

BENTHAM NEWS



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TRADERS LATE NIGHT CHRISTMAS SHOPPING IN BENTHAM

Enjoy Christmas hospitality on the evening of **Friday 10th December** as Bentham Traders Association stage their Late Night Shopping Event.

Fireworks by David Clough will open the evening at 6.30pm from School Hill. Father Christmas will arrive shortly after this to take up residence in his Grotto, specially prepared by the Youth Club members in their club building.



Settle and Giggleswick Band will be playing Christmas music throughout the evening and there will be competitions and games to play.

Decorations have been extended this year to include a new Father Christmas banner across the Main Street in High Bentham and a Christmas Tree in Low Bentham.

TIMELY WARNING

It has come to the notice of "Bentham News" that in the past few weeks there have been a number of break-ins in the locality. The thieves seem to be particularly interested in the contents of garages, and have taken electrical equipment, tools and frozen food.

So, don't let thieves spoil your Christmas, and be sure to make your garage as secure as possible.

BUMPER BENTHAM NEWS!

The December BN is bigger than usual and bursting with information that will help you to do all your Christmas shopping in Bentham!

- What is BOGG? Find out by reading our new regular column on page 4.
- Page 9 is full of fun and has been produced entirely by local children.
- Productions at two local schools are featured on pages 5 and 19, so there's plenty to go and see this Christmas without having to travel too far.

*A Happy Christmas and
a Peaceful New Year to
all our readers.*

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"MARIANN"

by Wendy Dowbiggin

Fred Johnson, of Station Road, Bentham, a keen amateur gardener, has had his Charm Chrysanthemum "Mariann" registered by the National Chrysanthemum Society.

Fred grew the plant from seed and having such a magnificent bloom, sent a cutting to Woolmans, (chrysanthemum growers in the Birmingham area) who saw to it that it was seen by the National Chrysanthemum Society and it was duly registered. The chrysanthemum will appear in next year's Woolmans catalogue.

Fred chose the name "Mariann" as a fitting tribute to his late wife, Marian, and his daughter, Ann, now living in London.

"Mariann" can be seen in pride of place at Alan Coates' butchers shop. Congratulations Fred!



NEWS FROM THE YOUTH CLUB

from Vi Christensen

As most of you must have seen by now, our paint job on the British Legion hut is nearly complete. It just needs a few finishing touches. Thank you to everyone who took part in creating the mural.

The disco held on the 5th November raised £38 towards the new sound-system which we hope will be in operation after Christmas.

GOODENBER ROAD PLAY AREA

from Vi Christensen

The disco held in the Youth Club on the 29th October raised £40.

There will be more fundraising events for the Play Area in the coming months, so please look out for information about these as they occur.

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TOWN COUNCIL

by Jean West

Mayor Telford chaired the November meeting and Councillors present were: Marshall, Joel, Hewitt, Hurtle, Jackson, Preston, Bateson and Cowling. Craven Councillor Pilkington and ten members of the public also attended.

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Angus Fire Armour sent a £400 donation towards the cost of Bentham's Christmas trees and the Community Bonfire. Mr, Ward, Bentham School's Head, and his wife, have been invited to judge the decoration of Bentham's shops, offices and other premises. Interiors are to be included for licensed premises.

PUBLIC TOILETS

In a written reply Craven District Council indicated that the cost of refurbishing School Hill toilets would be huge due to the need for stainless steel and vandal-proof equipment. The TC decided to pursue this further by requesting a more detailed estimate and an anticipated date of refurbishing.

LAIRGILL-MOUNT PLEASANT FOOTPATH SAGA

In response to the TC's letter in June 1993, a reply from NYCC Highways Committee made it clear that development of this roadway was not considered a priority, and has therefore been set back another five years! Cllr. Pilkington stated that Cllr. Atkinson had fought a strong rearguard action to keep it on the priority list. Cllr. Marshall proposed that another approach be made to David Curry, MP, for his support, and that attention should be drawn to the length of time NYCC Highways Dept had taken to respond to the TC's letter.

PA SYSTEM

Before a PA system can be installed in the Town Hall it is necessary to decide whether this should be movable or static.

STREET NAMING

Suggested names for the new housing development near Goodenber Road were put to the vote. Names suggested were

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Goodenber Close, Ashfield Close and Wesley Close, and Wesley Close won! CDC will be advised.

PLANNING FEARS

During the discussion of planning applications, several members of the public expressed their fears that the sewerage facilities were inadequate to take more dwellings. People stated that this was not a personal vendetta but a real issue of concern as there had already been problems with sewers collapsing and blocking. The TC agreed to put in a proviso that CDC and NW Water give an assurance that no sewerage problems were envisaged before planning permission can be granted.

