

BENTHAM NEWS



WILLIAMS HOLDINGS PLC ACQUIRE ANGUS FIRE GROUP

Williams announced on 28th November that it has acquired the Angus Fire Group of companies from BBA Group PLC for £80 million, made up of a cash consideration of £69.9 million and the assumption of borrowings of £10.1 million. Net assets are approximately £30 million before borrowings. The consideration is subject to a net asset adjustment following the preparation of completion accounts.

Angus Fire had a turnover of £76.1 million and operating profits of £7.0 million for the year to December 1993, at which date the net assets were £24.5 million.

Angus Fire is a world market leader in the design, manufacture and sale of hoses, foam and foam equipment for the fire industry, which are branded under the Angus Fire name. Angus Fire is based in Thame, Oxfordshire and primarily operates from the UK, France and North America. It has 14 manufacturing sites around the world, including businesses in South Africa, Australia and Denmark, and distributes in some 70 countries. Angus Fire has a worldwide workforce of 900 employees.

The acquisition of Angus Fire will broaden the product capabilities of Kidde International, Williams existing fire division with a foam product range complementary to that of Silvani, the leading Italian

industrial fire protection company, recently acquired by Williams. Angus Fire will also establish Kidde as an international market leader in fire hose and improve the balance and spread of Kidde's industrial fire products throughout world markets. Continued on page 14.

FESTIVE LATE NIGHT SHOPPING

Come and enjoy Christmas hospitality on the evening of Friday 9th December as Bentham Traders Association stage their Late Night Shopping Event.

Fireworks by David Clough at 6.30pm. start the evening off with a bang, at School Hill. Father Christmas will arrive shortly after, drawn by Thwaites Prize Winning Dray Horses, and will proceed to his Grotto, prepared in the Youth Club by club members. Carol Singers from local Churches will add a seasonal note and the Lune Valley Jazz Band will provide more music. The Jazz Band will later play in the Black Bull.

Come and join in this joyous festive occasion. Bring the whole family, and friends.....see you there!

CARING FOR THE CARER

By Anne Smyth

A major drive to provide extra support and information for carers is now underway in and around High Bentham. Harrogate and Craven Carers' Resource is joining forces with the staff at Bentham Surgery to make sure local carers have the information they need to make sure they get a fair deal with Craven's Carer Support Worker, Dee Lumsden, based in Bentham Surgery for the next few months.

Research continues to show that Carers-people who look after elderly, ill or disabled relatives or friends who cannot manage on their own at home - still receive little or no support. Many of us are likely either to become carers or to need care ourselves one day. Recognition and understanding of the vital contribution carers make to the community is essential, and we are here to help.

The Carers' Resource is staffed by people who understand the strain involved in being a carer. They offer the opportunity to talk with someone who understands - help finding a way through the "system", ideas and guidance about practical help, advice about day to day caring and suggestions about taking a break. They also have information about such things as holidays, transport, respite care, day care, residential care, benefits and much more!

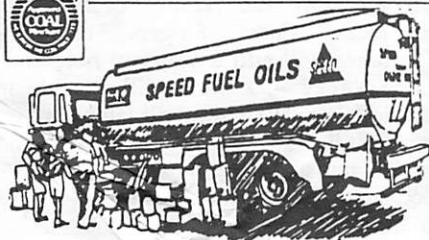
Are you a carer? Why not get in touch with Dee either at the Resource's office at 28 Keighley Road, Skipton BD23 2RJ (Tel 0756 700888) or via Bentham Surgery (Tel 05242 61202). Do you know someone who is a carer? Perhaps you could encourage them to contact Dee. "Carers often don't have time to look after themselves, they need encouragement to look after their own needs as well as the person they look after", said Dee.



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TOWN COUNCIL REPORT

by Lucius Redman

Present: Councillors Baker, Hayton, Hewitt, Hurtley, Jackson, Joel, Marshall, Preston, West, Woof & District Councillor Pilkington

RECURRING HEADACHES

If the best way to cure a headache is to take a pill, the best way to resolve a local issue may be to leave it to someone else to decide. In this way, Bentham Town Council rendered the question of planning approval for a 16-acre market-garden at Fourlands House Farm relatively painless.

Hearing from Councillor Jackson that the applicant, Ingleborough Nurseries of Clapham, expects the scheme to provide up to 50 new jobs, Councillor Marshall said this faced the council with a "difficult choice - green fields or more employment?"

But not so difficult, presumably, if you can console yourself with the news (had from Councillor Jackson who has first-hand experience of such matters) that the local authority is particularly keen to ensure tree-planting to minimise the visual impact of such schemes. Also with the knowledge that the council does not have the last word on the issue. Taking comfort in these assurances, it approved the application.

COMMUNICABLE AILMENTS

Meanwhile, if car-parking on Doctors' Hill and Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham, presents a problem, don't suffer its symptoms alone. Pass them on. Approve the imposition of double yellow lines in these places despite the fact that, as Councillor Hewitt was quick to point out, local residents will then have the problem of where to park in the absence of a designated car-park.

And if this still gives you sleepless nights, console yourself with the notion that making the problem someone else's is the best you can do because the Town Council does not have responsibility for car-parks and, given its limited powers, it cannot both provide for car-parking and ensure against obstructions on the same piece of road. As

Councillor Marshall remarked, "We cannot be all things to all people."

A LIFE-THREATENING DISEASE

Perhaps it is not until a problem achieves the status of a life-threatening disease that anything gets done. And even then, it may not be town councils or even district councils that make the difference between recovery and death, but popular representations.

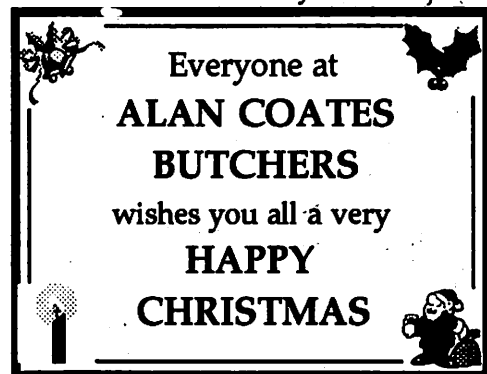
This is suggested by the announcement that the Local Government Structure Review has rejected the idea of a unitary authority involving the abolition of district councils, and has opted to "retain the present two-tier system".

