

BENTHAM NEWS

MORE REDUNDANCIES AT ANGUS

On the 13th March Angus Fire issued a press release to the effect that some 20 people had been made redundant. This may bring an end to months of anxiety and worry among employees about their job security. Or will the job cutting, morale destroying axe fall again? Considering the job losses at Angus in the last few years it is difficult to be optimistic. Hopefully, the new owners will move some of their other fire equipment manufacturing to Bentham, and create more shop floor jobs. This would give a great morale boost to the remaining employees and would be much welcomed by the whole Bentham community.

NEW COLLEGE TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN INGLETON

From September, vocational training at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton will be provided by Lancaster & Morecambe College.

In order to ensure that the college offers what the local community wants, Lancaster & Morecambe College is currently undertaking a market research exercise in the area. Questionnaires are being distributed in the Ingleton and Bentham catchment area and anyone returning a completed questionnaire will be able to take part in a free prize draw for a 5 day coach holiday in Scotland, courtesy of Silver Fern Coach Tours.

See the full report and comments by the College Marketing Manager, John Perry, on page 22 of this issue.

"LOOK UP"

Here is your opportunity to bring to life Darwin's Theory of evolution to "something completely different".

Bentham will be offering a place of refuge to birds scared away from Wray by hordes of scarecrows at Wray Fair! *Bentham Bird Sanctuary* will be an open competition promoted by Bentham Development Trust and B.T. Environment Week.



During May we are inviting residents to make and display one of the protected birds, giving them "refuge" on your property. Further details about the competition will be given in the May edition of Bentham News. Application forms will be made available around the shops of Bentham.

Flag making continues this month. If anyone would like to help with sewing please contact Alison Jones on 62672.

S.O.S

Channel 4's "Food Five" on Thursdays at 8.30am has launched a campaign, "Save our Shops", to help us save our smaller independent shops. The development of larger superstores has lead to the closure of many small shops. As a rural community, many of us depend on these small local shops for our supplies.

On page 15 one of our local traders makes an impassioned plea for your support for the campaign. He explains just how easy it is for all of us to play our part in helping to keep our local shops open.

HIGH BENTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Doreen Park

The President welcomed 24 members and 3 visitors to the March meeting. Mrs R. Parkinson gave a report of her visit to Hornby Women's Institute's 75th birthday party. Mrs. D.Park reported on her attendance at the Lancashire Federation annual council meeting at Southport.

Then Mrs. Cottam enthralled everyone with her art of fleece embroidery. She showed slides and also brought a wide range of her work for members to examine. She was thanked by Mrs. Ruth Bridgewood.

The competition winner was Mrs. J. Slinger. Next month's meeting will be on the 6th April and is open to all. It will take the form of a microwave demonstration by Tooby's. Tailpiece on behalf of all members "Thank you Isabel!"

The May meeting will be a Resolutions evening, and the competition - an old candlestick.

Bentham News Finances

By Ken Robertson

Bentham News Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1994, have recently been completed. There was an operating loss of £307 covered by reserves. Advertising income of £5884 showed an increase of 10% and other main sources of income were:- donations and collecting tins, £504, Town Council grant £400, and fund raising £203. Printing costs were £4023, an increase of just under 10% and other overheads were £3802. The Balance Sheet at the year end was sound and computer equipment has been updated during the year.

There is still a shortfall of some £2000 between advertising income and total expenses and this gap has to be bridged by grants, donations or fund raising.

Anyone requiring a copy of the complete accounts should forward an S.A.E. to Ken Robertson, Lynwood, Lakeber Drive, Bentham.

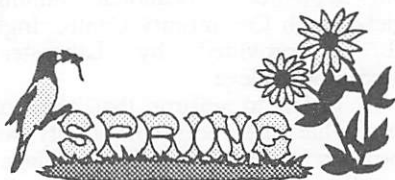
DISABILITY INFORMATION SERVICE IN CRAVEN

By Pamela Osborne

This service opened in 1994, and is based at the Citizens Advice Bureau in Skipton. It is a free service for people with a disability, their friends and carers. I hope to be able to answer any query, or at least put you in touch with someone who will know more. The information covers benefits, community care provision, aids and equipment, leisure activities and holidays, access and mobility, education and employment, voluntary organisations and local support groups.