BITS AND PIECES

NORWEB's letter suggesting that the TC make a one-off advance payment for five years' electricity was rejected. Replying to Cllr. Hurtle, Cllr. Pilkington said that no houses had yet been sold at the Low Bentham, Hillside Road scheme. Cllr. Dowbiggin reported on the Footpath Group's recent AGM (see elsewhere in this BN). Mayor Telford outlined Les Pilling's recent weight-lifting achievement in Canada, and the TC agreed to forward their congratulations to him. Cllr. Cowling said the Community Bonfire and Fireworks Display had been excellent, and he praised the pyrotechnic skills of David Clough and the hard work of Pam and Colin Woof, who had organised the event. Cllr. Jackson was co-opted onto the monitoring group of the Civic Trust Study, and there was some discussion about the Trust's current activities. Cllr. Preston reported that, sadly, the TH pay phone had been vandalised, and also that a toilet window had been broken. Telecom have repaired the phone, and the window is being replaced. There was discussion about whether a light should be placed at the entrance to Cleveland Square, concern over dead trees adjacent to the Ingleton Road and reports that the footpath near Ashfield Cottages was in a poor state. Copies of CDC's local plan report were given to TC members. *(I believe a copy can be seen by everyone in the local library).*

GARDENING PAGE

from Jo Taylor

Bentham Organic Gardening Group.

The Bentham News has asked if we, The Bentham Organic Gardening Group, would like to do a regular gardening column. B.O.G.G. have agreed that between us we will. Our idea is to do a "what we're doing this month", we would also like to know from you what you want to hear/read about. So PLEASE write in, ask questions, tell us what you want to know.

After being suddenly hit by heavy frost in October, the cleaning up, cutting back job has come early. This time of year feels like a never ending round of cutting back the perennials, pruning the shrubs and raking up leaves. So now is the time to spread last year's leaf mould and make some more. Having said that, leaf mould can take two or even three years to break down depending on whether the leaves come from hard or soft wood trees, hard woods take longer. Leaf mould is so easy to make, just pile the leaves in a wire frame and leave to decompose. Male urine helps the breakdown, so come on fellas a nightly contribution to the leaf mould is required. Leaf mould is ideal to put round acid loving plants such as Azaleas, Magnolia, Hydrangea, Skimmia Heathers, Pieris, Camellias, Rhododendrons, Gentians and lots more. You can make leaf mould just by putting leaves in plastic sacks too.

Bare soil seems unnatural to me, although if you have heavy clay soil, frost does help to break it down. I have very

4 loose soil that neither holds moisture nor fibre. As I am clearing the vegetable patch I'm covering it in a thick layer of muck. Cow muck that is, which has lots of straw in it. During the winter the worms will take the goodness down, the frost will break it up and I'll be left with a straw mulch, which I'll then plant in to and the mulch, will help keep the weeds down. This is my first winter in this garden, I moved last February, so there are tons of jobs I've yet to do, like making compost bins.

My favour -

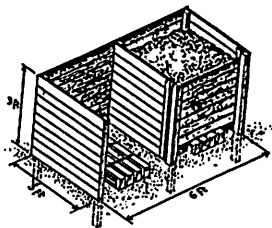
ite type of bin is a "New Zealand box" - two bins side by side, with a slatted front for easy access.

For those who don't know how to make compost, the theory is anything that was once alive

can be composted, but there are exceptions, like egg shells and wood that take a long time to decompose. I prefer to use things that rot quickly. Put layers of materials such as kitchen waste (not meat, as it might encourage rats), nettles, grass clippings, cow muck, horse muck, sheep and rabbit droppings, chicken manure and straw. Soft cuttings from the garden, tiggy stuff I burn and put the ash on the heap, comfrey etc. Once you have a full bin turn it into the other bin, I am always amazed how much quicker compost rots when turned. Your bins are better placed directly on the soil rather than on concrete to allow the worms etc to come in and decompose it for you. The little red Brandling worm, that fishermen use, is the creature that turns all this waste in to lovely compost.

Well that will have to be all for now, space is limited, (I could ramble on for too long.) So let's hear from you, tell us what you want to know.

The B.O.G.G. meets once a month all welcome!



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SUPER SOUNDS AT SETTLE HIGH

by Christine White and Shirley Brown

"Arms Akimbo", the York-based percussion group, visited Settle High School recently and worked with students who are involved in the school's Christmas production. This year this is a loosely-based adaptation of a seventeenth century play, 'The Jovial Crew', which examines the phenomenon of gypsies and 'New Age' travellers.

"Arms Akimbo"'s founder member, Keith Jackman, a kit drummer for 30 years, took up hand drumming in the "mistaken belief" that these drums would be easier to take around. In fact the group now has a huge amount of equipment which takes a lot of transporting! Keith demonstrated not only hand drumming, but also the art of circular breathing, an Aboriginal technique used in the playing of the didgeridoo. The didgeridoos used by the students were simply lengths of 22mm pipe lagging, which "make a brilliant sound and cost about 50p each"!

