

BENTHAM NEWS

THE STORY BEHIND THE *NEWS*

By Bill Kennedy

100 months ago, a small group of local people, motivated by a keen community spirit, were responsible for the publication of the first Bentham News. This was the culmination of months of hard work, discussion, argument and planning. The seed, created and planted by one or two, had been carefully tended till it flourished as the BN. It has since become a much valued part of the community life.

During the eight and one third years of its life, the Bentham News has sought to bring you, the people of the Bentham area, information on a wide range of local interests and activities, in an objective and interesting manner. Of course we have made occasional mistakes, and we don't always please everybody. But then, what newspaper does? What we have done is to try to learn from experiences, and we continually strive to improve the quality and objectivity of the publication. An innovation which has given those with impaired vision a chance to listen to monthly BN tapes, is an indication of our commitment to the whole community. We are particularly grateful to Don Bridgewood for his valued contribution in providing this service.

The committee is pleased to have the continuing support of the Town Council, our many advertisers, and all those organisations and individuals who supply articles, letters etc. And we would also like to thank all those who contribute in other ways; the collators and distributors, who ensure by their sterling efforts, that you get your copy each month. Without this support the Bentham News would not exist.

After joining the Bentham News "team" last year, I was amazed at the amount of work involved in producing the paper each month, and at the on-going dedication of my colleagues on the committee. They, and all those who in the past have served on the committee, collated or distributed the BN, have played an important part in helping to develop a community spirit in Bentham. Long may it continue.

Incidentally, the 200th edition is due for publication in June 2003!

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NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH SCHEME

By a street co-ordinator

Be Vigilant: But not a Vigilante

I don't know about you, but I am getting a bit fed up with the prospect of a rise in crime and vandalism. So when the police invited us to attend a meeting about "Neighbourhood Watch", I put my name forward to act as a street co-ordinator, together with a number of other people. Co-ordinators will act as a link between scheme members in a street or small area of the town, and the community police.

As members of the public we are not expected to endanger ourselves by tackling anyone suspected of being up to no good, but to advise the police for them to investigate. In turn the police will advise us of dangers in the area, such as bogus officials working in the area. This will be done through street co-ordinators.

If you have not yet formed or joined a Neighbourhood Watch scheme please think about it now and help all of us to prevent crime in our own back yard. For further information please contact the co-ordinator in your street or ring the police community officer's office on 01756-793377, ext 3746.

High Bentham Women's Institute

By Doreen Park

At the January meeting of the High Bentham Women's Institute, Mr. Peter Marshall presented a slide show and gave a talk entitled "Making the most of your camera". Mr. Marshall gave members and visitors a most interesting and humorous approach to photography. He then judged the competition of a holiday photograph. This was won by Mrs. R. Bridgewood. The next meeting will be held on 2nd March, when Mrs. E Cotton will give a talk on "Fleece embroidery". The competition will be "a decorated egg".

BENTHAM TOURIST INFORMATION CENTRE

By Peter Marshall

Accommodation List for 1995

We are currently updating our list of available accommodation in Bentham and surrounding districts. This includes *Bed & Breakfast, Self Catering and Caravans & Tents* and it is the information which we send out to all postal and telephone enquiries which we receive in the Centre, as well as distributing to visitors. We are always pleased to include new establishments; if you wish to be added to the list, please contact Peter Marshall - Bentham 62512, before 11th February.

1995 Season Volunteers

Further volunteers would be welcome for the new season from Easter to September. If you can spare 2 or 3 hours a week, especially on a Saturday, please contact the Honorary Manager, Peter Marshall, Bentham 62512, for further details.

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TOWN COUNCIL

By Keith Cowling

Mrs Hayton sent apologies but all other councillors attended the first meeting of the Council's 100th year.

Ringling the Police

Nine local people have signed up as Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinators but concern was expressed that the scheme might be ineffective because of continuing difficulties in communicating with the police. Evening calls are connected to York or Harrogate where controllers have often not heard of Bentham. Recent complainants, including our MP, were assured that arrangements are 'adequate' and the police's Information Technology Unit is looking into possible improvements, but Cllr. Atkinson said that he had been told this for five years. To stand a chance of any improvements, local people were urged 'to complain vociferously'.

Parking

Cllr Joel, one of the few councillors to raise local economy issues, continued his efforts to promote better parking facilities around High Bentham shops. He wondered whether the Auction Mart would make space available when no market was being held. But Cllr. Marshall felt that much of the parking pressure was caused by local people overstaying on temporary spaces and proposed that the police be asked to enforce restrictions more strictly ('otherwise why have them?'). Other councillors described numerous parking-related difficulties over the last few weeks and the Council appealed to locals to use parking more responsibly to avoid tighter enforcement.

The new parking restrictions upset proprietors of the White Rose Cafe who complained that 'No Parking at any time' proposed outside their premises was hardly welcoming to visitors to our town. Councillors agreed and requested an amendment to keep the existing 30 minute restriction.

Letters

A letter from the Fire Service justified recent manning reductions, but Cllr Baker advised that Bentham crew were back to six men call outs after a number of complaints from different sources. Craven DC plan no improvements in public toilet facilities and councillors heard that recent re-painting of the Robin Lane Ladies had a poor finish, partly due to the weather. Asked why they were being painted at all in December, Cllr. Atkinson advised that the painters were the men that usually cut the grass!

A guide was received on bidding for Millenium Fund cash. Cllr. Marshall proposed that on its 100th anniversary the Council should have a major project in view and suggested a joint approach with the new Bentham Development Trust.

Planning Applications

Councillors are starting to check that larger developments achieve reasonable environmental standards and possible noise from a proposed new light manufacturing unit was discussed. Cllr. Dowbiggin made a forceful plea for the Council to insist on high standards of screening around industrial sites to preserve the character of our beautiful area

Correspondence

Among letters presented was "A strategy for supporting Millenium Projects". It was agreed to place this item on the agenda of the Annual Parish Meeting. Mr. Atkinson indicated that prestigious projects were being sought.