But does this mean that everything will remain as it was? Apparently not because "Craven is to implement a study to decide what kind of a structure it will be," Councillor Pilkington told the council. "But will it have increased powers?" Councillor Marshall asked. "No," Councillor Pilkington replied, "it will not. We now have to find ways of making better use of what is forthcoming to us from the NYCC."

OTHER AFFLICTIONS

Despite the risk that the Christmas tree will be vandalised if it is situated at the bottom of Robin Lane, the council decided against siting it anywhere else this year. It might cause the centre of Bentham to seem too crowded.

Neighbourhood Watch scheme - the police want to set up a scheme in the area but it is anticipated that it will be difficult to find a co-ordinator. Nobody wants the job.



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DECEMBER DIARY

2nd December

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15th December

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21st December

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Christmas Day Menu

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Prawn Cocktail
Home Made Soup and Roll
Merry Widow (Avocado & Crab Salad)
Fruit Juice
Consomme du Pigeon
(Beef Consomme garnished with Vermicelli)

Cod a la femme

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COUNCIL CONCERNS



BY COUNCILLOR RALPH ATKINSON

A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MY READERS.

REORGANISATION

Most people will have heard that the outcome of the many months of reports and negotiations is the existing two tier system for most of North Yorks, except for Greater York. This will probably mean no change in election arrangements, ie. County elections in 1997 and the on-going District elections. But what a waste of money and morale!

ADMINISTRATION

Craven will now be pressing ahead with its internal structural review. Hopefully this will mean more public accountability and greater efficiency, tho' John Pilkington's and my attempt to get a public session before each committee and council meeting was voted down last month. All depts. at District recently went through a performance review with flying colours and a Citizens' Charter review was also favourable.

SCHOOL TRANSPORT

After the accident last month Austwick parents are understandably concerned about seat belts. However, despite pressure from myself and others the Education Budget group have given School Transport a lower priority than Nursery provision; Primary non-contact time (identified as a need in the recent inspections in local schools); some premises issues, eg. indoor toilets (as Low Bentham) and the general underfunding of primary schools. Given that we're already spending more than Govt. guidelines on education and the low accident rate on school transport I can understand their decision, nevertheless I'll continue to represent your concerns.

GENERAL BUDGETS

Meetings between the Local Govt. Associations and the Environment Secretary on next year's budget were ineffective, in

that we are promised "a harsh settlement" in 1995/96. We're told that there'll be no extra cash for services for the elderly; for increasing the efficiency of the police; improving education standards; public transport and our new responsibilities for social services. After all we've done to increase efficiency and cut costs to the bone, this is a serious blow.

COUNCIL TAX APPEALS

Most of you who appealed against your Council Tax band last year will now have heard the result. 75% of appellants got their band reduced, so it goes to show how badly they were done in the first place. Our area is lucky - in some places there are still nearly 45% outstanding. The average cost of each appeal was £115 and the total cost to the Govt. (so far) £100 million - again a terrible waste of money!

QUANGOS

As you know I have been warning about the proliferation of quangos, non-elected, non-accountable bodies like various trusts, etc. for over 2 years now. It's very encouraging that this concern has now become more widespread - even Panorama doing a programme on the problem. It's not that quangos don't have their place but they should be much fewer, more transparent and accountable.



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ST MARGARET'S WELCOMES NEW VICAR

By Susan Adams, PCC Secretary

Few people who walked down Station Road on Saturday 12th November either for a stroll in the wet or to watch the local football team in action, could have failed to notice that something was happening up at St Margaret's.

Visitors from all parts of the Deanery of Ewecross, the Diocese of Bradford, and points north, south, east and west, gathered with the regular congregation of St Margaret's to welcome our new Parish Priest, Canon John Michael Bearpark.

The Bishop of Bradford, the Right Reverend David Smith instituted John as the vicar of St Margaret's, High Bentham and the Archdeacon of Craven, Malcolm Grundy, inducted him into the church. John had only been our vicar for a few minutes when the Bishop then licensed him as Rural Dean of Ewecross.

Loud applause followed and the welcomes were extended from the local community, Rev. Nick Patterson, on behalf of the Methodist Church, Father Patrick Smythe for the Roman Catholic Church, and Anne Jeffries for the Society of Friends. Welcomes were also given from the local school by Kay Piper, from the Parish Council by our Mayor, Gerald Hurtley, and from the wider community of the Deanery by Mr John Fawcett, Lay Chairman of the Deanery Synod. We were sorry that Ralph Atkinson was unable to be with us, representing the County Council, but we wish Ralph well and hope he has a speedy recovery.

The Bishop spoke of new beginnings for St Margaret's and we hope that John and his wife, Dorothy, will find lots of friends among the people of Bentham, not only from the congregation, but others in the town. I know that Bentham people will make them feel welcome. We are extremely fortunate and privileged to have John as our new vicar.

John has left the parish of Skeeton where he was also Chaplain at Airedale Hospital and we are aware of the great gap that he and Dorothy have left behind them. We could tell they were much loved when a whole coach full of his former parishioners came to support them both in the next stage of their Christian life. I hope we at St Margarets prove to be worthy of his ministry here amongst us.

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"SEASONS
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Bentham Footpath Group

By Len Moody

Our tradition that the Chair at the Annual General Meeting is taken by the Mayor of Bentham, was maintained on 21st October, when Councillor Gerald Hurtleley was in charge, ably guided by the Group Chairman, David Stubbs.

Having confirmed their willingness to continue, the current Office-holders were re-elected as follows: Chairman David Stubbs, Treasurer Verena Smith, Secretary Pauline Hill, Guided walks programmes Mary Hudson and Sue Pilkington, Conservation Barry Greenwood, Footpath problems Geoff Huddart, Information Ken and Jean Walton, Publicity Maureen Ellis, Waymarking Colin Clapham.

Barry Greenwood, in his report, outlined tasks undertaken during the year and invited (a) suggestions of further work needed, to be sent to him, (tel 42072) and (b) offers to take part in conservation work. Verena Smith was congratulated on the clarity and soundness of the year's finances. 106 families had renewed their subscriptions, and the surplus in the Joan Atkinson Memorial Fund had been transferred to the Conservation account. Len Moody reported on the Parish Paths Partnership scheme, which Bentham would now be able to support, as North Yorkshire had been admitted to the scheme. The Group's activities had in recent years been running along the same lines, but further information should be sought on the detailed organisation of the scheme.