Another founder member of the group, Graeme Scott, has just returned from two months' studying in Mongolia, and demonstrated overtone or Tibetan chanting. Chanting, drumming and the didgeridoos will form part of the High School's exciting, not-to-be-missed production on December 15th-18th.

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St Margaret's Mothers' Union

The enrolling member welcomed Mrs Wilson of Melling to the November meeting in the Town Hall, Bentham.

Mrs Wilson spoke about their family visit to Bosnia earlier this year to distribute urgently needed supplies to the refugee communities and told of the caring people tending the sick and injured with very limited supplies of medicine or food. Slides showed the terrible destruction in the area.

The family plan another visit in spring next year and are hoping to collect enough supplies to fill the lorry and trailer again.

High Bentham W.I.

At the November meeting Jo Taylor showed slides and talked on "Organic Gardening", members were able to pick up some handy hints and useful information, for their own gardens.

December 2nd is the date for the next meeting which will be our Christmas Party



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from Dr. Ralph Sullivan.

We thought it would never happen, but it has. The painters, joiners, electricians, plumbers and builders have left. No more site meetings. No more dust. No more noise. The alterations are complete and we have the building to ourselves. (You will realise that writing this in the middle of November for the printing deadline involves an act of faith in the aforementioned painters, joiners, electricians, plumbers and builders, but I have confidence. They WILL be finished by the end of the month - probably.)

RECEPTIONIST FOR INGLETON

The main aim of the changes at Ingleton was to create a reception office. We shall have a receptionist in Ingleton for three hours each morning, Monday to Friday. She will start around the end of the year and will be able to make appointments for Ingleton and Bentham, take requests for repeat prescriptions and answer any general enquiries. But because S/he will only be there for part of the day we thought it best not to allow telephone enquiries at Ingleton. The practice will still have the same, single telephone number for all enquiries and emergencies: Bentham 61202.



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6 COME AND SEE!

I have already described the alterations at Bentham. We are going to have an official opening ceremony on Saturday, 11th December, followed by an Open (2 hour) Day. This will begin at 3pm and you are welcome to come and look around until 5pm. The doctors and staff will be there to answer your questions. The reception office and dispensary will be closed for reasons of confidentiality and security which I am sure you will understand. We look forward to seeing you then.

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COUNCIL CONCERNS

1994/95 BUDGETS

The struggle for the budget is now on and in both councils it looks as if we're going to have to find substantial savings to keep within the Gov't's capping limits. We've pared our emergency reserves and administrative costs to the bone and in both councils we're faced with having to cut services. The trouble is that we're still in the dark and it won't be until later this month that we'll really know the extent of the damage. On County we expect to face a shortfall of some £12 million and the percentage shortfall for the District will be similar. There's already a row brewing over the fire service but we're trying to limit cuts on these and on the schools' LMS budgets to a minimum. But, it looks as if road maintenance and minor works are going to take a beating.

BAD NEWS ON HIGHWAYS

Add to the above the fact that the County's men have lost the bid for road maintenance in North Craven - and the roads are likely to suffer even more. For the last few years I've been very happy about the quality of work, particularly of the many holes in the road dug by the water company and others. Now it appears our men were too expensive so I'm expecting standards to drop, never mind the 25 people made redundant.

GOVERNMENT QUANGOS

For a long while I've been getting concerned about the number of traditional local government services being taken over by bodies accountable only to themselves. We've seen it with the urban development corporations: the training and enterprise councils; the health trusts and now the police. I'm glad to say, the Local Government Management Board is taking an interest now and has published a discussion paper about it.



7 Individually appointed members may do a good job but being responsible only to the Secretary of State they're not directly accountable. Also the temptation to appoint members of the ruling party must arise and this is very dangerous - whatever the party.

OMBUDSMAN APPEALS

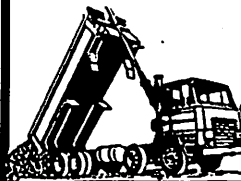
Of the hundreds of cases the councils deal with every day there are bound to be some cock ups (if you'll forgive the expression). It's therefore encouraging to report that only 50 cases last year against the County Council were reported to the Local Government Ombudsman and in only 2 was maladministration proved. Equivalent figures for Craven District were 15 cases and none proven.

RAILWAY MATTERS

At last we've managed to find a businessman interested in developing a the old station at Hellifield Station into a sort of modest heritage centre. Which may be a useful start. Craven has offered a total of £37,500 towards refurbishing the station, British Rail £60,000 and the Railway Heritage Trust has agreed to try and find the rest. It'll be a real feather in our caps if we succeed. Especially if the improved services for 1995 you'll have read about in the press come off. Our line must be the only rural line in the country not only holding it's own but actually thinking of increasing services. Let's trust privatisation doesn't dash our hopes.