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BENTHAM IN 1895 - PART I

By David Johnson

Travel back a century and the calm pervading Bentham would have been impressive with no cars or lorries. Benthamites would travel by foot, on horseback or by train for that rare outing to Leeds, Lancaster or Morecambe. The streets and alleys would have been much darker. A few gas lights were positioned at strategic points, but it would be a far cry from the facilities we enjoy today. The pace of life was slower, but both villages were bustling communities. There would be periods of intense activity such as the Easter and October Cattle Fairs, and the June Hiring Fair, which involved hundreds of people and maybe three or four bands.

Importance of the Railway

There was a railway station at High Bentham and a halt at Low Bentham, and carters hurried about their business moving goods between the stations, shops and mills. In February 1890, Knowles Grocers (now the Midland Bank) was charged £18-7s-9d by the Midland Railway Company for January's deliveries. Amongst the consignment were 2 barrels of apples, 80 buckets of lard and 40 boxes of starch. The Railway moved cattle to and from High Bentham on Market Days and pens were provided at the station for this purpose.

How were people employed?

The 1891 census recorded 2302 inhabitants of the two communities. The 1890's were a time of great change in the textile industries of both villages, with Ford Ayrton busy developing the silk mill at Low Bentham, whilst at High Bentham the mill and bleach works were sold in 1895 to Percy Middleditch, who established the Bentham Spinning and Weaving Company. The mill worked hemp which was spun into yarn, made hosepipes from flax, and belts for machinery, which included steam engines. Surprisingly, the 1891 census records only 287 people employed in textile industries and 189 people engaged in farming. Other

interesting occupations are also listed, such as Thomas Robinson (gasmaker), Thomas Boyd (tailor and postmaster), Bryan Holmes (shoemaker), James Kirkbride (glass bottlemaker), William Taylor (horse breaker and groom) and Thomas Curtis (railway porter). Domestic servants were a notable feature 100 years ago, with the Rector of Low Bentham, The Rev. Frederick Walker Joy, employing a governess and 3 servants. (The Rectory is now Bentham School). Servants were not only employed by the well to do, for example Mary Bateson of Ellergill Lodge employed Sarah Townson as her servant.

Robin Lane

Robin Lane was very different. It was a proper lane with little between the school and Butterber Cottage. May Cottage stood next to School House and projected into the road, thereby restricting access. There was a good sized garden between the lane and the school, and across the lane was a meadow where Bentham Show was once held.

Station Road

Station Road was a pleasant, unmetalled, tree-lined avenue, with The Victoria Hotel, which later became The Wenning Hotel and then Anguses. On the left hand side was the fine early nineteenth century mansion of Grove Hill, whose beautifully landscaped grounds extended from The Black Bull right down to the church. These were seriously altered in 1849 when the railway was driven through them, and it is Grove Hill's land that was sold off 100 years ago to allow for the developments we see today.

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COUNCIL CONCERNS



By Councillor Ralph Atkinson

Congratulations to the Bentham News on it's 100th birthday - their service to the community grows with each year! Noting this I find that since April, 1988, my contributions to BN amount to a total of 121 columns of council news - 59 'District Affairs', 39 'From County Hall' and 23 joint reports, ie. 'Council Concerns'.

Criminal Justice And Public Order Bill

It's now the responsibility of local authorities to try and implement this controversial and contradictory bill. Under the heading of Gypsy Sites and Unauthorised Camping, Govt. guidelines have been produced which are supposed to enable us to deal with problems caused by gypsies and travellers. Now in Craven, apart from one or two isolated instances, gypsies have not been a problem, the annual migration comes over a few weeks in summer and after using traditional sites along the roads, they are gone. New Age Travellers have been and are a different matter. But, believe it or not Travellers are not mentioned, leaving us in the dark, except that unauthorised camping is now (quite unjustifiably!) a criminal offence (for everyone!), but prosecution and coping with it, eg. removal of vehicles, will have to come out of council taxpayers pockets.

Council Tax 1995\96

I'm afraid my estimates of Council Tax increases last month were sadly out of kilter. Current forecasts for Band D (the central or modal band), without any remaining transitional adjustments, are £552 for County, compared with £466 this year (18% increase) plus £74.20 for District compared with £66.65 this year (11.3% increase) a total of £93.50 for the year.

Cut! Cut! Cut! Cut!

That's bad news enough but there's more to come - in order to meet the stringent Govt. guidelines for expenditure in 1995/96 I reported last month some County Council

services will have to be slashed and the charges for others will have to be increased. For example - for weeks now councillors have been battered with angry mail from Scarborough because of proposals to remove one of their fire engines; the Govt. grant for the road maintenance is reduced by a draconian 30%; our funds for adapting bridges to the 1999 EU requirements for the increased weight of lorries are cut by 15%, as against a national cut of 11% and the costs of home helps and Meals on Wheels are being raised - not by much it is true - but any increase is a concern to one dependent entirely on the Old Age Pension. And so it goes on!

Regional Devolution

I don't think I'm stepping out of my remit of reporting local govt. affairs in commenting on devolution which seems to be the flavour of this week in Parliament. What is not commonly known is that last year Central Govt. set up offices in all regions of England and Wales covering several departments, eg. Environment, Transport, etc. with an overall coordinator (like a colonial provincial commissioner?) Ours is in Leeds. In line with Govt's general policies these are not locally accountable, being responsible only to Westminster.

Environment Week

This year the week beginning 19th May has been appointed as Environment Week. Awards are being offered by the sponsors - BT and The Civic Trust - for community action. If any group is interested they can contact me for ideas and application forms at Bentham 61834.

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Dear Bentham News,

Activity around the station in bygone days.

Having seen the paragraph about the one hundredth edition of Bentham News, I thought I would detail a little of the activity around the station in bygone days.

There are a few of us who remember the old foot bridge over the railway at the station. This bridge was replaced by the one attached to the road bridge.

In the autumn the coal merchant would contact farmers about their winter coal, and he would designate from which colliery it would come. The coal would travel in big waggons to the station. The farmers would be notified of its arrival, and would go to the station to collect their requirements, which would be weighed out on the station weighing machine. The coal would then be transported to the farms by horse and cart; often several journeys would be necessary.