Guest speaker

The guest speaker for the evening was Helen Shepherd, Rights of Way Officer for the NYCC No3 Survey Area, based at Skipton, and responsible for footpath matters in the Bentham area. She gave a lively and informative talk entitled "A week in the life of a Rights of Way Officer". Such an officer needs a great deal of flexibility and patience, for a typical week includes time spent on footpath repair and maintenance, on dealing with complaints

and problems reported by the general public, on leading guided walks for special occasions, on investigating the legal aspects for report to the legal department, and all this within the constraints of a tight budget. It was not clear that a Rights of Way Officer has such a thing as a "weekend", nevertheless Helen assured us that she enjoys her work.

In conclusion, a composite vote of thanks was moved by Len Moody to the Mayor of Bentham for finding time to chair the meeting, to the various office holders for keeping the group active in a way which is the envy of many communities round about, to the leaders of the guided walks and those who turn out on the walks, playing a vital function in keeping footpaths open and in good condition, to the Footpath Officers of North Yorkshire, Lancashire and the Forest of Bowland AONB, to the various landowners and farmers in the area who in most cases cheerfully collaborate in the maintenance of our rights of way, and to Helen Shepherd, paying her first visit to Bentham, and whom it was good to get to know.

The meeting concluded with light refreshments (thanks to the providers) and the eagerly awaited distribution of the Guided Walks programme, November 1994-April 1995. The Group is always glad to welcome newcomers, and anyone interested is invited to contact either Sue Pilkington (61757) or Verena Smith (61100).



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POST OFFICE NEWS

By Alison Wilken, Sub Postmistress

CHRISTMAS ARRANGEMENTS COUNTERS

Pensions and Allowances.

Christmas bonuses will be paid week commencing Monday 5th December.

Pensions allowances due on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December will be paid on Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th December.

Pensions allowances due on Monday 2nd January will be paid on Friday 30th December.

Opening hours

Post Offices will be closed on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December and on Monday 2nd January, but will be open on Saturday 24th December and 31st December till 12.30pm as normal.

Bentham Post Office will also open on late night shopping night, Friday 9th December.

ROYAL MAIL

Posting Dates

The latest recommended posting dates for delivery by Christmas, are:-

(a) Airmail zone 1 (inc. Africa/Middle East/ Americas - Monday 5th December).

(b) Airmail zone 2 (inc. Australasia) - Thursday 8th December.

(c) Airmail Europe (most destinations) Wednesday 12th December.

(d) Inland second class - Monday 19th December.

(e) Inland first class - Wednesday 21st December.

The above dates refer to letters and packets; inland and overseas parcels have similar last posting dates - please see leaflet or ask at the counter for more information.

Other Posting information

There is no price benefit in keeping cards unsealed, so it is advisable to seal them. If unsure of the intended recipient's address, please add senders address on the reverse. Please check the weight of overseas items before posting!

Please remember that Eire is an international destination. Minimum tariff is 25p for 20 gm.

Christmas airletters are available (45p postage paid worldwide)

Books of Christmas stamps (20 second class or 10 first class) are also available.

If posting large numbers of cards, please hand them in over the counter to avoid overfilling of post boxes.

Cards and letters for Bentham and Low Bentham can be handed in at Bentham Post Office at anytime for next day delivery.

Collection And Delivery

Deliveries will be as normal (although inevitably protracted in the run up to Christmas) apart from Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th December and Monday 2nd January, when there will be none.

Collections will be normal apart from Sunday 25th and Monday 26th December and Sunday 1st January, when there will be none. A "Sunday style" (Post Office Letter Boxes only) will be provided on Tuesday 27th December and Monday 2nd January.

FUTURE OF THE POST OFFICE

The Government's decision not to proceed with its proposal to split up the Post Office and sell off part of the Royal Mail is as much a welcome response to the overwhelming opposition expressed by individuals and voluntary bodies to the proposal, as a tactful political withdrawal. Thanks are due to all who took part in the consultation process. Still a source of concern is the apparent continued refusal by the government to countenance greater freedom for the Post Office, by allowing more investment of its own profits or joint ventures. Pressure needs to be maintained on the Government to implement option 1 of the Green Paper (ie. greater commercial freedom for the Post Office within the Public Sector) both in letter and spirit.

Compliments of the Season

The Postmistress and Staff of Bentham Post Office and Sorting Office wish all our customers a Happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year!

NEW EDITION OF 200 YR OLD LOCAL "BOOK"

By Len Moody

A local event of some interest is the publication of a new edition of Thomas Dixon's topographical poem, which has been languishing in obscurity for over two hundred years. It is titled "Thomas Dixon's Description of the environs of Ingleborough and Principal Places on the banks of the River Wenning (1781).

Thomas Dixon was a "yeoman" and "substantial inhabitant" of Low Bentham, "formerly belonging to the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards", though details about his life and his family are rather scanty.

Dixon bases his poem, in the May-Day tradition, on an early morning expedition to the summit of Ingleborough, where he spends some time enjoying the prospect and trying to identify the various landmarks which can be seen in all directions. Then he adopts a second objective, to trace the course of the river Wenning from its "spring" just below the

summit, down past the "principal places on the bank of the Wenning" through Clapham, Austwick, Keasden, Mewith, both Benthams, Wennington and Tatham to Hornby where it flows into the Lune. It is a book that can serve as an introduction to, and a souvenir of the Vale of Wenning.

The contents of this edition include some preliminary information, a selection of the original text, and the complete text in modern orthography. This is followed by a Biographical Note, several short commentaries, including an extract from Jeffrey's Map of Yorkshire (1775) and notes on points of interest in the text. There are 52 pages, A5 size, bound in a laminated cover, including 4 colour plates, and 16 black and white drawings drawn by a local artist. The published price is £3.75. It is now on sale at local booksellers, and may possibly be seen as a worthwhile gift for all those who are interested in local history.

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BONFIRE NIGHT FEVER

By Shirley Brown

Bonfire Night Fever came to Bentham in late October as most of the shop windows were decorated with guys, fireworks, bonfires and lanterns. It was Barwise's laserlight display that won them first prize, but the atmosphere created by the efforts of all the shopkeepers who entered into the spirit of the occasion, was stunning.