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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

by Maureen Ellis

AN APPRECIATION OF LEN MOODY

This year's AGM marked a milestone in the history of the group as the driving force behind its establishment, Len Moody, handed over the chairpersonship. Len combined a ready familiarity and affection for the North Yorkshire and Lancashire countryside that surrounds Bentham, with a professionalism born of his years in education. It was only seven years ago that this most thriving group was a twinkle in his eye. Quickly a tenacious working core was formed and on Easter Saturday 1986 the first walk took place from Bentham via Burton and Ingleton and back to base.

Stiles and bridges form the nuts and bolts of the continuous circuit that makes footpath walking possible. From the beginning there was a flair for liaison which wisely involved the Countryside Commission which have power to give grants for servicing stiles, gates, footbridges, waymarking and the publication of guides. Len was also aware that the robustness of the Bentham area is due to the active farming at its core and he involved farmers in discussions.

In our society the printed word gives the stamp of authenticity, and publication of the two guides is a lasting endorsement of the group's activities and an invitation to others to enjoy the network of ancient pathways available. BFG does not rest long on its laurels and new routes are always being put together.

On Hallowe'en a seven mile circular walk took place from Eldroth Village Hall. As always there was a sense of anticipation as the walkers gathered, friends old and new. It was first up Black Bank to Rigghead, past Accerhill Hall, Langrigg and Brown House Barn. After lunch north east towards Farther Rome, across Storth Gill and onto Paley Green Lane, which is part of the Yorkshire Dales Cycle Way. Soon a footpath lead off to the east, crossing Parson's Green Lane and passing Craven Ridge, onto Four Lane Ends and back to Eldroth.



Bentham & District Directory

It is not too late for any trader, large or small, to be included in the soon to be published directory. Contact Jane on 62277 or Keith on 62043 and let them have details.

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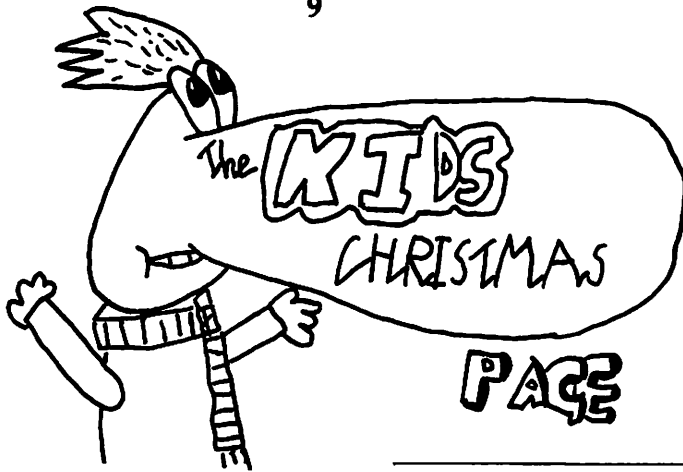
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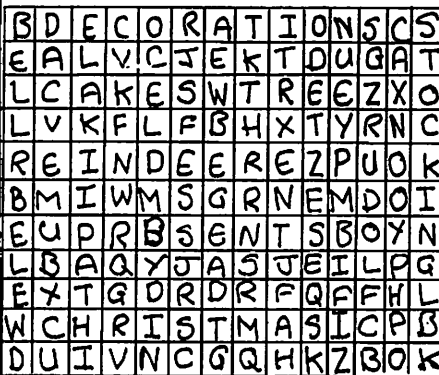
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FUNNY FACTS

1. William the IVs nickname was Silly Billy.
2. The ancient Greeks belived that it was unmanly to have a hot bath.
3. On the first of January it will be 1994



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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am pleased to report a smooth start to the school year. County Councillor Atkinson and Mrs M. Wildman were both re-appointed as Governors and Mrs K. Barlow joined for the first time.

Some of the children and parents have been busy planting bulbs on the grass verges of Robin Lane.

This term saw a visit from Dr. Barnardos. The children donated £64.40 through their boxes. In addition, Laura Widdop, Lucy Taylor and Sharon Taylor together with Helen Tebay and Charlotte Taylor from Ingleton Middle School, held a sale and were able to send £22.05.

It was a pleasant surprise to receive a copy of the Bentham Village Appraisal. Last year's Y5 and Y4 children may remember conducting surveys and collecting information for the project. It is good to see it in print and we have two copies if anyone wishes to borrow one.

Yours sincerely

David Johnson

Headmaster High Bentham C.P. School.

Dear Editor

After an extremely successful Community Bonfire we can only hope that everyone enjoyed themselves enough to support the event as well next year.

There have been one or two questions as to why the bonfire could not actually be on November 5th. The primary reason is that David Clough, who gives his time free of charge, as do all the other organisers, is never available on this date. This of course is due to work commitments elsewhere. The fireworks alone cost £900 but setting up such a display as ours requires over 12 hours work on the actual day. Hours of preparation time prior to the event and clearing up the day after are also imperative.

Secondly the Auction Mart yard, which

is such an ideal venue, is only free for use on a Saturday. Thirdly, other local villages have their own bonfires around the 5th November. It is logical, therefore, to move the event to the preceeding weekend, whatever date that might be. This also means that children, usually on half term at that time, can involve themselves in lantern making, toffee making etc., if they so wish.