Deliveries of parcels and heavier goods were made by a cheery soul by the name of Johnny Coalman, who was in charge of the horse and dray, there being few motorised vehicles about.

About 8.30am each morning it was like a chariot race to the station with farmers racing to catch the 8.40 train which would take their milk to Bradford or Leeds. They got five pence (old money) per gallon. The farmers came from beyond Fourlands and Low Bentham, so had to be up early. The milk churns were quite heavy when empty, and when full with 10 or 12 gallons they took a lot of handling. They had to be rolled along and it took two men to lift them onto the train. These churns (or "Rits" as they were called) were made of heavy metal, narrow at the top, and broad at the base. In earlier times they were made of timber with hoops around, like a beer barrel.

There were very few cattle waggons around, and cattle were either walked from one destination to another, or were

transported by rail. The animals would be loaded into a rail truck and this would be attached to the next passenger train to Bentham. The animals would then be collected and walked to the farms. In the springtime cattle dealers would travel round the farms, buying year-old calves, which would be taken down to the station to be loaded and dispatched to their new owners in the south.

On August Bank Holidays, the station was very busy with excursions travelling from Bradford and Leeds to Morecambe. Trains would be stopped at every signal between Bentham and Clapham and could be seen from Mewith Head road, comparable with traffic jams on the motorways today.

In this modern age of cars and buses we have seen the demise of the poor old chuff chuffs, which used to belch out smoke and red hot cinders, often setting fire to the dried grass on the railway embankments.

I hope this little insight into the life around Bentham Station in years gone by will be of interest.

Farmers Boy.

(Name and address supplied).

Dear Bentham News,

The advent of the New Year seems to me to be a suitable occasion to express my grateful thanks to those near neighbours and friends, who in the past four years have shown me kindness far beyond the calls of duty or friendship, and without whose help I could not have continued to enjoy the independence of living in my own home. We have in Bentham a wonderfully caring health service, from doctors, nurses, clinic receptionists, to physiotherapists and the "care for the aged". They voluntarily give a great deal of their time helping those who are less able to help themselves. We owe our grateful thanks to them for the work they do. Thank you Keith, Jennifer, Sheila, Kay, Bernard, Lorna, John and David for everything you have done for me, and may 1995 bring you health and happiness.

Charles Cowgill.

Dear Bentham News,

I have had the pleasure of working in Bentham for the past two years and would like to express my thanks to the people of Bentham, Ingleton and the surrounding areas for their kindness and hospitality.

It is unusual in these "modern times" to find the old values of civility, friendliness and straightforwardness, which are the "norm" here - I assure you they are greatly appreciated particularly when I myself am an "off-comer".

I have felt very much at home here and it is therefore with some regrets that I leave to take up new duties in Heysham. Thankyou.

Yours faithfully,
R.E.Bond, Ex Manager,
National Westminster Bank, Bentham.

Dear Bentham News,

If any readers have difficulty in contacting local police by telephone, *please, please* write and make your complaint known to the addresses below. A written complaint is more effective than a verbal one.

D.M.Burke, Chief Constable, North Yorkshire Police Newby Wiske Hall, Newby Wiske, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL709HA, David Curry, MP, House of Commons, Westminster, London, SWA OAA, or Superintendent J.S.Tulip, Divisional Headquarters, Otley Road, Skipton, North Yorkshire, BD23 1EZ.

Yours sincerely,
Jean West, 7 Lairgill, High Bentham.

An "Ode" to Bentham News

By Tom Guy

A hundred issues of Bentham News,
You must admit it gets rid of the blues.
Each month it pops through your door,
There's a rush to pick it from the floor.

There's columns telling about nits
And Ladies tops and bottom bits.

Ralph out there on dog patrol
Suggesting how to claim the dole.
Bentham streets with yellow lines
And Christmas trees all of pines.

All told about in Bentham News
Women's Institute with baking clues

Poets that talk a lot of rubbish.

Tips abroad on taking luggage.

Tell you where you should go,
Summer Hill to Go Slow.

Cloth Garlick with tales gone by,
Ingleton ladies who are shy.

Talk about the Bentham Trust

A Council trying to adjust.

The Council, now there's a thing!

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GARDENING PAGE

By Roy Pallit



From March the gardening workload will increase dramatically so I try to get on with as many jobs as possible, beforehand, subject to reasonable weather conditions for outside work.

Towards the end of February, broad beans can be sown in individual pots ready for planting out under cloches in a months time. Don't forget to put the cloches out a few weeks before to allow time for the soil to warm up. Quick growing lettuces such as "Little Gem" can be sown for growing on under glass and early potatoes can be sprouted in a light and frost free place at the end of the month.

In the fruit garden potash can be applied to strawberries gooseberries and red and white currants. Wood ash is an organic source of potash. Later on in the year when potash is required, comfrey leaves can be used. If bullfinches or other birds are fond of your fruit buds, protect bushes by covering with $\frac{3}{4}$ inch mesh netting, raised above the bushes using canes and upturned plastic pots.

Pruning clematis

Clematis can be pruned this month. Those varieties which flower on the current seasons growth such as the jackmanii and viticella groups, late flowering hybrids, and those which flower from July onwards, should all be pruned back to just above the lowest pair of buds on each stem in late February. The varieties which flower on both old and new wood can also be pruned at this time, but leave half of the stems unpruned. Snowdrops can be divided after flowering but when the leaves are still green, and sweet peas can be sown in individual pots.

Biodegradable plant pots can be made by wrapping a 3" or so strip of newspaper around a cylindrical object of about 2" diameter and glueing the end of the paper down. For those of you inventive enough to devise a bottom to the tube, good luck,

otherwise when filling the tube, compact the bottom inch or so of the soil or compost and the pots will usually be satisfactory. After the seeds have grown sufficiently the paper tubes can be planted, thus minimising root damage. Plastic or pottery planting containers should be washed well using a garden disinfectant, before the start of next season.

As I write these notes in early January, I see the blue tits are inspecting bird boxes. To encourage them into the garden, provide food and nesting boxes now. The birds will reduce the number of greenfly and aphids and are such a pleasure to watch.