Local Session

To make it easier for people in Bentham and the surrounding area I am planning for local sessions. The first of these will be on Wednesday 5th April at Bentham Surgery from 10.00am to 12.00noon. Please call in, no appointment is necessary. If you would prefer to phone, the number is 0756-796631. The best times to catch me are Tuesday mornings or Friday afternoons. At other times you can leave your name and telephone number on the answerphone and I will call you back.



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TOWN COUNCIL

By J.C. Woof

Highway Matters

P.C. Kay reported that 11 summonses had been issued and asked whether the Council wished the police to continue the crackdown on illegal parking. It was agreed that they should continue as it seemed to be working. There have been a few complaints however, that people were now seeking alternative parking in Goodenber Road. (Be careful or we shall have yellow lines everywhere!)

In Low Bentham there had been an incident when the fire brigade could not attend a chimney fire because access was blocked by badly parked cars. Councillor Hewitt asked for a meeting on site to discuss the problem.

Other danger spots

The corner onto Tatterthorn Lane from Clapham road, which has extremely poor visibility, could be resolved with the purchase of some land by the County Council. Further discussions with the landowner are to be pursued by Councillors Marshall and Joel, who will report back to the Highways Department.

Parking outside Springfield Bowling club is seen to cause an accident black spot, although the County Council dispute this. They have agreed that police should monitor the traffic coming down the hill after complaints of vehicles travelling at high speeds.

Yellow lines

Three letters of objection were read out regarding the proposed new yellow lines in High Bentham. One was submitted on the grounds of increased traffic speed, one because incorrect information was posted regarding the changes, and one because it was felt that train spotters would miss the chance to view from the railway bridge down Station Road! These would be handed in but no decision is likely to be taken until May.

Maintenance

Grass cutting has been put out to tender and once again Mr. Whittaker was awarded the job at a cost of £716, against a quote of £972 from the County Council Business Unit 3.

Town Hall Lettings

A letter from Bentham Pantomime Group was read out thanking all other groups who had given up their booked times during "Panto Time". The Pantomime had been a great success but there was some concern over security of equipment left during Panto week. Two local girls were also found by members of Age Concern at 9.00am one morning when they opened up. The council agreed these were very serious issues and a special meeting would have to be called to discuss these and other complaints by Town Hall users.

Mr. Hurtle wished to have minuted that bookings for the Town Hall were up by 18% and finances were in the black. He felt that comments made by last month's Bentham News reporter were unnecessarily critical in saying that Town Hall Users were voting with their feet.

Low cost housing

Sanctuary Housing Association confirmed that rents at Hillside Drive, Low Bentham, would go up to £51.23 plus £3.50 per week maintenance charge. Council rents will probably go up by 6.5% after a raising of the Council Tax by 10%. Craven District Council would be taking up at Government level the cause of businesses in the area who felt that major increases in their rates would cause extreme financial difficulties.

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EXCELLENT

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Did you enjoy last month's excellent issue? Wasn't it brill? This month as you know we have some funky stuff on that awful alien, "the teacher". But first of all here is the result of last month's cool competition. The winner is Naomi Langdale who got all the questions right and has won the CD or cassette that she requested: MN8 'I've got a little something for you'. Well done.

The answers were 1. Stay another day 2. East 17 3. Ultimate Kaos 4. K.G. and G-Man 5. Love is all around 6. Let loose

Now, on to the teachers part! A few sentences to really get on your teachers' nerves.

LESSONS

Teacher- How can you prove that the world is round? You - I never said it was, Miss

Teacher- I asked you to draw me a horse and cart, but you've only drawn the horse! You - Yes, the horse will draw the cart!

Teacher- How can we prevent food from going bad? You - By eating it sir!

Teacher- Can you tell me what comes before seven? You - The milkman miss!

HOMEWORK

Teacher- Your homework is definitely getting better. You - That's because my dad's stopped helping me!

Teacher - Did your mother help you with your homework? You - No, I got it all wrong by myself!

Teacher - Why do you look so tired? You - I was up to twelve doing my homework.

Teacher- Oh, poor you. What time did you start? You - Eleven fifty five!