Morecambe's exotic marching band, Bay Beat, led the bonfire procession of home-made paper lanterns (*why don't they burst into flames!?*) carried by dozens of local youngsters. Alison Clough's efforts in helping the children make the lanterns, was richly rewarded by the magical spectacle they created. The giant, illuminated ghost, with eerie arm movements, was the centrepiece of the procession, and he met with the traditional fiery end when he was added to the magnificent bonfire before it was lit.

MAGIC

There's something magical about standing round a bonfire on an autumn evening; watching the flames, lighting sparklers, smelling barbecued food, eating goodies sold by the Brownies, chatting with friends and comforting children as the first fireworks light up the sky and bring the thrill of excitement and terror combined.

AREN'T WE LUCKY?

Aren't we lucky to live in the same town as a pyrotechnician? David Clough, Bentham's 'Mr. Fireworks', put on a wonderful display of whizzes, bangs, flashes, whirly things and cascades of stars and bright lights which seemed to light up the whole sky. What a way to celebrate bonfire night (even though we did it a week early)!

Fortunately there were no casualties. No sooner had the organisers realised that St. John's had failed to send the promised first aid crew, that a volunteer from the crowd stepped forward in time-honoured

'Is there a doctor in the house?' style, to offer his Red Cross First Aid services should they be required. Thank you Mr. Gathergood - a newcomer to Bentham, but already involved in village life.

A big 'thank you' must go to Colin Woolf, because none of this would have happened without his tireless efforts in organising the whole event, including the unenviable task of clearing up the next day!



COMMUNITY BONFIRE THANKS

From The Community Bonfire Committee

We should like to thank the stewards who helped by selling tickets beforehand, thus keeping the crush at the entrance to a minimum. The extra help with both setting out and clearing up was much appreciated. The free use of the Auction Yard is by kind permission of the Directors, and it is imperative that all litter and sparkler ends are removed afterwards. Everything unburnt from the bonfire has also to be removed, and this included some glass and tiles dumped by less thoughtful members of our community!

Thanks also to Angus Fire Armour and Bentham Town Council, who continue to support the Bonfire Event financially.

Finally, thanks must go to everyone who brought combustible rubbish, without which, of course, there would be no bonfire!

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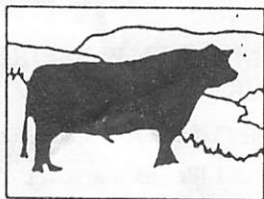
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Bentham Branch Conservative Association

By Stephen Dawson, Secretary

A leading Government Minister has described as "nonsense" reports that the Post Office Bill, dramatically cut from this year's Queen's Speech, had knocked a hole in John Major's agenda.

Addressing a Conservative Supper in Bentham in his role of Minister for the Countryside, Robert Atkins, MP said the Government would shortly announce an Environmental Protection Agency, a Cabinet Committee for Rural Affairs, and a Rural White Paper.

The new Agency would safeguard wildlife, develop derelict land, and supervise waste disposal. The White Paper would get to grips with rural issues including transport and the viability of small village shops and primary schools.

In a warning to special interest groups, Mr Atkins said that as long as existing footpaths were properly managed, he would resist any "right to roam". His advice to those seeking pavements or streetlights was "move back to the town". He reminded "Green activists" that they too were waste producers, and pointed out that the Government was committed to waste minimization at source, composting, landfill or incineration as ways of dealing with consumer waste.

One World View

Perhaps as an aside to those opposed to the Post Office Bill, Mr Atkins said people had to take a wider view of privatization. His department had freed the water industry from the Treasury queue. The new water companies had since raised cash for huge clean-up operations, (£600m for Lancashire beaches alone); exported technology to the Middle East and Australia, and helped the Third World develop piped water systems. 50,000 children a week die of water related diseases.

Mr Atkins answered questions on Europe, agriculture and local government reform, before heading back to his Garstang home.

BENTHAM PEOPLE

Personal Thanks

Mr Arthur Burrow. May we take this opportunity, through the Bentham News, to thank every one, neighbours, carers and friends along with anyone who knew the late Arthur "Tart" Burrow, formerly of Hill Croft, Bentham, for their support and assistance over the years. Donations for Harden Ward, Giggleswick, total £75. Nephew and family, Long Preston.

Ralph Atkinson would like to thank all those who sent good wishes on the occasion of his recent accident. The response was truly overwhelming. Due praise also to Dr. Nightingale; the ambulance from Ingleton and the police who were at the scene of the accident within minutes.

Thanks

The Church Of England Children's Society box opening realised a total of £184.00. Many thanks to all box holders. G. Matthews.

Barwise's Bakery wish to thank everyone who had a guess at the number of spots in their "firework display". £15 was raised for the National Asthma Campaign. Congratulations to Thomas Warburton who won the prize of the pumpkin cake. Also a big thank you to Bentham Brownie Pack who have given £22, the proceeds of their bonfire stall, to add to our £15, making a total of £37 for the National Asthma Campaign.

Christmas Greetings

Marion Bradley, 9 Collingwood Terrace, would like to take this opportunity to wish all her friends in Bentham a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

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Jim Segger wishes relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER



- Thu 1st High Bentham Women's Institute, 7.30pm in the Lower Town Hall. Christmas Party.
- Fri 2nd Bentham News published.
Grupo de conversación español, in the Sun Dial, at 8.30pm.
- Sat 3rd Bentham Footpath Group walk, Smereset-Austwick, 10 miles, leader Frank Yates. Please meet at Lairgill at 9.30am.
St Margaret's coffee morning in the Town Hall Ballroom, 10.00am - 12noon.
Good Shepherd Church Christmas Coffee Morning, 10.30am-12.00noon, with Father Christmas, in the Old School, Tatham Fells.
- Sun 4th Bentham Telecottage Working Group meeting in the Black Bull at 8pm.
- Mon 5th Springboard annual Christmas Pudding Sale, 6.30pm - 8.00pm, at High Bentham Methodist Chapel.
Town Council Meeting in the Lower Town Hall, 7.30pm.
- Tue 6th Toy Library in the Youth Centre, 9.30am-11.30am.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at "The Surgery", 1.00pm-4.00pm.