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Personal Thanks

Cynthia Bruce, daughter of the late Mrs. Jane Edney, wishes to thank the people of Bentham for their kind assistance and support in a time of grief and loss of a loved one.

Mary Lister, Barry and Maria wish to thank family, friends and neighbours for their support, cards and donations. Also thanks to Dr. Nightingale and staff, Father Smythe, Mr. Brown and Joe for their help and kindness during our sad loss. God bless you all. (Donations - Heart and Stroke Foundation, Lancaster)

Leeming, Ken and Nora wish to thank most sincerely, relatives and friends for their help and support during Ken's stay in hospital. Thanks to all who kindly transported Nora and for good wishes, cards and gifts. Special thanks to Dr. Nightingale and Dr. Burnett for their care.

Thanks

Margaret Hosfield, Burndale House, wishes to thank all her friends for cards and presents at Christmas. She wishes them all a Very Happy New Year.

Mark and Debbie, congratulations and thanks for our first grandchild, Thomas David, born 26th December in the RLI. Thanks also to doctors, and nurses both at RLI and Bentham Surgery, Mum and Dad.

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Sixties Night

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Valentine Messages



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PARIS ART WEEKEND

9-12 March

By Peter Huby

A Bibby's coach leaves Bentham about 9.30pm on Thursday March 9th, and arrives in Paris on Friday morning. It leaves Paris at lunchtime on Sunday, getting back to Bentham late on Sunday. The trip includes two nights bed and breakfast at the Hotel Apollo Opéra - a good central hotel. Visits arranged include the Musée D'Orsay, Défense, or suit yourself.

This is a sixth form Settle High School visit but we already have quite a lot of adults too. There are still some places available, for only £105. Phone Peter Huby, Settle High School, 0729 822451 for more details.



Christmas Decorations

Wood and Co. won the 'Best Overall' prize in the Christmas shop window competition; The Beehive Bakery was best shop, with Coates butchers and the Chip Shop second and third. The Coach House was best pub with the Horse and Farrier second, and Ogilthorpe's came second to Woods in the offices section. Councillors wondered whether the standard was as high this year, but although trees at the Youth Club and Robin Lane were never satisfactorily erected, they concluded that it was a good display overall.

Tooby's "Well" aid for Play Area

The "wishing well" in Tooby's Electrical shop raised £70 since September last. This has been kindly donated to the Goodenber Play Area Scheme.

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INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY FOR BENTHAM?

By Lucius Redman

In the age of the Internet there is surely something incongruous about a message pasted to a lamp-post in the main street. Yet it is a means of communication apparently no less popular now than it was when members of the public at large first learned to read, or when the place for discovering information of general interest was the village pump.

Popular with the communicators at least because, if you want to read it and understand it, you have to commit yourself to stand in the cold for a quarter of an hour while you attempt to decipher some 44 inches/1.118 meters (I know, I measured it) of "medieval scroll".

Medieval, I say because those who would hand down their decrees from on high would appear to take no more trouble now than they ever did to make them readily comprehensible.

But the good news is...

Fortunately, however, to spare you the trouble of either standing around in the cold reading this particular missive or of translating it into everyday language, you have the determinedly populist *Bentham News* to do this on your behalf. The gist of it is that, unless any of us strenuously objects, the centre of Bentham is soon to be the subject of a new set of parking restrictions.

These will stipulate that, between the hours of 8am and 6pm from Monday to Saturday inclusive, parking will not be permitted on either side of the main street from Butts Lane in the east as far as the entrance to Bigber Farm in the west, with three small exceptions.

These will permit parking for 30 minutes out of every two hours in front of the Spar and Logo labels as far as the already designated bus-stop. Then from a point just beyond the bus-stop as far as Tooby's further east. Then, on the other side

of the road, in front of the White Rose, the Sue Ryder shop and the Co-op.

The only other place where it would not appear that parking will be restricted (not at all in fact) runs from Richard Turner's old offices as far as Collingwood Terrace.

What to do...

I make no comment on this except to draw your attention to the fact that firstly, if you want more information, you may obtain it at the Post Office and, if you want to object, you can do so by writing to the County Secretary, Room 7, County Hall, Northallerton DL7 8AD.

Secondly, that whatever parking restrictions are imposed will need enforcement (which, in view of the measure of commitment this will require, will no doubt at least succeed in ensuring a more immediately available police presence). Thirdly that Northallerton, while insisting that applicants for permission to open new retail premises undertake to provide adequate parking, seems to have no qualms whatsoever about reducing the parking amenities available to existing shops. (There would appear to be some inconsistency here). Fourthly, that this may make the main street of Bentham either a shopping desert or, if not an information superhighway, a vehicular superhighway as an earlier contributor to BN feared (see our first issue, page 3). Alternatively, it may represent a significant improvement to the existing state of affairs. Only time will tell.

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| Thu 2nd | High Bentham W.I. meeting in
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Gragareth, 10 miles, leader
David Asquith, 62619. Please
meet at Lairgill at 10.00am. |
| Fri 3rd | Bentham News (100th edition)
published. | Tue 14th | Bentham Child Health Clinic at
"The Surgery", 1.00-4.00pm.

N.S.P.C.C. AGM at Oxenforth
Green, Tatham, at 7.30pm. All
interested welcome. |
| Sat 4th | St Margaret's coffee morning in
the Lower Town Hall, 10.00am -
12 noon. | Wed 15th | Bentham News copy deadline
for March edition. |
| Mon 6th | Town Council Meeting in the
Lower Town Hall at 7.30pm. | Thu 16th | Low Bentham Women's
Institute, meeting in the Victoria
Institute at 7.30pm. "Holland" -
Mrs. H. Scargill. Competition,
Souvenir of Holland. |
| Tue 7th | Bentham & District Camera
Club. Humphries Cup - Judge
Mr. Ben Andrews of Garstang.

