economy (including employment and training) and the community network (including Bentham's voluntary organisations and leisure facilities).

Although the price tag for the study is a daunting £25,000, the Civic Trust is supported by the Rural Development Commission (RDC) and major charities so it can bring three quarters of its own funding. This means that the last quarter (£6,250) has had to be found from local sources and local support was solidly demonstrated when Bentham Town Council indicated their willingness to provide £500 and Angus Fire helped with £250. This was backed by £1,000 from Craven and finally £4,000 from the county.

Although there have been some understandable fears that the study might result in "a lot of off't cumdens telling Bentham people what to do", in reality the work will only look at the priorities of local people, assessing which ideas are possible and practical. The CTRU will be canvassing a wide range of local opinions throughout the study and setting up a monitoring

16 group for the work composed of representatives of local organisations.

Raising funds for the study provides a good example of how local effort can be used as 'leverage' to bring outside investment into the town, in this case £25,000 worth of expert advice. Better still, since the RDC will be major sponsors of the study, any desirable projects that emerge are very likely to benefit from their support with capital and revenue funding. Bearing in mind the CTRU's nationally recognized work in supporting rural communities, this promises to be one of the most exciting opportunities for Bentham in many years.



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Margaret and David Barr would like to thank those residents of Bentham who helped us at the scene of our accident. Also the many messages, cards and flowers which have been very much appreciated and an aid to our recovery.

May God's light shine on everyone who by, thoughts, words and deeds made my path through this my most harrowing time more bearable. My love and thanks to you all. Marion Hall.

The family of the late Thomas Oldfield would like to thank everyone who sent kind messages and cards of sympathy following Tom's sudden death. Also thanks to Brown and Whittaker for their kind and considerate arrangements. Mrs J. Oldfield, Moorlands, Bentham.

Dave Savage would like to thank everyone who sponsored him on his Bungee Jump which raised £115 for Bentham Health Centre.

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RESULTS OF BN QUESTIONNAIRE

by Christine Hodson

Over the summer more than 100 Bentham people from the age of 11 completed a BN questionnaire either at our coffee morning or at other venues around Bentham. 100% said that they DID read their copy! We would like to thank all those who took the time to take part in our survey; as you can see the results make interesting reading.

WHAT DO YOU LIKE?

Popular items are the letters, diary and recipe pages, and Council report. Many favourable comments were received on the "sense of community", and the local news and information that BN provides. Several people liked the Bentham "gossip", and well over 50% said they liked everything!

WHAT DO YOU DISLIKE?

Here comments varied enormously, from a dislike of the logo, the letters page and the fact that BN is free. 5 people didn't like "The Ranter", and several people commented on the content of the personal interviews. The writing style of contributors was criticised on the one hand for being "occasionally bland information", dodging the issues and "too safe in its coverage", and on the other hand for containing extreme opinionated views.

WHAT YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN BN

There were many suggestions for new items, such as quizzes, crosswords, puzzles, a children's/teenage page and cartoons. Several people wanted more comprehensive coverage of different types of music, and others wanted more feature interviews and stories of old Bentham. Popular requests were for more gardening items and tips, a nature and agriculture column and fuller coverage of local sporting events. Two people suggested more extensive articles and an extended BN. We even had a request for more adverts and some page 3 girls! (Editor's note: And where would the Town Council Report go then?!)

MORE COMMENTS ON BN

Overwhelmingly people liked the "look" of the paper, and most took notice of the adverts and 75% said they would advertise in BN. The "Bentham People" page was popular, and 75% said they would use this for personal messages. Up to 6 people read each copy of BN, many readers passing theirs on to relatives and visitors. Intriguingly, in one household 4 cats also read it!

IN CONCLUSION

Some people did respond to our request for help, and clearly if some of your suggestions are to be implemented we will need more of you to write, supply crosswords, quizzes etc. Please don't be shy. If you want to send us something, do! And don't forget that you can, for a small fee, ask us to send regular supplies of BN to friends and family either in this country or overseas. This could make an ideal Christmas present!

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BENTHAM HEALTH CENTRE ALTERATIONS

from Dr Ralph Sullivan

Since the felt went on the roof of the Health Centre all thoughts of installing a badminton court have faded. Walls, doors, radiators, even plaster and paint have arrived. It is beginning to look as though we have a building rather than a building site.

About the middle of this month several new parts of the building should be completed. The new main entrance, roughly where the old entrance used to be, will be in use. So, please come in that way when you see the fencing come down as the temporary door through the annexe will be blocked up.