- Wed 7th Vale "O" Lune Y.F.C. annual whist drive, Wray Institute, 7.30pm.
- Fri 9th **Late Night Shopping**, and illuminations turned on.
Modern & Oldtime dance & Christmas party, Jacobs Join, in the Town Hall, 7.45pm-10.45pm.
- Sat 10th St John's Church coffee morning, Lower Town Hall, 10.00am to 11.30 am.
Off The Wall Christmas Cabaret. "Not to be missed".
- Sun 11th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Boiling Well - Clifford Hall, 5 miles, leader David Fisher 61449. Please meet at the Horse & Farrier at 1.00pm.
Pantomime - signing on at the Bentham Youth Club at 2pm.
- Mon 12th Ewecross Historical Society Annual General Meeting in the Church Hall Burton-in-Lonsdale at 7.30pm.
- Thu 15th Deadline for copy for January issue of Bentham News.
Soup & Sing at Bentham Methodist Church. Collection for NCH Action for Children. 7.30pm.
- Fr1 16th Waste Paper Collection at Legion Hall 8.30am-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
- Sat 17th Bentham Homing Society Show all day in the Town Hall Ballroom.
Wenning Badminton Club coffee morning, 10.00 am - 12noon in the Lower Town Hall
- Sun 18th High Bentham Methodist Church 10.30am Family Carol Service, leader Mr Stephen Holliday. 6.30pm, Lessons and Carols, leader Mr Rob Ellershaw.

Listing for Local Events

Day.....Date.....

Event.....

Venue.....

Contact.....Tel.....

Please complete and return to Bill Kennedy, 1 Lakeber Ave, tel. 62492 or to Bentham Sportswear, Station Road.

- Tue 20th Bentham Child Health Clinic
at "The Surgery" 1.00pm-4.00pm.
Toy Library in the Youth
Centre, 9.30am-11.30am.
- Fri 22nd North Craven Heritage Trust
Christmas Party at Harden,
Austwick, 8.00pm.
- Sat 24th High Bentham Methodist
Church 11.30pm, Christmas Eve
Communion Service.
- Sun 25th High Bentham Methodist
Church 10.30am Christmas Day
Service, Rev, N Patterson.
6.30pm Service led by church
members.
- Mon 26th Bentham Footpath Group walk,
Bentham area, 7 miles, leader
Bernard Ellershaw, 62068.
Please meet at Lairgill at
10.00am.

LOCAL EVENTS IN JANUARY

- Sat 7th Bentham Footpath Group walk,
Sedgewick-Hincaster, 6 miles,
leader Carol Crellin 61881.
Please meet at Lairgill at
10.30am.
- North Craven Heritage Trust
New Year Recital at the Church
of St Mary the Virgin, Long
Preston, 2.30pm.
- Sat 14th Bentham News coffee morning
in the Town Hall, 10.00am-
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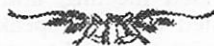
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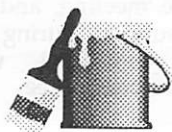


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SEWAGE SAGA

By Shirley Brown

We all know how wet it's been this November, and how full and angry the Wenning has looked on occasions, and many local people were not surprised when 'the accident that had been waiting to happen' happened.

On Sunday 13th November, a large tree, swept along by the swollen river, crashed against the sewage carriage system which has been in place across the river in Low Bentham since 1903. The force of the impact destroyed the old structure, the pipe broke and raw sewage poured into the river.

By the end of the week a temporary solution was in place. One of Wenning Cottages' gardens was dug up to intercept the sewage flow, and a small pipe with a scrambler system to break up the sewage was suspended along the bridge, thus crossing the river and diverting the sewage to the sewage works. A permanent system cannot be installed until the level of the river is much lower, so for the time being it seems that nothing else can be done.

So, imagine the dismay of Wenning Cottages' residents, Martin and Yasmin Faichney, when on Sunday 20th November they discovered that the flood water they had been attempting to bail out by the bucketful from their cellar for the last few hours, was in fact raw sewage! Why had their cellar, which had been dry during the 3½ years they've lived there, suddenly become 6 inches deep in raw sewage?

Officials from NYCC, the Environmental Health Office and Yorkshire Water, have all variously shrugged their shoulders and said, 'It's nothing to do with' them, they 'Don't know what to do' and that the sewage 'Can't have come from the pipe'. Passing the buck is no way to solve this particular health hazard mystery, and since Low Bentham residents have felt disquiet for some time about the adequacy of their sewerage system, maybe this is the time for someone, somewhere to take responsibility for improving the situation.

ARTHRITIS & RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

By Mrs Nora L. Woolman

Our Annual General Meeting was held on Friday 21st October last. It commenced with an extremely interesting talk by Dr. P.J.Halsey, Chief Rheumatologist at Lancaster Infirmary, followed by many questions. The business of the meeting then took place.

Mrs Ruth Parkinson was elected President - a new position - in recognition of her long service to ARC. The officers and committee were re-elected en bloc with the exception of the Treasurer. Mrs Mary Foster who has been Treasurer for many years, resigned and Mrs Jenny Lyell, a long serving committee member was elected in her place. We welcome Mrs Lyell in this capacity and thank Mrs Foster for her dedicated service for so long. We are pleased that she has agreed to stay on the committee.

The Chairman announced that a sum of £410, the proceeds of the Bonfire Night and Raffle at Riverside Caravan Park, had been donated to the Arthritis Council by Mr. Bateman Marshall. We are most appreciative of this generous donation.

During the year we sent the sum of £ £3300 to Headquarters, raised by coffee mornings, subscriptions, donations, collecting boxes, sale of Christmas goods, In Memoriam and a sponsored walk.

It was very heartening to have such a well attended meeting, and we were not disappointed with our speaker, Dr Halsey, who gave us an insight into the effects of arthritis, rheumatism and other related diseases. Many thanks are due to our members and supporters for helping to make research into these ailments possible, for coming along to the meeting, and for giving their unstinted support during the year. The meeting concluded with refreshments served by the committee.

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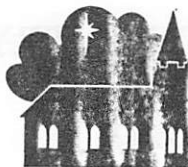
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Methodist Church, High Bentham.

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THE COUNTRYSIDE SOCIETY

By Mrs C.M. Adelson

The first meeting of the new season was held jointly with the Lunesdale Civic Society. A full audience enjoyed a most informative lecture by Mr N.P. Stobbs, a former teacher now associated with the Heron Corn Mill at Beetham.

Reminding us of the need to make grains humanly palatable and digestible, he gave a brief history of corn grinding, from the use of simple querns (hand mills) through mechanically driven grindstones, powered by slaves and then animals, and finally to the developments of water and wind power.