Bentham Footpath Group
quarterly meeting for all
members, 7.30pm in Town Hall. | Fri 17th | Waste Paper Collection at the
Legion Hall 8.30 11.00am.
Proceeds to NSPCC. |
| Fri 10th | Modern Sequence & Old Time
Dancing in the Town Hall
Ballroom, 7.45 -10.45pm.
Admission £1.20 including tea
and biscuits. | Tue 21st | Angus Pensioners' Association
meeting in the Town Hall at
2.00pm. Video and talk by Mr.
Chris Stott of K Shoes. |
| Sat 11th | Liberal Democrats coffee
morning in the Lower Town
Hall, home products stall,
plants, bric-a-brac, books,
tombola etc. | Wed 22nd | Panto "The Snow Queen" in the
Town Hall 7.15pm. All tickets
£2. |
| | | Thu 23rd | Bentham Footpath Group walk,
Higher Tatham via Huntsgill
Beck,, 5-6 miles, leader Celia
Mothersole, 62788. Please meet
at Lairgill at 10.00am.

Panto "The Snow Queen" in the
Town Hall 7.15pm. Adults £3,
(concessions £2). |
| | | Fri 24th | Panto "The Snow Queen" in the
Town Hall 7.15pm. Adults £3,
(concessions £2). |
| | | Sat 25th | Panto "The Snow Queen" in the
Town Hall 6.15pm. Adults £3,
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Day.....Date.....
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 Bentham Sportswear, Station Road.

- Sat 25th Wesley Guild Family Night,
Methodist Schoolroom 7.30pm.
Visit of group from Kendal Free
Church.
- Sun 26th Bentham Footpath Group walk,
Kirkby Lonsdale, 5 miles, leader
Tom Connolly. Please meet at
Lairgill at 1.00pm.
- Mon 27th Ewecross Historical Society
meeting in the Town hall,
7.30pm. Dr. Angus
Winchester, "Friends and
Neighbours - Quaker yeomen in
18th century Cumberland"
- Tue 28th Bentham Child Health Clinic at
"The Surgery", 1.00-4.00pm.

Bentham & District Camera
Club. "Discovering America",
The National Parks of Utah and
Colorado, by Mr. Sid Cumbus
of Lancaster.

LOCAL EVENTS IN MARCH

- Thu 2nd High Bentham Women's
Institute meeting in the Town
Hall at 7.30pm. "Fleece
embroidery" by Mrs. E. Cotton.
The competition will be "a
decorated egg"
- Fri 3rd Bentham News published.
- Sat 4th Labour Party coffee morning in
the Lower Town Hall, 10.00am -
12.00 noon.
- Wed 8th Christian Aid Lent Lunch in the
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THE SNOW QUEEN

Bentham's Pantomime

By Margaret
Cowling



By a very happy coincidence, Bentham Panto Group shares an anniversary with Bentham News, as The Snow Queen will be our 15th Pantomime. The original "Panto Plot" hatched by Heather Guy and Gillian Taylor, all those years ago, has been bringing delight to Bentham ever since.

Heather will be in the Panto again this year along with her children Simon and Lisa, and Gillian's youngest daughter, Sarah, who made such an impact as Rockall last year, will be starring again. Kevin McSherry, an ugly sister in the first Pantomime, is back, as he has been year after year, as another outrageous character.

Hans Christian Anderson's story, The Snow Queen, has all the desired elements for a Pantomime. The heroine, Gerda, journeys to rescue her sweetheart Kay, from the clutches of the Snow Queen. On the way she encounters strange characters and battles against the forces of evil.

Sue Watson and Anne Corrigan have worked together again to produce an exciting script and Sue, who now teaches Drama in Lancaster, will direct the Pantomime.

As always, we are delighted to welcome new people to the group. Dr. Peter Nightingale will join Miffy's disreputable gang of robbers; we hope his reputation won't suffer as a consequence. Angie Henderson, who dances so beautifully with the Rondo Ballet, will be our Snow Queen. Sarah Metcalfe and Sam Dixon play Gerda and Kay. There will be other new faces amongst the familiar ones, both children and adults.

Reg Ward's drums will have a temporary rest this year and music will be provided by members of "Off the Walls" band. Our singing will have a boost from the scintillating songstresses of the "Accapella" group. Add to these the fabulous sets of Geraldine Holmes and her stage team, Alison Hanson's beautiful costumes, Natasha's wigs and make up, Gareth Adams lighting and all the other necessary ingredients, and what do you get? A wonderful pantomime! OH! YES YOU WILL!

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SPORTS REPORT

Compiled by Janette Richardson.

It's not all jolly hockeysticks

Do you get frustrated standing on the sidelines on a Saturday afternoon, watching boyfriend/hubby strutting around on the football pitch? Do you get fed up with finding the muddy team kit in the washing machine? Do you look back with something like nostalgia, to those school days when you were part of a team, running around having fun, having a good laugh? If the answer is definitely no to all these questions, then read no further. But if the answer is yes, yes, YES, then have you considered polishing up your old hockey stick, dusting the cobwebs off your boots and getting involved?

Lancaster Ladies have a thriving club based at Lune Road Sports and Social Club. The club currently has a membership of about 60 and always welcomes new players. It maintains an enviable record of 5 teams in the Central Lancashire League. The 1st and 2nd elevens play in the Premier Division, 3rd eleven in the First Division, 4th eleven in the 3rd Division and 5th eleven in the 4th Division. So whatever your standard, ex-international to fun loving player, there would be a team for you!

The club has a very strong Under 18 squad who play in the BNFL 7-a-side league on Sundays (champions in '93). Many U18 players also play in the senior teams and are encouraged to move up through the squads. Training nights are Tuesdays, 7-9pm, at Salt Ayre Astro Turf, (behind Asda) for Seniors, Wednesdays 7-8pm, for the Under 18 squad at Lune Road Cricket Club. League matches are Saturdays for Seniors, Sundays for Under 18's.

In addition to the serious stuff, the club organises many social events including a tour to the Isle of Man over Spring Bank Holiday, where *some* hockey does get played. So come on, hubby or boyfriend may end up watching you strutting around on Saturday afternoons, and you might get him occasionally to wash the team shirts!

For further information contact Chris Greenwood, Low Bentham, Tel 61946.