(with a little help from the "Funky File") By Jenny Bloxham

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BY COUNCILLOR RALPH ATKINSON

Business Rates

Most businesses in the area have now been appraised of their new Rateable Values. Despite the average increases of between 34 & 89% I reported last month some have gone up two or three times. To this must be added a 2.1% increase in the poundage (from 42.3p to 43.2p) However, the good news is that there are transitional arrangements and nobody will be asked to pay more than 10% more than last year. Appeals against the rateable values can be made after 1st April. Judging by the mess that was made of the Council Tax values for domestic property I would advise many people to apply for reassessment.

Education Budgets

Thanks to the work of the Education Resources Committee at County we're unlikely to see cuts in our schools' LMS budgets amounting to the loss of teachers on any significant scale such as have been seen elsewhere in the country. Unfortunately the budgets aren't yet out so I can't tell accurately school by school, but overall the cuts will be under 1%. This does not take into account the extras which must come out of the school budgets, like the schools library service, etc. ie. just those things which have made North Yorkshire's education services such a matter for pride.

The schools' transport budget is being expected to find £150,000 over and above the savings made last year. Whether this can survive the recent Govt. decisions on seat belts and seating is a matter for conjecture.

Council house rents

The rent increase of 6.5% that I reported last month is equivalent to an average increase of £2.25 per property per week. Councillors were very worried about the impact this would have on poorer households, but in fact it is much less than that directed by Govt. - who wanted an increase of 8%. At the 6.5% level we will be losing some

£50,000 of Govt. subsidy and we'll have to raise rents by this proportion in future years to offset this. Although these increases are more than the rate of inflation our rents are still well below those of the Housing Associations (to say nothing of the private sector!) which now have to raise much of their capital on the commercial market because Govt. has reduced funding to the Housing Corporation.

National park matters

As you know independant authorities for the National Parks will be soon on the statute book and arrangements to this end are now under active discussion. Three subjects which are hotting up the arguments are the membership of the committee, financial support by the various councils and the degree of responsibility for economic matters.

A new project to support farmers' conservation activities, modelled on the MAFF's Environmentally Sensitive Areas is being started by the Park. The pilot areas will be Kingsdale and Thornton-in-Lonsdale and Chapel-le-Dale. A similar scheme has been very successful in the North York Moors so our hopes of success here are correspondingly great.

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Bentham News plea!

Regrettably we have had to omit an article this month as it was not very legible, and no name or telephone number was included so we were unable to contact the person concerned. Please ensure that you include a contact name and tel. no. submitted by 15th.

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Dear Sir,

My great grandfather, Tetherton Patrick Quinlan, a draper, emigrated from the county of Kerry, Ireland, to Bentham in 1846. He married Rachel Ward, the daughter of Robert Ward, a draper living in Upper Bentham, and they had 7 children: John, Robert, Mary, Agnes, Anne, Tetherton and Rachel.

I would be grateful if you could publish this letter as I hope there may be some members of the family in this area, who may wish to write to me.

Yours sincerely,
James Jefferis.
98 Edith Street, Leichhardt,
Australia 2040.

Dear Sir,

Neighbourhood Watch Schemes

A recent North Yorks Police Newsletter sent to all neighbourhood watch co-ordinators states that £3500 has now been raised towards the new "Ring Round" system, designed to pass on information such as the presence of "villains" in the local area as quickly as possible. The system, when complete, will automatically contact all co-ordinators by phone when urgent information needs to be passed. The Police are sure that although the system will only be used infrequently, passing real information could be very useful in detecting and perhaps preventing local crimes.

The system depends on the details being spread via neighbourhood watch schemes and although the number of schemes in Bentham has increased from 2 to 9 over the last three months, only 158 out of 1334 houses in High Bentham are covered at present. What is needed is for the inhabitants of Bentham to organise into groups of say 20 adjacent houses and find a "volunteer" co-ordinator who will register

the scheme with the Police and be their contact person. The job is in no way complicated or onerous and involves occasionally starting off items down the chain either by hand or word of mouth as appropriate.

The rest of what is involved in Neighbourhood Watch Schemes is only what I am sure is already done by most of our community; keeping an eye on your neighbour's house for anything which could be dangerous or criminal.

Anyone interested in starting a scheme or wanting more information should contact our local policeman or Sgt. Chris Pappin at Skipton Police Station, on 01756-793377, extension 3746.