As you come through the new front door the new dispensary will be immediately on your left. Please come to the counter there for prescriptions and dispensed medicines. The main reception counters for appointments and all other enquiries are further into the building, exactly where they always used to be. Just to the right of the front door will be the health visitors' office.

That is the good news. The bad news is that soon after this the waiting room will be closed for two weeks or so to be refurbished. A temporary waiting room will be set up in the room that now houses the reception office. There will be signs to point the way. The chiropodist's room will be out of reach but she will continue to work in an examination room so none of her clinics will be cancelled.

By the end of the month we will be planning the celebrations to mark the completion of the work. Until then anyone thinking of using the Ingleton surgery to escape the builders will be disappointed. Alterations start there on the 18th!



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Dear Bentham News

May I use your magazine to report the receipt of three anonymous letters, all posted locally and all obviously from supporters of Freemasonry.

I have never had anonymous letters before - I share the general opinion on the writers of such letters, which is LOW.

I read in the latest letter 'Freemasonry is not a secret society - there is nothing secret about it?

Oh really?!

Yours sincerely

Philippa Linklater.

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Wednesday	STEP	6.30 - 7.30	St. Joseph's Hall, Carnforth
Thursday	STEP	6.15 - 7.15	Ingleton Community Centre
	STEP & TONE WITH FLEXIBANDS	8.00 - 9.30	Wray Village Hall
Friday	BODY TONING	6.15 - 7.15	Bentham Town Hall
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OFF THE WALL

from Sean Sanderson

Off The Wall's new season starts on October 2nd with a 'Benefit' night for Off The Wall. This is to help with cash flow i.e. flowing in instead of out! The usual OTW format of having a band is different for this occasion. Instead we have simple food, a special entertainment, a spot of non-compulsory Barn dancing and our usual uninhibited 'rave', all for a fiver a head! OTW has always operated on a lowest ticket price possible basis, because we don't want to discriminate against the monetary-challenged, but we have had to put our prices up this year to £8 for members and £10 for non-members. Just pay £2 annually for membership and save money folks! Concessions are available in return for help!

Our Christmas (yes here it comes again!) OTW is on December 11th and is a special "Cabaret" featuring the best 'turns' in the area. Anybody with a song, a story, a trapeze act, whatever, please contact "Mr. Entertainment", Keith Dixon, on 62688 with a short description and personal liability disclaimer.

Although this season we are changing the format for some OTW events (it's called "innovation and progress"!) we still will be having the usual top class food followed by top class bands. Back by popular demand, The Band from Uncle's sophisticated jazz/blues, Whipping Post's hot sweaty rock, as well as some new bands never seen in Benthams. Don't forget you are welcome to just come and see the bands at 10pm for £2.50.

If you would like to be on OTW's mailing list please ring Sean on 62258. If you haven't been to an OTW event before, why not try one this year: they're cheap, informal, badly lit and lots of fun!

Future dates for your OTW diary are: Oct 2, Nov 13, Dec 11, Jan 22, Mar 19, Apr 23 and Midsummer sometime.

21 NEWS FROM ST. JOHN'S

After a year long interregnum we are happy to welcome Rev. Marvin Bamforth as our priest-in-charge, and we are grateful to his congregations at Burton and Thornton for being so willing to share him with us. We look forward to his institution by Bishop David Smith on Wednesday 13th October and hope to see a full Church for the occasion. It will be strange for the people of Low Benthams not to have a rector of their own after 600 years, but by today's reckonings Bradford Diocese is over staffed and clergy from some smaller parishes have to go, and we are one such parish.

As not even a clergyman can be in two places at once there have to be changes to service times and full details appear on the back page.

Our first major event with Rev. Bamforth will be on 24th October, our Harvest Festival and Gift Day, when we have an opportunity to make an extra gift towards God's work here and elsewhere. Do come and share this occasion with us.

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ALBUM REVIEW

from David Greenup

MEATLOAF

BAT OUT OF HELL II (BACK INTO HELL)

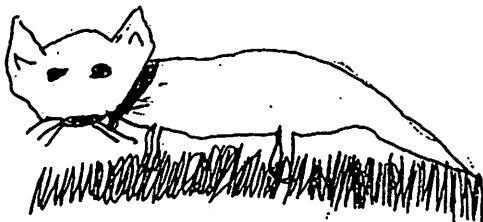
This is the first time Meatloaf and Jim Steinman have worked together since 1977, when the original Bat out Of Hell album was renowned as being a classic. Bat Out Of Hell II is not the same as its predecessor, it is totally different but perfect in its own right. This is one of the best albums, of its kind, you will come across this year with lyrics by Jim Steinman, who also does his own solo album, and brilliantly sung by Meatloaf. The album consists of eleven songs with one instrumental called 'Back Into Hell' and one talked piece called 'Wasted Youth', that has to be heard to be believed. The main song on the album is 'I'd Do Anything For Love' that has a set release date of 27th September and is the first single of the album. My personal favourites are 'Object In The Rear View Mirror May Appear Closer Than They Are' and 'Everything is Louder Than Everything Else' which is more like the first Bat Out Of Hell album. It still doesn't meet the standard which made Bat Out Of Hell a classic with songs like 'Two Out Of Three Ain't Bad' and 'You Took The Words Right Out Of My Mouth'. Meatloaf is on tour at the moment and will be in England in December.