Football

Under 12's - By Daniel Ellershaw

Our last game before the Christmas break was away to Warton Warriors, and we won 6-2. In the new year we have played Ridge Rovers at home, winning 5-0, and Barton Colts, winning 6-1.

Under 16's - By Brian Mottram

With bad weather and the Christmas break, only one game has been played, against Lancaster City at Giant Axe. On a very heavy pitch Lancaster took the lead after 20 minutes. David Knapp equalised before halftime but the game slipped away from us in the second half, with all players feeling the effects of the heavy conditions. Lancaster went 4-1 up before we got a penalty, for hand ball. David Knapp scored from the spot. Chris Horden scored the best goal of the game, when from the right hand side of the penalty area, he chipped over the keeper into the top left hand corner. The final score was 6-3 for Lancaster.

Badminton

County Re-Trials.

Congratulations to those who will receive county coaching:- Esther Coates (U14), Naomi Langdale, Sarah Taylor, Rebecca Brown and James Wood (U12's)

Tournament

Almost all our juniors supported the Lancaster and Morecambe Juniors Tournament. Well done! Boys U12 doubles winners:- W.Adam & J.Wood. Girls U12 doubles runners-up:- S.Taylor & D.Chappell.

England v Germany

In this match, played at Salt Ayre, Thomas Marshall and Trevor Dobson did us proud by volunteering to be line judges. We waited 3½ hours to hear Thomas say "Out" once!

A VOTE OF THANKS FOR BENTHAM NEWS

By Mrs. O. Calverley

This special edition,
in keeping with tradition,
is bringing us the news
and airing peoples' views.
For eight long years and more,
it's been popping through the door.
We don't often have to wait
for it's hardly ever late.
Keep up the good work friends,
we hope this never ends,
for it fills a heartfelt need,
inquisitive minds to feed.
So thanks to you and you,
who work to get it through,
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BENTHAM YOUTH CLUB REPORT

By Pauline Hill

Youth '95

Our programme for spring will include trips to the cinema, swimming and ice skating. Want something special for Valentine's Night or is there a sport or activity you've always wanted to try? It's your Youth Club, so come along and tell us and we'll do our best to include it. None of this is compulsory - we've got an extra sofa for those who just want to watch the "Footy" or Coronation Street, or even just wanna hang around! There'll be no complaints. Graffiti is allowed - if you get the urge come and scrawl on a large wall here instead of spoiling Bentham. We are going to turn one wall into a huge communal mural; any ideas or designs to be in by Monday 6th March. The winning design will be transferred by our resident "expert" with help from any budding artists or scribblers who want to join in.

'95 times:-

Mondays 6.00pm - 7.30pm Juniors/
Drama Workshop/Panto Rehearsal.

7.30pm - 9.00pm Seniors.

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7.00pm - 9.00pm Seniors



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FARMING DIARY

By Our Farming Correspondent

Since I wrote last month the weather has been very wet, except for two short spells of hard frost. The second spell, at the beginning of January, was hard enough to make the ground suitable for spreading manure, which was just as well because the tanks were getting full. The hard frost also froze some water pipes in a building, and one pipe actually burst. The damp, wet weather makes the air conditions in the buildings poor, which leads to coughing in the cattle, and sometimes to viral pneumonia. When cattle have pneumonia they have to be treated with antibiotics and given T.L.C. (Tender Loving Care), as they run very high temperatures which can lead to death. Pneumonia always seems to come at the same time as flu is about. Maybe there's a bug in the atmosphere that affects us all?

First Lambs and 'Fat Sheep'

There seem to be some lambs getting about.

The lambing season is spreading out over a longer period with the aid of modern technology, and fat lambs are coming on to the market sooner. I have been asked to explain about the 'Fat Sheep' sign at the top of Mount Pleasant. Well, it was put there to take some of the agricultural traffic off the Main Street on a Wednesday morning, by diverting some down Butts Lane and into the back of the Auction Mart. Most farmers coming to market bring some fat sheep in a trailer. As they are unloaded they are weighed, then graded into lots ready for the sale, and this can cause a backlog of vehicles waiting to unload. These spread back into the town. Since the Mount Pleasant route has been used, there has been a lot less congestion.

Newly-calved Cows Fetch Lowest Price Since 1984

Recently reading a 'Farmers' Weekly' from 1952, I noticed that the average wage for farm workers then was under £6 per week, and the average sale price for newly-calved cows was about £60. Today's wage would

be over £200 per week, and newly-calved cows last week averaged under £600, the lowest price since milk quotas were introduced in 1984.

Why is this? Part of the cause is the importation of over 55,000 cows from Europe last year. Animal rights protestors did not object to the importation of cows to this country, but these cows all calve again, and this leads to extra milk and bull calves.



Ingleton Community Centre Dance Club

For an interesting afternoon, why not join Ingleton Community Centre Dance Club who celebrate their 20th birthday this year. Learn sequence dances from 2pm. - 4pm every Tuesday. Enjoy a cup of tea and biscuits and a friendly chat, everyone welcome.

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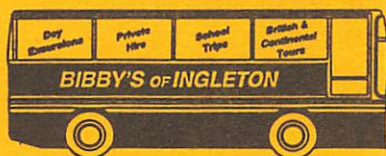
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HOW'S THAT? FOR A DUCK!

By Henry Garlick

In the mid nineteen thirties Bentham Cricket Club decided to invite George Duckworth, a famous cricketer of his day, captain of Lancashire County Cricket, to bring a team of his choice to play Bentham's First Cricket Team in a friendly match. The venue was the old showfield, where I understand cricket is still played. There was a charge of one shilling and sixpence, children half price, to watch the match. There was a good attendance, although many who turned up leaned against the stone wall surrounding the Wenning Avenue side of the field. Someone quickly organised a silver collection to help defray the day's expenses. It was a pleasant day as Bentham First Team took the field, resplendent in their white cricket gear. The two opening batsmen strolled out of the pavilion to the pitch and the match was on.