The major emphasis of the talk was on the functioning of water mills. The speaker differentiated between the water being directed to overshot or undershot the driving wheel, which depended on the siting of the mill with respect to the water source. The mills, usually three storey buildings, were illustrated by colour slides from Northumberland and Cumbria, with special mention of the design of the Heron Corn Mill. The various processes were shown by clear technical drawings, on overhead transparencies, with particular attention to the maintenance of the grindstones. The wide uses of the finished product, flour, concluded the talk.

HIGH BENTHAM CP SCHOOL NEWS

By David Johnson (High Bentham CP School) and Judith Johnson (St John's Church Low Bentham)

Christmas Carols.

Several events will be held this December to bring traditional carols to Bentham.

A Church group will be singing carols in aid of charity at the late night opening on the 9th December. This group will be from all the churches in Bentham and anyone who would like to join us to set the scene for Christmas.

On 12th December the choir from High Bentham CP School will be singing carols for Age Concern. On the morning of Wednesday 21st December the same children will combine with St John's Church, Low Bentham, to sing carols in the Main Street. Please keep an eye, and ear, open for them. They will be collecting for St Francis' Katete, the hospital where Dr Nightingale worked in Zambia.

The School Juniors will hold their Carol Service in the Methodist Chapel on Wednesday 21st December at 7.00pm. This will be a programme of carols and readings followed by the performance of a Christmas Medley by the choir. A retiring collection will be divided between the R.N.I.B. and St Francis' Hospital. Everyone is welcome.

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AGE CONCERN, BENTHAM

By Douglas Garlick

The Annual General Meeting was held in the Town Hall on Friday 21st October. Cliff Machin (Chairman) welcomed an audience of 30 people and thanked all users of the Drop In/Day Centre - also the committee and helpers - for their continued support.

Doug Garlick (Secretary/Treasurer) presented the audited accounts for the year ending 31st March 1994. A vote of thanks was given to Mr John Hall for his work in auditing the accounts. Sue Mann, Field Officer North Craven Age Concern and Laurie Blundell, reported on the progress of other branches within the North Craven area, in addition to the continued success of the Age Concern shop at Settle. A full report on progress and activities over the past year, of Bentham A.C. was prepared by the secretary and read to the meeting.

A proposal was recommended that all serving officials and committee be re-elected to serve for 1994/1995 and unanimously carried as follows: Chairman Cliff Machin, Secretary/Treasurer Doug Garlick, Vice Chairman Laurie Blundell, and other committee members; Wendy Dowbiggin, Ruth Bridgewood, Edna Parnell, Pat Smith and Elsie Wilcock. The Day Centre Organiser is Ros Elliott.

Christmas Festivities

A full programme of festivities has been organised as follows;

Friday 9th December, Christmas Dinner at 12.30pm. approximately, followed at about 2.15pm. by entertainment by High Bentham Women's Institute.

Monday 12th December. Drop in for coffee or tea and hot mince pies, 9.45am -11.30am. Carols by High Bentham Primary School at 12 noon followed by lunch at about 12.30pm.

Friday 16th December, Christmas tea party at 3.00pm. Doors will be open from 2.00pm. and there will be a visit from Father Christmas and entertainment by the musical duo, "The Surridges".

We very much regret that owing to space limitation, entrance to the Christmas Dinner on 9th December and the Christmas Tea Party on 16th December will be for ticket holders only. These are available from Ros, our Day Centre Organiser. Please note also that there is no Drop In on these two dates. We will be open for the morning Drop In on Monday 12th December at the usual time.

We shall be closed on Monday 19th, Friday 23rd, Monday 26th Friday 30th December and Monday 2nd January, but will be open as usual from Friday 6th January 1995.

Finally the committee and helpers of Age Concern Bentham, wish everyone a happy and enjoyable Christmas and a prosperous New Year.





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LOCAL ACTION FOR JUSTICE AND PEACE

from (Fr.) Pat Smythe

There was an admirable turn-out of more than 75 people from Bentham, Wray, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Ingleton, Clapham and Settle, for the first Public Meeting of the Justice and Peace Group. Vin McMullen, a CAFOD Regional Director, was able to speak from personal experience of the terrible consequences of the self-interested policies of Western Governments on poorer nations. He has lived in the Philippines and has witnessed at first hand the destitution suffered by so many. He emphasised that the rich nations receive far more in loan repayments than they ever give in aid to the poorer nations, and that there was no substantial reason why the Debt could not be written off. In recent years Britain has developed its Arms Trade and increased its world market so that this country is now the third largest 'exporter of death'.

After a break for refreshments, Dr. Peter Nightingale chaired a session which gave everyone the chance to be involved. A panel consisting of Vin McMullen, his colleague Pauline Carbery, David Johnson and Alison Hawkey commented on the many pertinent observations from the 'floor'. Afterwards a popular stall, organised by Stephen Dawson and Barbara Durkin, did a brisk trade selling 'Traidcraft' produce, which directly benefits Third World village communities. Many people also signed a petition to the European Parliament asking for greater control over arms sales.

The general feeling at the end of the evening was that Local Action for Justice and Peace had got off to a positive and fruitful start, and the efforts of those who arranged the occasion, and of those who attended, was much appreciated. The next event will take place in the New Year.



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BENTHAM SCHOOL NEWS

By Mrs A. Presland

Life at Bentham School has been particularly busy over the last few weeks. The end of October saw the official opening by former Chairman of Governors, Miss Margaret Wallis, of the recently expanded and refurbished senior girl's boarding house which is still to be known as Collingwood House but is now situated in Low Bentham on the site of the relocated Junior School.

The half term break saw a group of 2nd and 4th form pupils off to stay with families in Tocane-St-Apre as part of an exchange programme we have arranged with a school in the Dordogne. En route they stopped at Futuroscope - a multicinema complex where there are 360 screens, interactive films, a magic carpet cinema where you see the film in front of and below you, to name but a few fascinating experiences. On the way back the "high" spot was the top of the Eiffel Tower by night.

Back nearer home pupils have been competing against other local schools at rugby, hockey, football and cross country running. Our Junior Girl cross country runners have run particularly well in winning the Lancaster and Morecambe Schools' competition for Year 7 girls, in the face of stiff competition and appalling weather conditions.