This year, with good weather, we took a reasonable amount on the gate. It is essential that we attract alot of spectators to the bonfire as the cost of the whole event is substantial. If you saw the display from afar and would like to show your appreciation you can leave a donation in one of the two collecting tins in town. One is at Bentham Sportswear and the other at the Beehive Bakery. This money will go towards next year's event.

Finally thank you to everyone who helped us on the gates or prior to the event and to those who helped litter pick on the Sunday afterwards.

Yours Sincerely

Pam and Colin Woof.

Dear BN

Has anybody met anybody who thinks it's a good idea to rename our Health Centre, "The Surgery"?!

Yours quizzically,

Shirley Brown,

"Asperlands"

Springfield, High Bentham.

Dear Bentham News,

On Hallowe'en night five of us, Lisa Metcalfe, Rosy Halsam, Richard Hodson, Matthew Hodson and myself went Trick or Treating. Alot of people gave us money and we would like to say a big thanks to them. We raised £6.39 which we have sent to the N.S.P.C.C..

Thanks

Jenny Bloxham,

Low Bentham.



Dear Editor

I always enjoy reading *Bentham News* and was particularly heartened by the November edition which projected such a positive attitude about the economic life of Bentham.

I am thinking, in particular, of the articles about Bentham's economic upturn and business park. The adoption of such a positive attitude can only enhance the economic and social well-being of the town.

Bentham News fulfils a unique service to the community and I hope that it continues to be well supported.

Yours sincerely
Alistair Gregory
Bleaberry House
Burton-in-Lonsdale



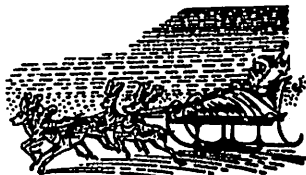
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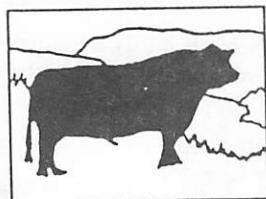


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NOTICES

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- Tues 21st** Child Health Clinic at Bentham Health Centre 1pm - 4pm.

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1050	1110	1115	1154
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0752	0828	0833	0900 NS
0800	0836	0840	0900 S
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0945	1024	1028	1047
1045	1123	1127	1146
1145	1224	1228	1247
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0901	1032	1105
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Sunday

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1705	1829	1903

Monday - Saturday

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GOOD NEWS AT CHRISTMAS

by Olive Calverley

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He's drawing very near.
At first, so small and helpless
Into a Man He grew.
Walked on the earth and loved and served
Then died for me and you.
He rose again at Easter
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Returned to Heaven and offers there
A love that never ends.
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BENTHAM SCHOOL NEWS



Bentham School pupils are currently working and playing hard. Hockey, rugby, soccer, running, debating and singing to name but a few of the

activities this term.

The 1st Soccer Team have had a very good run of successes, and Sarah Kirkman, a fourth form pupil is competing nationally in Judo Competitions.

The School extends a warm welcome to as many people as would like to come to performances of "Peer Gynt" by Henrik Ibsen. These will be held in the Assembly Hall at 7.30pm on the 9th, 10th & 11th of December - tickets Adults £3, Concessions £2. If you require tickets please contact the school.

Visitors are also welcome to attend the Advent Carol Service on Sunday 5th December at 6.45pm and the Christmas Carol Service. Please ring the school office on 61275 to reserve seats in advance.

Our thanks to the Parents' Association whose Jumble Sale raised nearly £200. By the time this goes to press their hard work will have been further demonstrated by the Christmas Fair in the Town Hall; the school is very lucky to have such dedicated support.

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MEALS ON WHEELS 30th ANNIVERSARY

by Cliff Machin

The 30th AGM of Meals on Wheels was held in a hastily adapted storeroom in the "under construction" Health Centre with Dr. C.A. Story in the chair. Alongside him was Bateman Marshall, sent along in her absence by his wife Margaret, to present the Organisers Report. The remaining members perched cheek by jowl amidst packages of surgical wipes, dressings and other medical paraphernalia in what must be the cosiest meeting in Bentham's Meals on Wheels history. A far cry from the first recorded meeting held in the Liberal Club on September 26th 1963 when Welfare Officer Mr. Campbell explained how it was proposed to run Meals on Wheels and a committee was formed under the Chairmanship of the late Dr. Russell.

GENEROUS THANKS

The present Chairman opened this year's AGM by thanking all the drivers and servers for their commitment and reliability throughout the year, also for their generosity in donating £422 "petrol money" to again ensure a gift of Christmas dinner and a "hamper" of festive extras to all meals recipients.