P.S. Shallcross,
Co-Ordinator Scheme 6.
Low Bentham Road,
Bentham.

Dear Bentham News,

I would like to congratulate the residents of Lairgill, for the vast improvement to their frontages. The tarmacing of the rutted and pot-holed surface has made a dramatic difference. A very creditable, community-spirited effort, which was coordinated, I gather, by Jean West. Well done everyone!

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BENTHAM SCHOOL NEWS

By A. Presland

The second half of term, although a little better than the first as far as floods and snow are concerned, has still seen the cancellation of a number of games fixtures through unfit pitches. Our boys' football teams however were able to have a highly successful tour of schools in the south west of England over the half-term, winning all their matches except that against the national champions, Torquay Grammar School. We were also fortunate to have an idyllic spring day for our annual prep schools cross country championship which was attended by prep schools from throughout the north west of England. Another sporting event not affected by the weather was the annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Race which generated fierce competition between tutor groups and raised funds for the N.S.P.C.C.

It has been a busy time within school. Our senior girls' public speaking team, having won the Kendal round of the Business and Professional Women's Public Speaking Competition before Christmas, then went on to the second round in Preston where they qualified for the north west England final, and our Junior Public Speaking Team performed well at the Lunesdale Rotary Club annual competition. Mr. David Curry, our local member of parliament and Minister of State for local government, was guest speaker at the Easter term Sixth Form Supper.

There has been a successful Parents' Association Sixties night and we are grateful to all those representatives of local businesses and professions who attended our bi-annual Careers Convention. As the end of term approaches we look forward to our last major event of the term which is the middle school play entitled "The going down of Orpheus Hawkins".

Red Cross - First Aid Courses - Any Interest?

By Mike Gathergood

Since moving to Bentham last July, my wife and I have continued our interest in First Aid with the British Red Cross in Cumbria. In addition to attending public events to provide first aid cover, we are also British Red Cross certificated First Aid Trainers, teaching on public courses organised by Cumbria Branch.

The British Red Cross covers a variety of First Aid courses, from the very simple 2 hour "Save a Life" course to the 14x2 hours public duties course. We have been asked if we can run courses in Bentham. Certainly if there is an interest we will willingly organise and provide courses to meet local needs from the standard set of courses taught by the British Red Cross. We can offer a service to public organisations who require First Aid Examiners and/or instructors. A charge is made for public first aid courses and services based on duration, materials used etc. If you have an interest or a need of First Aid knowledge then give Mike or Jean Gathergood (BRCS) a call on 015242-63078.

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VIOLENCE IN SPORT ENQUIRY

Following a recent public enquiry into violence in sport the local Sports Council is looking into the following proposals.

Hunting and Fishing: As with clay pigeon shooting from now on it will only be legal to hunt a clay fox, which will be given a 100 yard start before the hounds are released, and if this proves successful, clay fishing will be introduced by the end of the year.

Boxing: Following recent tragic events at several international contests it is proposed that shadow boxing be re-introduced as a professional sport. **Shooting:** So that game birds and rabbits are given a fairer chance of avoiding death in the name of sport, an order will immediately come into effect by which all rifles and air guns must be fitted with slower bullets.

Any objections to the above proposals must be lodged with the Sports Council by 1st April, 1995.

HORNBY SWIMMING POOL

By P. Ward

Over the Easter holiday period the swimming pool will be closed on the 14th, 17th and 18th April. Normal opening hours are as follows:-

Thursday 7.30-8.30pm, 8.30-9.30pm.

Friday 10.00-11.00am over 50's; 8.30-9.30pm.

Saturday 10.00-11.00am over 50's; 11.00-12.00noon, 1.00-2.00pm, 2.00-3.00pm, 3.00-4.00pm.

Sunday 9.00-10.00am, 10.00-11.00am, 11.00-12.00noon.

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Personal Thanks

Kay & Frank Piper would like to take this opportunity to thank all their dear friends for their sympathy, love and support during the sad passing of their Mum - "Kit" Parkins. It is at times like this that one really appreciates kind and loving friends and neighbours. We would also like the patience and kindness Dr. Story has bestowed on Mum over the years, to be acknowledged. Thanks and appreciation too, to the staff of the Ingleborough Nursing Home, where Mum received such love and kindness during her last few weeks. Thank you all. God bless you.