Our badminton players have shared a badminton coaching scheme with other local children in our sports hall once a week. Other children have been taking part in conservation and re-cycling projects, writing reports for the Lancaster Guardian and preparing for the annual drama production. This year it is Maeterlinck's "Bluebird" which will be performed on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 8th, 9th and 10th December in the school hall. There are also tickets available for the Carol Service to be held on Sunday December 11th at 7.00pm. Visitors are welcome to both of these events and should telephone the school office (05242 61275) to reserve a seat.

999 POLICE FILE

By Sgt. David Cochrane

The following figures represent crime for the Bentham area for the month of October.

Auto crime (theft from vehicles) 3

Burglary 1

Total 4

Three vehicles were broken into and a Panasonic radio cassette, a Sony radio cassette and a Sony compact disc radio cassette were stolen. A building site on Dumb Toms Lane was burgled and a spectra physics laser theodolite was stolen.

Vandalism

We have had an outbreak of graffiti linked with vandalism in Bentham, whereby cars, shops and telephone kiosks have been daubed with writing, some of which is obscene. The offenders are believed to be local. This is not mischief, but out and out damage, and will be dealt with as such.

Pavement Parking

Complaints have been received from the public about vehicles being parked on footpaths. This constitutes an offence of obstruction and impedes pedestrians going about their business. It often forces people to walk onto the road and consideration should be given to these pedestrians especially as they have the right of way. Elderly residents and mothers with pushchairs and prams should not have to risk their lives because of careless and indiscriminate parking. It can incur a £20 fine.

Vehicle Lights Campaign

North Yorkshire Police Lighting Campaign 1994 still continues throughout the month and we are no exception. Local officers are continuing to stop and check and those found to have defective lights are issued with rectification notices to ensure that the defects are corrected.



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By Doreen Park

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Chocolate Swirl Slice

- 1 cup plain flour
- 2 tablespoons custard powder
- ¼ cup icing sugar
- 4 ozs butter

Filling:-

- 8 ozs cream cheese
- ¼ cup sour cream
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon imitation vanilla essence
- ¼ cup caster sugar
- 100gms, about 3½ozs chopped milk chocolate

Method

Preheat the oven to 180c, brush a deep 8" square cake tin with melted butter or oil, and line the base and side with greaseproof paper. Place dry ingredients in a food processor bowl, add butter and blend until mixture comes together. Press the mixture evenly into the prepared tin, bake for 15 minutes, remove from oven and cool for 5 minutes.

To make the filling, place chopped cream cheese, sour cream, eggs, essence and sugar in processor and process until the mixture is smooth. Place chocolate in a glass bowl and stir over barely simmering water until melted. Remove from heat. Pour cream cheese mixture over the base, pour chocolate over mixture at random, in a thin stream. Swirl with a skewer, making sure not to touch the base. Return to the oven for 35 minutes or until the cream cheese mixture has set. Stand in tin until cool. Cut into squares and serve.

Fruity Chocolate Slice

- 1 x 250gm (½ lb) plain sweet biscuits, crushed
- 1 cup mincemeat (fruit kind)
- ¼ cup almonds, chopped
- 2 tablespoons brandy
- 3½ ozs butter
- 3½ ozs dark chocolate, chopped

Icing

- 1 tablespoon cocoa, sifted
- ¼ cup icing sugar
- 1 tablespoon warm water
- 1 oz unsalted butter, softened
- coconut to garnish

Grease a Swiss Roll tin and line base and sides with foil. Grease the foil.

Combine the biscuits, mincemeat, almonds and brandy in a large mixing bowl. Make a well in the centre.

Combine the butter and chocolate in a glass bowl over simmering water, until melted.

Add this to the biscuit mixture, stir with wooden spoon until well combined.

Press mixture into prepared tin. Refrigerate, covered, until firm.

Make icing by combining cocoa, icing sugar and water in a small bowl and stir till smooth. Whisk in softened butter. Spread icing evenly over slice using a palette knife. Sprinkle with coconut and leave to set. Cut into slices and keep covered in fridge.



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GARDENING PAGE

By Roy Pallit



Damp days during December deter delicate diggers. Well, that's me anyway! But, if the threat of going shopping looms, I suddenly remember the vital tasks that need attention in the garden.

Vegetables

Brussel sprouts can "blow" if the plants rock in the wind. If already staked and tied its as well to check that they are still effective. Old tights can be used to tie the plants securely without causing damage to the sprouts.

Turnips and calabrese should be harvested by early December and if a period of frost or snow is forecast, dig up a supply of root crops to tide you over while the ground is frozen. Vegetables and fruit already in store should be checked regularly and any deteriorating should be removed.

Fruit

In the fruit garden, apple and pear trees can be pruned by removing any dead, diseased or overcrowding branches. Autumn fruiting raspberries should be pruned back to ground level and gooseberries, if not already pruned, can have new growth cut back by half and side shoots reduced to two buds.

If you have taken delivery of any new fruit trees they will not suffer any damage if the roots are heeled into the ground until a suitable planting out time.

General Reminders

Tender plants such as fuchsias and geraniums should be brought inside now. Ideally store them somewhere where the temperature will not fall below 7 degrees centigrade.

Tulip bulbs can still be planted in early December although the ground must not be waterlogged or frosty. Still on the subject of planting or sowing, any alpine seeds that require a cool period before germination

can be sown in pots and left outside all winter. Keep them away from dripping trees though, as watering is unnecessary.

Looking ahead to prepare for early sowings next spring, the soil can be covered with clear polythene to prevent nutrients being washed out of light soils, and to warm up the heavy soils for earlier sowing.

Finally, for those of you who have worm bins, bring them into the greenhouse to maintain activity over the winter. Do be careful not to injure yourself while moving them, otherwise you may not be able to complete your tasks outdoors and you never know, walking around the shops may be all you are good for.



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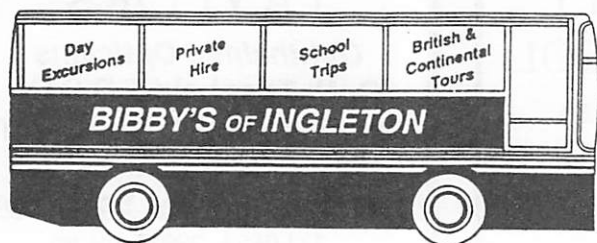
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LETTERS

Dear Editor,

We hold a complete series of census data at School covering all census's for High and Low Bentham from 1841-1881. All, except the 1841 were typed by Mr. Lawrence, the ex headmaster of Richard Thorntons School, Burton-in-Lonsdale.