He also thanked the management at Angus Fire, particularly Sheila Hosfield and her staff, for providing an appetising variety of nutritious meals. He expressed particular thanks to Margaret Marshall for her unique sensitivity and dedication as the driving force behind the whole operation. Dr. Story went on to stress that although the service was running very effectively, Margaret had no reserve volunteers to call upon in the event of any prolonged absences of helpers, and that he would appreciate any such offers of help.

Bateman Marshall then presented Margaret's report (she is also secretary and treasurer). He reported that during the year 60 volunteers had delivered 2,972 meals, and that the charge per meal is now £1.25, also that the sum of £3,645.05 has been paid to N.Y.C.C., they in turn pay Angus Fire. N.Y.C.C. have specified that a maximum of

20

70 meals per week can be distributed.

Mrs Marshall expressed thanks to resigning helpers Mr & Mrs Chas Atkinson, Mrs Sue James and Mr R. Thompson for their past services. She welcomed Wendy Dowbiggin, Mr R. Ellershaw, Mary Butterfield and Mrs Smith, Burton in Lonsdale, into the organisation. In addition to those thanked by Dr. Story, Margaret thanked Angus' typist for typing rotas and for photocopying, John Hall (Nat West Bank) for auditing our accounts and Cliff Machin for deputising in her absence.

The new committee was elected as follows:- Dr. C.A. Story - Chairman; Mrs Margaret Marshall - Organiser, Mr Clifford Machin - Vice Chairman/Press Sec; Mr John Hall - Auditor; Mrs Christine Hodson - Health Visitor; Mrs Mary Ireland and Mrs Jill Matthews - representing Bentham, and Mr J. Lyell and Mrs K. Tozer - representing Burton in Lonsdale.

CAN YOU HELP?

If you would like to respond to Dr. Story's plea by helping in this voluntary work, ~~essential to the vulnerable in our community, please contact Margaret Marshall (61272) or leave details at the Health Centre.~~ The work will involve approx 2 hours only on a rota, once in 6 weeks. Thank you.

Editor's note:- has anyone any stories about the beginning of Meals onWheels, if so, we would love to hear from you.



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BENTHAM PEOPLE

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Marion Bradley would like to wish all her friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

PERSONAL THANKS

CAPSTICK - Jean would like to send grateful thanks to all those who sent get well cards, flowers and gifts during her recent stay in hospital. Your kindness was really appreciated, also thank you for your visits both at hospital and at home, 6, Highfield Terrace, Low Bentham.

ADAMS - David, Susan, Gareth and Clare wish to thank friends and parishioners of Bentham for the support they were given after the sudden death of David's father, Canon Adams, and the untimely death of Nigel Kinsella, their Parish Priest.

A BIG THANK YOU - to ALL my friends for their support recently, I hope there won't be any more weeks like that one!!

A special thanks to Thomas, Anna and Billie-Jo who made the sad day I lost my old four legged friend, Sprite, easier. Not forgetting Simon, Graham and George for their help too. Thanks for the flowers Chris. Last but not least Janette, Shirley, Polly and Heather who keep me laughing, running, stepping..... thanks. Jill, (and Louise and William.)

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Heather? 40? Never!!

Stephen Taylor (Mallot) invites you to his Sandblasters Ball; December 11th, Punch Bowl Hotel, Burton-in-Lonsdale. Raffle in aid of cot death research.

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AGE CONCERN

from Cliff Machin

The year is now rapidly drawing to a close, as is our current programme - but - not given to letting the grass grow under our feet - I am pleased to announce that the programme for 1994 should be back from the printers before this is published! Our Day Centre Organiser, Rosalie, has produced another interesting variety of events including some personal innovations.

The last outing of the season was to the Lake District, and was, as always, well patronised. The coach passengers paused for shopping and refreshments at Hawkshead, before returning home,, at a leisurely pace, via Morrisons at Kendal, for more shopping and refreshments.

Future coach outings, in April, May and June will be to the Dales, Williamsons Park, Morecambe and Fleetwood Market.

We were pleased to welcome two dinner guests at the Centre on the 12th November. Vibeke Christensen was invited to receive a well earned gift from all of us in appreciation of her special contribution as Activities Organiser since the inception of Age Concern, Bentham. Our other guest was Sue Mann, the recently appointed successor to Lisa Smith as Development Officer, Age Concern, North Craven. This was Sue's first opportunity to see what Bentham Day Centre was about and we hope that she was duly impressed. We all wish Sue every success in developing the work of Age Concern in North Craven.

Our Christmas programme opens on

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Friday 3rd December with a Christmas Fayre in the Town Hall.

The Annual Christmas Dinner will be on the following Friday, the 10th, for sixty of our senior citizens. This will be followed in the evening by a Charity Dance for Age Concern, Bentham in the Town Hall Ballroom at 7.45pm. It will be a Jacob's Join Buffet Dance - Modern Sequence and Old Time.

Our regular Christmas Tea Party on Friday 17th December concludes our programme for the year. The catering will be by our volunteers and the entertainment will be provided by "Willane the Magician".