Ian & Kathleen Taylor wish to thank all family and friends for their support and get well messages received during Ian's illness. Special thanks to Dr. Story and Staff for their care and attention. Our sincere thanks to you all.

Thanks

Brownsord. Jack & Jessie Brownsord would like to thank their family and friends for all their good wishes on the occasion of their diamond wedding.

Congratulations

Armstrong Mark & Betty. Congratulations Mum and Dad on your golden wedding anniversary, April 1st. With love and best wishes from Tom and Margaret, Jean and Neil, grandchildren Mark and Lucinda, Julie and Karen, great grand children Clare and Daniel.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Gerry Westbury who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 14th April. Love and best wishes from all your family.

Staff vacancy

Steward & stewardess urgently required for Bentham Sports Club. Approx 25 hours per week. Please reply to Mr. L. Bentham, Secretary, Telephone 61562.

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Wanted

More plants for public toilets flower beds. If you have any to spare (flowers or shrubs), please leave them at the Old School House, next to the library.

Leprosy Mission - Jumble and used stamps needed. Please bring to Mrs. G. Ratcliffe, 28 Lakeber Drive, High Bentham. Telephone 62608. Thank you.

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Apology

Louise, I am very sorry for everything I have done and I will always be there for you, and I love you loads. Daniel xxx.

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THE CHURCHES TOGETHER IN BENTHAM

This month Bentham News is introducing a Church Page, and it is hoped that this will become a bi-monthly feature. In turn each of the local churches will give a "Thought For The Month", and news items from any of the local churches will also be included. The first "Thought For The Month" comes from St. John the Baptist Church in Low Bentham, and has an Easter theme.

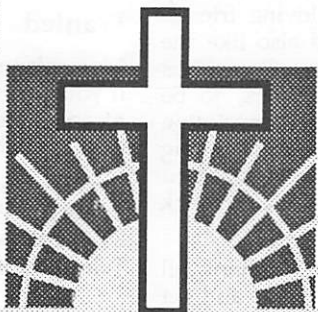
What does Easter mean to you?

A break from the usual routine, and a time to relax, indulging in all those gifts of chocolate eggs? Or doing a spot of DIY, getting out the paint brushes and bringing some new life into that dingy kitchen? Or is it a chance to make a start on the garden, clearing away the dead debris of winter and planting seeds in the hope of a future return?

Gifts. New life. Hope.

Yes! That's what Easter is all about. The death of Jesus on Good Friday, and His Resurrection on Easter Day, offers us all the GIFT OF NEW LIFE here and now, and HOPE for the future.

Will you let this be the year when you accept these Easter Gifts from God? They last a lot longer, and are far more satisfying than any number of chocolate eggs.



EVENTS COMING SOON

"GODSPELL"

On Friday 7th April at 7.30pm at High Bentham Methodist Church, there will be a performance, for one evening only, of "GODSPELL". Admission: £2 (paid at the door).

Take this opportunity to see and hear the Easter message performed in modern day words and music. The performers are a Christian group from Skipton who are touring the area during Lent, and we are fortunate to have been

able to book them for Bentham.

CREAM TEAS

On Wednesday 19th April from 2-4pm, Springboard will be serving cream teas in the Methodist Church schoolroom. The proceeds from this event will go towards the purchase of flowers for the "Banner and Flower Festival" to be held during August Bank Holiday (26-28th). Watch out for further announcements about this unusual and interesting event.

CROSS BAY WALK

There are very few times in the year when a walk across Morecambe Bay, crossing the sands from Arnside to Kents Bank (about 8 miles) is possible, and there are even fewer people who are knowledgeable enough to guide groups who want to make the crossing. We are, therefore, delighted to be able to announce that a rare opportunity to participate in this memorable event will occur on Saturday 6th May.

A coach will leave High Bentham at 7.45am, and return home at about 3pm. The charge is £5 for adults and £2.50 for children, and any funds raised by sponsorship will be donated to local churches. As numbers are limited, please ring 61905 for further details BEFORE 7th APRIL.