We now have photocopies of the 1891 census but they are much more useful to everyone, children and adults, if they are typed.

Is there anyone in Bentham who is interested and has the time to undertake this task? The time it takes is irrelevant but the value of the work is beyond measure, once completed.

Please contact me at School (61412) if you are interested.

Yours sincerely,
David Johnson, Headmaster.
High Bentham C.P.School.

Dear Pam & Colin, (Woof)

May I express my thanks to you and your committee for an entertaining evening, enjoyed by so many on 29th October.

Everything was so well organised, the parade, bonfire, the display of fireworks, and a credit to you and all who were involved. Many thanks again, and continued success in the future.

Bernard Williams,
Robin Lane. Bentham.

The Editor, Bentham News

Dear Sir

I was sorry not to receive any response to my letter in the October edition of the Bentham News, about the lack of interest in the Craven College Bookkeeping Course. However that does not deter us from trying again.

Although not quite bookkeeping related, it is proposed to run a ten week Practical Accounting Course for small businesses, to commence on Thursday 19th January, at 7.30pm in High Bentham School.

The course will cover such topics as cash forecasting, budgets, liaison with banks, interpretation of accounts, taxation as well as some bookkeeping aspects. The venue has been booked so make a date in your diaries.

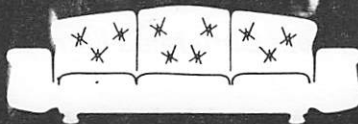
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OFF THE WALL

by *Lucius Redman*

Forget karaoke. Forget virtual reality. *Off The Wall* on December 10th in the Town Hall will once again feature an evening of home-grown, grass-roots entertainment. A hi-energy, hi-tech cabaret in which the entertainers will be as "virtually real" as they have ever been.

With nothing but your amusement in mind, the management has been out into the highways and byways of Bentham, scouring its crumbling neighbourhoods and mean streets for acts of which you have never seen the like before.

The result is not a freak-show but a freak in that, on this one night of the year and true to its do-it-yourself tradition, Bentham's own do-it-yourself night-club will offer a do-it-yourself band, do-it-yourself *accapella* group, do-it-yourself folk-group and do-it-yourself variety acts, all relying on talent drawn from the local

community.

A genuine alternative to mainstream cultural activity, touch it, feel it, think about it, then ask yourselves if you have ever known anything as really real as the *Off The Wall* experience. Tickets available from Hairlines in the High Street.

HIGH BENTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By *Doreen Park*

At the meeting on 29th October, members and visitors were given a real feast for Christmas, by Mrs Beatrice Brown, of Ireby. Her cookery demonstration entitled "With Christmas in mind" certainly left us thinking of all the good things she made. The competition, "A small Christmas Decoration" was won by Mrs Connie Holt.



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SPORTS REPORT

By Janette Richardson

Badminton

Melissa Hodgkinson and William Adam played for the County Under 12s at York, winning their singles and doubles games!

Cycling

Sholto Haggart was second fastest up the Nick of Pendle Hill Climb. He finished his hill climb season with the National Championship climb, finishing 15th overall. Sholto has now moved to Brighton, where he will have to search hard for hills!

Football

Under 16s

The Under 16s continue to improve with a hard away result against Ridge Youth, winning 3-2. They had a slight hiccup against Grasshoppers, going down by 3-2, due to missing a lot of chances. The following week they bounce back in style, beating Ibis, Kendal, by 9-3 in the 2nd round of the Kent-Lune Valley Cup. They followed this up with another good result, away to MYA, winning by 5-1.



Under 14s

By Nicky Langdale

The month was disrupted by bad weather and cancelled games. The only match played was against Dynamos at home, which was a hard game. Two early goals were conceded, but then Eric O'Hare played a brilliant 1-2 with Shaun Lister and tucked the ball in the bottom right hand corner. Straight after half time added a second goal. In the dying seconds David Baren put the ball over the goal line but the linesman ruled that it didn't cross the line! The final score was a 3-2 defeat, but playing without four of the regular team, this was a fine performance.

Paragliding

By Pete Parkins

Paragliding is the closest yet that man has come to flying like a bird. With everything required in a rucksack on your back, you climb Ingleborough or Whernside and launch into the rising air currents, to soar and turn at will above the Dales for as long as you wish, before finally landing beside your car and driving off. It really is that simple, though of course, as with any air sport, the training must be thorough. Our local school is Active Edge at Settle. They teach above Westhouse, on Whernside, Park Fell and many other sites. As with all aircraft we take off into wind, and this decides the site on any given day.

Just to dispel some misunderstandings, paragliders are not parachutes, but aircraft which can be accurately controlled, launched from hills and gain thousands of feet above take off, when expertly handled.

This summer we have been flying in the Alps, at La Plagne and Lake Annecy, learning more advanced control and mountain thermalling (climbing in lifting air). Two of the greatest pleasures of the sport are the amazing views and the fact that you never stop learning.

Age is no barrier

Anyone over sixteen can learn. I myself am sixty, but seventy year old students are not uncommon, providing they are reasonably fit. After a few hours spent learning to raise and handle the canopy safely, you are ready for your first ground skimming flights. Most people have some apprehension at this stage, but this is soon replaced by the exhilaration of free flight. My greatest kick is looking at the huge smile after a trainee leaves the ground for the first time!

Contact Pete on 61767 or Active Edge on 0729 822311.



Bentham Show Video

By Don Bridgewood

An excellent video of this year's Bentham Show has been produced, and is now available. It is particularly suitable for showing to groups, such as Age Concern, or those unable to visit the show in person. To hire a copy, please contact Age Concern at the Town Hall on Mondays or Fridays. There is also a limited number for sale, available from Tooby's at the very reasonable price of £5.50.

Bentham Pantomime News

By Margaret Cowling

Where? The Youth Club.
When? Sunday 11th December at 2pm.
Why? To sign on for our Pantomime "The Snow Queen"

If you want to act, direct, sing, dance, play music, paint, hammer, sew, shift scenery, make props, work the lights, or want to help in any way, then come along and hear all about our plans.

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Charity Walk for Children in Need in Africa

By Emma Hurtle and Katie Winnery (both 9 years old)

On Saturday 19th November at 10.00am we set off on a four mile walk with an adult, from Greenfoot, Low Bentham. We went by road round the "four square mile" finishing back at Greenfoot.

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