Meatloaf - Bat Out Of Hell II get 9½ out of 10 as it had a hard act to follow.

FATCAT

by Lucy Wright, aged 8 years

Fatcat was a cute puss,
But he did like a lot of fuss.
Sometimes he went off sad,
But most of the time he didn't feel bad.
He had a nice collar that was blue,
But he didn't like it when it was new.
But it was all sad when it ended.
He died and couldn't be mended.
A worker from over the road saw it
By a car it had been hit.
It was on a Tuesday at one o'clock
When Fatcat had his dreadful knock.
The farmer that lives down the lane,
Took Fatcat in from the rain.
We haven't seen him yet,
The farmers buried him I bet.
But we've got a rabbit and she's fine,
It's my sister's and mine.
But we do miss Fatcat a load,
And we wish he hadn't gone on the road.
Poor Fatcat.
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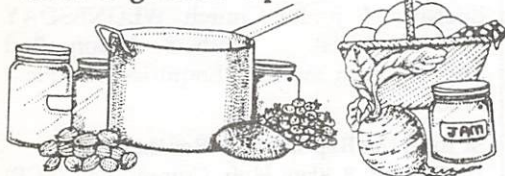
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RECIPES

from Doreen Park

How to get into a pickle!



Hints for success

Whilst jam making often uses soft and bruised fruits, pickles need top quality produce to ensure that the keeping qualities are not reduced.

Fresh ingredients naturally vary in size and weight. So you may need to adapt quantities and cooking times slightly to suit your own product.

To reduce the strength or sharpness of a pickle add a little clear honey.

Always pack jars firmly so that the product cannot rise leaving a gap at the bottom. The ideal ratio is 60% product 40% vinegar.

MIXED VEGETABLE PICKLE

- 1 small cauliflower (cut into florets)
- 3 large courgettes (diced)
- 2 onions sliced or 8 ozs pickling onions peeled & left whole
- 6 ozs French beans, trimmed and halved
- 1 small red pepper (diced)
- 4 ozs salt
- 2 pints (1.1litre) distilled pickling malt vinegar (I prefer SARSON)

Layer the vegetables and salt in a large bowl.

Cover and refrigerate for 24 hours.

Rinse thoroughly, drain and pack, not too tightly, into sterilized jars.

Fill with cold vinegar, seal, label and store in a cool place for at least 2 weeks before using.

Ideal with ploughman's lunch. or chopped into a potato salad.

Makes approx 3 lbs.



- 2 1/4 lbs (1 Kg) closed cap mushrooms
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 bay leaves
- 1 oz granulated sugar
- 1/2 pint distilled pickling malt vinegar

Blanch mushrooms and garlic in boiling water for 2 minutes

Refresh under cold water and pat dry.

Pack into sterilized jars with the bay leaves. Stir sugar into the vinegar until dissolved then pour over the mushrooms.

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SUNDAY 8am Eucharist. 10am Parish Eucharist & Junior Church, **WEDNESDAY** 9am Eucharist. Mothers Union 2nd Tuesday each month. Enquiries Mrs Field 61084.

St John the Baptist, Low Bentham.

1st Sunday 8.30am Holy Communion (BCP) 9.30am Morning Prayer. **2nd Sunday** 9.30am Holy Communion (ASB). **3rd Sunday** 9.30am Morning Prayer. **4th Sunday** 10.30am Family Service. **5th Sunday** 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

St Bonifaces Catholic Church

Saturday 6.30pm. **Sunday** 9.30am (also 11.15am, Easter to September 30th). **Holy Days** 10am & 7.30pm. Week day services, see times in the porch.

Methodist Church, High Bentham.

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

Methodist Church, Low Bentham.

Afternoon Service 2pm. Friendly Hour 2nd Thursday each month 2.15pm.

Religious Society of Friends, Quakers.

Meeting for Worship, Sunday 10.30am. Enquiries - Tel the clerk on 62933.

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