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BENTHAM AND THE RAILWAY

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Bentham owes its place on the railway network to the formation in 1846 - nearly 150 years ago, of the "North Western Railway". This came to be known as the "Little North Western" to distinguish it from the then recently opened London and North Western Railway's Euston to Carlisle line.

Oddly enough the North Western Railway Act of 26th June 1846 provided for a line from Skipton (already served by rail from Leeds and Bradford) through Clapham and Ingleton, to a junction with the London and North Western line near Tebay, and for a branch of that mainline at Clapham, to run down the valley to Lancaster. In fact the construction of the "main" line was for various reasons abandoned beyond Ingleton in 1848 and the Little North Western concentrated on the line from Skipton to Lancaster.

Among the directors of the company were the chairman, Pudsey Dawson of Hornby Castle, then High Sheriff of Lancashire, Thomas Birbeck of Settle and a Mr. Roughsedge, then well known in Bentham.

Work on the line started on 31st December 1846 and in September 1848 the first sod was cut at Bentham, to the cheers of 150 people who had come to witness the event. Work at Lancaster Green Ayre, including the bridge over the Lune towards Morecambe (then known as Poulton) was already completed and the rails approached Bentham from the Lancaster direction. It was opened to Wennington, to a temporary station behind the Bridge Inn, on 17th November 1849, and to Bentham on 2nd May 1850, 145 years ago. On 28th May 1850 the line opened to Clapham, making it possible to travel from Morecambe (Poulton) to Leeds and of course from Bentham. The line from Skipton to Clapham had been opened the previous year. There were initially 5 trains a day each way between the West Riding and Lancaster. The Little North Western died a

natural death on 1st January 1871 when the Midland Railway acquired it, after 25 years of separate existence. The Midland already owned the line south from Skipton.

During the Midland era services expanded and in 1910 there were 10 trains on weekdays from Bentham to Lancaster and Morecambe, and about the same number from Bentham to Leeds or Bradford. One train started from Bentham at 8.05 am and arrived in Lancaster at 8.34am and in the evening it returned from Lancaster at 6.19 pm, and terminated at Bentham at 6.55pm - a 1910 "Commuter train". Bentham must have been an attractive residential area for Lancaster's business men!

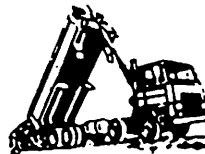
In addition to locals, there were the non stoppers, to and from Barrow, Whitehaven and Heysham (for I.O.M.) and the well known "residential" from Morecambe to Bradford and Leeds and return. Freight trains too were frequent and Bentham had until recently a large goods warehouse together with sheep and cattle pens, and the daily despatch of milk kits and GPO mails.

After World War II there were still 8 daily trains between Leeds/Bradford and Morecambe and many summer Saturday specials, well into the 1950s. But on 1st January 1966, trains between Wennington and Green Ayre ceased and a truncated service to Lancaster and Morecambe operated via Carnforth.

So today, 150 years since the Little North Western was born, we are reduced to 3 trains a day - no expresses, no milk, sheep, cattle or GPO mail traffic. A far cry from Bentham's "commuter train" of 1910!

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LOCAL EVENTS IN APRIL

- Sat 1st** St. Boniface's Church coffee morning 10.00 - 12noon Town Hall.
"A Fair Do!" 10.00am - 3.30pm every room in the Town Hall. See page 2, for more details.
- Mon 3rd** Town Council Meeting, Lower Town Hall, 7.30pm.
Ingleton Middle School Play "Operation Saint George" 7.30pm. £2.00 per adult. £1.00 children. Tickets available from the school.
- Tue 4th** Ingleton Middle School Play "Operation Saint George" 7.30pm. £2.00 per adult. £1.00 children. Tickets available from the school.
- Wed 5th** Ingleton Middle School Play "Operation Saint George" 7.30pm. £2.00 per adult. £1.00 children. Tickets available from the school.
N.S.P.C.C. monthly meeting at "Lingfield", Robin Lane at 7.30pm.
North Craven Branch Labour Party Quiz Night at Settle Social Club at 7.45pm.