In extending our best wishes to everyone, we ask you to remember that, particularly at this time of festive family gatherings, some may be experiencing extreme isolation and loneliness. Please spare a thought, and perhaps a visit, if you know of any such person.

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from the Sub-Postmistress.

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- ii) AIR MAIL INSIDE EUROPE - 11th/14th Dec (dependent on destination)
- iii) INLAND SECOND CLASS - Sat 18th Dec.
- iv) INLAND FIRST CLASS - Tues 21st Dec.
- v) INLAND PARCELS - Tues 21st Dec.

NB i) The printed paper concession for overseas Christmas cards has been withdrawn so please SEAL ALL CARDS.

ii) If posting large numbers of items, please hand over the counter to avoid blocking the post boxes.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES - Christmas and New Year.

- i) Christmas Eve - Normal delivery; counters close 12.30; last collection midday.
- ii) Sat 25th to Tues 28th Dec - No deliveries or counter services; 'Sunday' style collections on 28th Dec.
- iii) Wed 29th/Thurs 30th Dec - Normal services; delivery, counters, collections.

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iv) New Year's Eve - Normal delivery; counters close at 17.00; last collection midday.

v) Sat/Mon 3rd Jan '94 - No deliveries or counter services, 'Sunday' style collections on Jan 3rd.

PENSIONS/ ALLOWANCES

Payments as normal except as follows:-

Due Fri Dec 24th - payable Fri Dec 17th

Due Mon Dec 27th - payable Mon Dec 20th

Due Tues 28th - payable Tues 21st

Due Mon Jan 3rd - payable Wed Dec 29th

NB £10 bonuses will be paid in the week commencing Monday 6th December to certain beneficiaries.

LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Bentham Post Office will be open for ALL services on Friday December 10th from 6pm to 8pm.

A Happy Christmas to all our customers!



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former Headmaster of
Bentham School.**

CROWDS FLOCK TO FIREWORK BONANZA

by Shirley Brown

Bentham's bonfire and fireworks display at the end of October was a wonderful event. The 1,000 or so people who saw it were treated first to a solemn procession of youngsters carrying beautiful, home-made lanterns through the High Street, then the antics of the delicious Bonfire Fairy (Jane Reas), some fancy dress, refreshments, an enormous bonfire and finally a stunning fireworks display.

Events like this do not just happen. A lot of planning and hard work had gone on behind the scenes. The venue was kindly donated by the Auction Mart Directors, Brownies (under Alison Hanson) and the Youth Club (under Vi Christensen) made the lanterns with guidance from Alison Clough, and organisers Pam and Colin Woof supervised the building of the bonfire and made sure the whole event went off safely. (St. John's Ambulance were in attendance, but did not have to treat any injuries).

And a very big THANK YOU must go to David Clough, assisted by John Barwise. Anyone who has tried, in their back garden, to make catherine wheels turn, rockets soar or roman candles explode in anything vaguely resembling "a display" will know how difficult it is. David's professional skills were exercised over two days to put together hundreds of pounds worth of his favourite fireworks supplied by 14 manufacturers from 7 different countries. The effect was dramatic and magical, and much appreciated by the community of Bentham.



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MARRIAGE MILESTONE

by Jane Preston

Mr & Mrs S. Mason of Lakeber Avenue, High Bentham celebrated 65 years of marriage on the 31st October 1993. Mr Mason, who was born at Raygill, Ingleton, and was one of twelve children, met his wife, Lena, at a dance in Whittington Village Hall when his family farmed at Snab Green, Farm, Arkholme. Mrs Mason, formerly Miss Helena Bargh, was born and raised in Whittington, belonging to a family of eight children. After their marriage Mr and Mrs Mason moved to Bigber Farm, High Bentham, where they farmed for 32 years before retiring, first to Ingfield, Robin Lane, then to their present home where they have lived for the past 23 years.

Mr Mason is in his 93rd year and still enjoys a spot of gardening, growing quite a few vegetables. Mrs Mason, a spritely 90 year old, still does all her own washing, baking etc. It must be Bentham's good clean air that keeps the "older" section of the community going.

Mr Mason served on Settle District Council for 18 years and on the then Bentham Parish Council for 18 years.

They have one daughter, Margaret, who is married to one of Bentham's current Town Councillors, Bateman Marshall, and they have one granddaughter, a grandson and four great grandchildren.

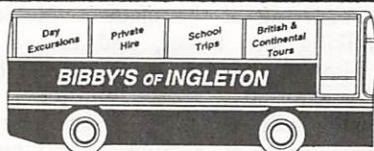
Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research.

from Jane Preston.

The Bentham branch of ARC held its AGM recently, it was the 16th and was attended by 30 people. The Chairman, Mr W. Joel, opened the meeting by thanking the committee and members for all their hard work. All officers were re-elected en-block although the treasurer expressed a wish to stand down but agreed to act until a successor is found. Chairman Mr W. Joel, Vice-Chairman Mr. B. Williams, Secretary Mrs N. Woolman, Treasurer Mrs M. Foster.