Duckworth was to face the bowling of "Shorty" Haigh, a lean man, six foot in height, a comparative newcomer to Bentham, who had established himself as a good all rounder at the game. The umpire was from the Lancaster League, in which Bentham First Team usually played. With the batsmen settled and the umpire finished with his formalities, "Shorty" Haigh took an extra long run for the opening ball. To everyone's delight the first ball knocked Duckworth's middle stump clean out of the ground. The umpire called "No ball". Turning to "Shorty" Haigh he added, "We've come to see Duckworth bat, not you showing off". "Shorty" was not amused, and as he walked past the umpire he muttered, "perhaps you would like me to bowl some underhand to him!". Duckworth's team went on to win the match and the crowd was jovial and well entertained.

No one else was given two bites at the cherry that afternoon and "Shorty" went home satisfied that he had indeed bowled the famous batsman out for a duck, and that this was unlikely ever to be repeated.

"999" POLICE FILE

By Sergeant David Cochrane

A Happy New Year to all from all at Ingleton. The following figures represent crime committed in the Bentham area during December.

Criminal Damage	1
Theft from vehicles	2
Burglary	2
Theft	1
Total	6

Unfortunately Christmas was not quiet for the criminal and crime continued to be committed throughout the holiday period.

A house at Mewith was burgled and large quantities of silverware and jewellery were stolen. If anyone has knowledge of such property being offered for sale, or saw anything suspicious, please give us a ring. The offence occurred over Christmas Eve into the early hours of Christmas morning. Another burglary took place the previous day at Felstead, Low Bentham. Again, if anybody saw anything suspicious, please contact us. All information will be treated in confidence.

An orange Macain racing cycle was stolen from Robin Lane, and a motor car parked in Lakeber Avenue had its door panel kicked in. Two cars were broken into and a multi coloured car rug was amongst the property stolen.

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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

By Maureen Ellis

The written word has informed and influenced since ancient times: it is thought translated into script, and is a prime form of communication. The Bentham Footpath Group would like to add its best wishes and thanks to all involved in the highly successful Bentham News.

The first walk of 1995 started at Levens Park, continued to Sedgewick and Hincaster and then back through the park on the other side of the river Kent. A complicated and interesting route had been organised by Carol Crellin, and it embraced the development of transport over the centuries. The footpath through the park gave way to the towpath of the Lancaster Canal, which, bisected by later road development, was only a muddy memorial to former vigorous industrial transport. A more substantial monument remains in the form of Hincaster tunnel with its important stone entrance and exit. A path took us across the railway line (London to Glasgow) and a passing Intercity train reminded us of the evolution of transport, as the railways have displaced canals as freight carriers. Trains now mainly carry people for work and pleasure. Increased leisure has enhanced the use of some canals and the wet weather brought the river into its full glory, complete with waterfalls and the sight of a cormorant.

The Countryside Commission (CC) is the government's official adviser on countryside matters. There is recognition that a third of all leisure trips are to the countryside, to enjoy the scenery, study natural history, walk, ride, swim, sail and fly. The diversity of peoples' interests has to lead to negotiation and consideration of others. Walkers can hamper farmers and vice versa, and cyclists and walkers can be at loggerheads, as can canoeists and fishermen. C.C., within its countryside stewardship scheme, is increasing access by sometimes paying farmers to enlarge areas for recreational use. The Environment Secretary, John Gummer, has stated his

intention to approve the C.C.'s proposal to create a 208 mile bridleway from Carsington Reservoir, Derbyshire, to Kirkby Stephen, for both horseriders and cyclists. Hopefully the rival interests of fishermen and canoeists can be resolved.

The Bentham Footpath Group is committed to negotiating with local farmers about the maintenance of stiles and bridges, and access to existing footpaths for the continued enjoyment of all.

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RECIPES

By Doreen Park

Pancakes for tea on Shrove Tuesday, 28th February

Basic pancake batter.

- ½ pint milk
- 1 egg
- 4 ozs flour
- ½ teaspoon salt

Beat all together till smooth and creamy. Leave to stand for 3 to 4 hours. To cook, pour into a hot greased pan, tilt to allow the batter to run smoothly over the pan. When bubbles appear turn or toss the pancake and cook the other side. Pancakes freeze successfully. They should be wrapped with greaseproof paper between each pancake and then wrapped in foil and placed in a freezer bag. It certainly saves time on Pancake Day.

Here is a way to zip up those that have been stored in the freezer. Firstly defrost them and warm each in a pan.

Filling

- 4 ozs fresh white breadcrumbs
- ¾ ozs butter
- Grated rind and juice of 1 lemon
- 1½ lbs cooking apples, peeled and sliced
- 2 ozs castor sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- Icing sugar

Fry the breadcrumbs in 2½ ozs butter turning often until golden. Place the remaining butter, lemon rind, juice, apples sugar and cinnamon in a pan. Cover and cook gently until pureed, then add the fried breadcrumbs. Divide the mixture between the number of pancakes you require (any mixture left will freeze), roll up and put pancakes side by side in a single layer in a moderate oven at 325F, gas mark 3, for about 20 minutes. Dust with icing sugar before serving.

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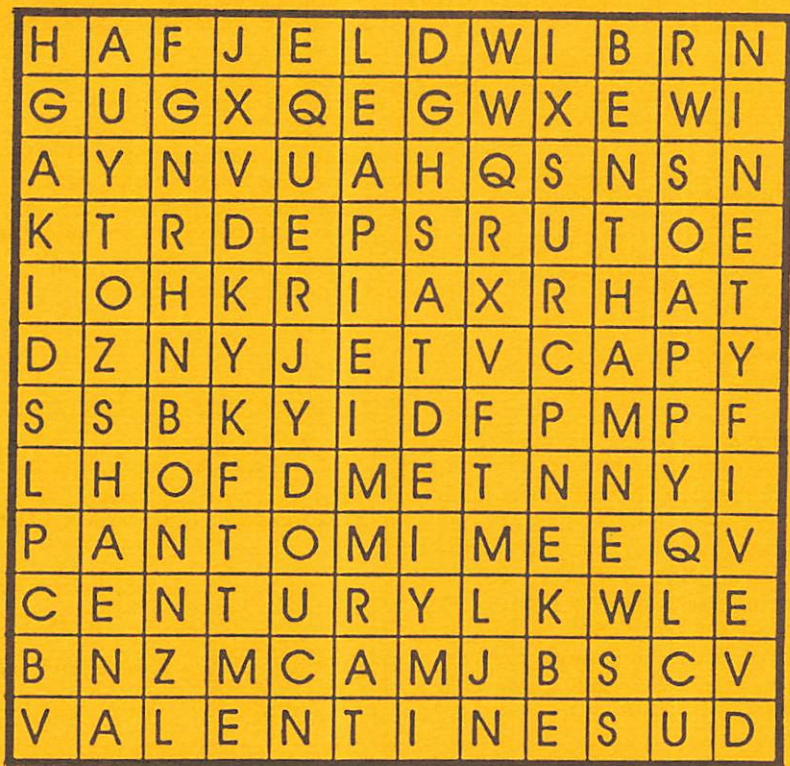
By Jenny Bloxham