The guest speaker, Dr Peter Nightingale, relayed his experiences of his work in Africa and illustrated his talk with slides.

The branch reported a very successful year with many fund raising events. Perhaps the most touching was the £16 raised by local sufferer Sharon Taylor and her friend Helen Tebay who held a sale at their home. The total sent to ARC headquarters was £4,350. Members were reminded that the Christmas gift catalogue was circulating and that orders worth over £1,800 had already been taken. Mrs R.A. Parkinson or Mr B. Williams are the people to contact if anyone wishes to order. The programme for the next years fund-raising was discussed and a coffee morning is being planned for April 94 and possibly another sponsored walk.



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OBITUARIES

THE REVEREND NIGEL KINSELLA

by John Hicks

Nigel Kinsella, Vicar of Bentham, died suddenly of a heart attack on Wednesday, 27th October, 1993, at the age of 56. He had been the Parish Priest of High Bentham since 10th January, 1980. Nigel was a Londoner by birth, and on leaving school at 16 joined Kellem College to study for ordination to the priesthood. His studies were interrupted by National Service, which he did in the RAF. He returned to Kellem and joined the Order of the Society of the Sacred Mission. He was ordained Priest in 1966, and started his ministry at Northolt, in Middlesex. He came to this area as chaplain to St. Martin's College, Lancaster, and later resumed his studies at Lancaster University.

Nigel encouraged the introduction of many changes at St. Margaret's, including the use of the modern Eucharist service, and the re-ordering of the chancel. He loved hill-walking and music, and had a fine voice himself. His other great interest, more recently acquired, was his computer.

Nigel will be sadly missed by the congregation of St. Margaret's and by the township as a whole.

BENNY O'HAGAN

by Jean West

The sudden death of Benny was a shock to all his many friends, and a far greater one to his family. He was a true family man. Friends and neighbours on Lairgill will miss his friendly greetings and chats. He was a very active man in his retirement after years of working at the quarry. Always on the go and helping people with numerous jobs. He loved to be out and about, and loved a game of bowls, and was a familiar figure on his daily walks around the Bentham area. A native of Garuagh, Northern Ireland, he had lived in Bentham for many years.

REVEREND CANON JOHN WRIGLEY ADAMS.

(Canon Emeritus Bradford Cathedral. Vicar of High Bentham 1965 - 1973 and Rural Dean of Ewecross).
by Sue Adams.

Those of us who have lived in Bentham for over 20 years will remember Canon Adams as the small, rotund priest who was often seen around the town. Always willing to help with washing up whilst visiting, and never too busy to minister to his flock.

Canon Adams came to Bentham from St. Mark's, Low Moor, where he was rural dean of Bowling. Prior to that he was at Sedbergh where his youngest son, David, was born. Trained at Hawarden* and St. Chad's Theological College, Durham, he was ordained in Wakefield where he was attached to Wakefield Parish Church, and on the chaplaincy staff of Wakefield Prison. He later boasted to his children of the Christmas days he spent in Wakefield Jail. It was whilst he was at Wakefield he met and married his wife, Amy.

Soon after their marriage they left England for S.W. Africa, where he worked in two Mission Churches. It was here that his eldest son, Michael, and daughter, Mary were born. He was called up into army as an Army Chaplain, and served in this capacity throughout World War II, returning to England in 1946.

Canon Adams retired from Bentham in 1973, but always enjoyed visiting his "old" parishioners whenever he returned to visit his family. It was on such a visit on 27th October 1993 that Canon Adams died at the home of his son, David.

The funeral took place at his beloved St. Margaret's, and his ashes were interred in his wife's grave.

*Coincidence 1 - *Hawarden is the Anglican Seminary where Rev. Nigel Kinsella was warden of St. Deniol's library prior to his appointment to Bentham.*

Coincidence 2 - Both Priests died on the same day.

RECIPES

from Doreen Park

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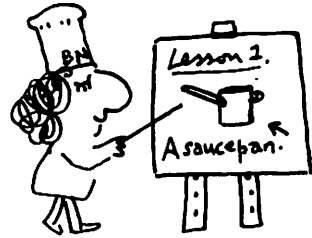
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2 pints cider
2 pints soda water
1 miniature bottle whisky
1 miniature bottle gin
1/2 tsp lemon juice
1/2 tblsp caster sugar
few thin strips lemon rind

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Add cider and soda water and serve.
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St. John the Baptist, Low Bentham.

1st Sunday 9.30am Parish Communion (ASB), **2nd Sunday** 9.30am Morning Prayer. **3rd Sunday** Parish Communion (ASB). **4th Sunday** 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP). **5th Sunday** 9.30am Parish Communion (BCP).

St Bonifaces Catholic Church

Saturday 6.30pm. **Sunday** 9.30am. 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.

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