Hi, did you enjoy last months Kids Page? I've got some awful tricks to try on your brother and sister this month!!

1. When your brother or sister says "whats this?" and you walk over to find them doing their homework be sure to give them the wrong answer.
2. A useful way to get rid of the monster/s (your brother or sister) is to say "mum said you have to tidy your bedroom otherwise you don't get this weeks pocket money!" it always works.
3. If you really want to annoy them then the thing to do is to put honey or jam or something sticky on the door handle of their bedroom, but if thats not possible then in their hairbrush.

This month we've got a wordsearch for you. These are the words that are in the wordsearch. They all have something to do with this months edition and February. Hundred, Years, Bentham, News, Valentines, Kids, Ninetyfive, Leap, Pantomime.

Next month will be about Teachers. So please write in and tell us about your teacher. Leave your replies at Bentham Sportshop in an envelope marked Kids Page.



100 TH EDITION BENTHAM NEWS QUIZ

WITH A STING IN THE TAIL!

By Sue Adams

Some people enjoyed doing the NSPCC Quiz in December, so here is another one just for fun, to celebrate 100 issues of our favourite local newspaper. Look out next month for the answers.

- 1 They meet on Mondays (2 words).
- 2 This councillor is our Mayor.
- 3 Because this is a special issue, we've got some more.
- 4 Bentham's own night club (3 words).
- 5 January's was this.
- 6 Contact someone at "Latharna" if you have some of this information.
- 7 Three score years and ten then score ten again.
- 8 Take these things to Sue Ryder.
- 9 This one serves this community.
- 10 If it weren't for these people we wouldn't get our B.N.
- 11 Are you on first name terms with the resident horticulturist.
- 12 The local ones are in the middle.
- 13 Bentham News gave us one with the December issue.
- 14 These strangers get local information at the centre.
- 15 Fifty would have been this over four years ago.
- 16 You'll need to follow Doreen's to get a perfect result.
- 17 Someone from this shop reports these activities.
- 18 If you need to catch one you will have to go down this road.
- 19 We've had this number of contributors over the years.
- 20 They all get one through their letter boxes (2 words)
- 21 Where can it go for £12.
- 22 It's this because we don't pay.
- 23 Are you reading me now (2 words)
- 24 Who can contribute to it.
- 25 It's all sewn up here.
- 26 We owe this to the editorial committee.
- 27 You can do this with your contribution at the Sports Shop. (3 words)
- 28 All these mean we don't have to pay.
- 29 When does the council meet.
- 30 This one will be one hundred and one.
- 31 How many are there on this committee.
- 32 Henry's was the best this Christmas.
- 33 The main one runs through Bentham.
- 34 Initially all that has gone before, tell us this.

HONOUR FOR BENTHAM WALKER

By Len Moody

Manchester Pedestrian Club, founded in 1903, is one of the oldest and most prestigious of the Northern Walking Clubs. Several members live in our area. The Club has a long tradition of presenting a President's Cup each year to the member who has aggregated the most walking miles. In recent years, a new tradition has grown up, of awarding a different kind of trophy, known as The Other Cup, for special service to the Club. Friends in Bentham will wish to congratulate Frank Yates, of Goodenber Crescent, on being awarded The Other Cup, for 1994.

Since Bentham Footpath Group was inaugurated in 1986, Frank has contributed a great deal to our local guided walks and conservation programmes, and been responsible accompanied by Meg, his really well trained springer spaniel, for some of our most spectacular walks. Our best wishes to Frank for many more years of active walking.

Bentham News Coffee Morning

By Shirley Brown

We would like to thank everyone who supported our coffee morning. We raised £222 and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves. Particular thanks go to those who donated gifts for our stalls, Sid Hogg for the milk, Marjorie Errington for the coffee, and Phyllis Tomlinson and Isabel Joel for making the delicious coffee.

Raffle winners were: Lesley Barker (making a guest, celebrity appearance!), Mrs. Boyle, Mrs. Englefield, Mrs. Foster, Joan Robinson, John Bainbridge, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Bargh, Mrs. Slater, Mrs. Cowgill and Mrs. Binns.



HOMING SOCIETY

By Shirley Brown

At the AGM of the Bentham Homing Society held on 9th January, members were told of the club's healthy financial situation, and the club can now look forward to an exciting racing season with 16 active, racing lofts.

The club held a successful show recently and has also given support to both Ingleton and Bentham Galas during 1994. Elected officials for 1995 are: President: Keith Parker, Chairman: Doug Ralph, Vice-Chairman: John Fletcher, Secretary: Chris Weedon, Treasurer: Shirley Brown. Edwin Horn and Ted Nelson are Federation Delegates, Lionel Titterington the basketman, and clocksetters are Dave Akridge, Andy Westbury and Doug Ralph.

It was with great sadness that members reflected on the loss of John Bowker, the oldest club member, who died on 23rd September 1994, aged 81. John's love of pigeons went back to his boyhood days, and he kept pigeons since he was a young lad. He had belonged to Bentham Homing Society, which in its early days was in Low Bentham, since 1932, thus clocking up an amazing 62 years as a club member. He was always willing to help and take his share of responsibility. He was generous with advice for younger members, and was kind and gentle to the birds and animals in his keeping. He is remembered with great affection and will be sadly missed.



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