- Thu 6th** High Bentham Women's Institute. A demonstration on "getting the most from your microwave" in association with Tooby's and Sharp, in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. Tickets £1 available from Tooby's or from any W.I. Committee member.
- Sat 8th** Burton-in-Lonsdale Bowling Club Jumble Sale and coffee morning at Burton-in Lonsdale village hall, 10.00am-12noon. Admission 10p.
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Ribblesdale circular, 9-10 miles, leader David Mangan, 62615. Meet at Lairgill at 10am.
Conservative Association Coffee morning Lower Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon.
Music from Russia & Northern Europe, Rimsky-Korsakov, Dvorak, Sibelius, Stravinsky, 7.30pm at Ingleborough Centre, Settle Orchestra. Tickets £4, Concessions £3, children free.
- Tue 11th** Toy Library in the Youth Centre, 9.30-11.30am.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at "The Surgery", 1.00-4.00pm.
Bentham & District Camera Club meeting. Photographing People, by Mr. W.R. Mitchell of Settle.
- Wed 12th** North Craven Branch Labour Party branch meeting, Ingleton, 7.45pm.
- Fri 14th** Modern & Old Time Dancing, Town Hall 7.45-10.45pm. £1.20 includes tea & biscuits.
- Sat 15th** Arthritis & Rheumatism Council coffee morning in the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon.
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Listing for Local Events

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

- Sun 16th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Knight Stainforth-Feizor, 5 miles, leader Mary Hudson 51498. Meet Lairgill/Austwick Bridge, 1.30pm.
- Mon 17th N.S.P.C.C. house to house collection, starting today and continuing for a fortnight.
- Tue 18th Angus Pensioners Association, Town Hall 2.00pm.
Rev.K.Clapham, China, slides and talk.
- Wed 19th Springboard are serving cream teas at the Methodist Chapel from 2.00-4.00pm, see page 10.
- Thu 20th Low Bentham Women's Institute, 7.30pm Public Hall, Mrs. M. Ogden - "Yorkshire Dialect", competition - photo Yorkshire Dales.
- Fri 21st Waste paper collection at the Legion Hall, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to N.S.P.C.C.
Young Farmers' Social, Town Hall Ballroom.
The Countryside Society meeting in the Upstairs Room Hornby Institute, 7.45pm. Dr. Geoffrey Halliday- "Flora of the Upper Lune Valley" Visitors most welcome £1.
- Sat 22nd Tourist Information Centre coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon.
"Off the Wall" Town Hall 8.00pm dinner, 10.00pm dancing to "Rhythm Seeds" Hot 'n Sweaty Sounds. Tickets from Hairlines 61554.
- Sun 23rd Children from France will be in the area for a week on an exchange visit with Ingleton Middle School pupils.
- Tue 25th Toy Library in the Youth Centre, 9.30-11.30am.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at "The Surgery", 1.00-4.00pm.

- Tue 25th Bentham & District Camera Club, 3 club friendly, host Bentham. Judge, Mr. G. Coup of Lancaster.
- Fri 28th Fashion Show, Town Hall Ballroom.
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- Sat 29th Low Bentham Women's Institute coffee morning, Town Hall High Bentham, 10.00am. Cake stall, raffle, etc.
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Kearnstwick, 6 miles, leader Bert Barnes 71880. Please meet at Lairgill at 10.30am.

LOCAL EVENTS IN MAY

- Thu 4th Arthritis & Rheumatism Council, sponsored Knit-In, in the Methodist Schoolroom, High Bentham, 7.00pm.
- Sat 13th Lancaster Scanner & Hospice coffee morning in the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.30pm. Cake stall, bric-a-brac, plants, books etc. Raffle-bottles of wine, food hamper, biscuits, chocolates etc-childrens raffle, and separate raffle of bottle Glenfiddick Pure Malt Whisky. To make a donation please contact Mary Frankland 61813.

Bentham Agricultural Society

By Val Lawson

The Bentham Agricultural Society held a successful coffee morning on Saturday 11th March. Thanks to the many supporters and helpers a profit of £310 was made. Raffle winners were Mr. Philipson, Miss Butterfield, Mrs. Emmott, Mrs. M. Taylor, Mr. M. Armstrong, Mrs. Lawson, Mr. M. Mason and David Morton. The fruit cake competition was won by Margaret Hewitt. The value of the box of fruit and vegetables was won by Mrs. Preston, and the sweet competition, Pamela Butterfield.

GARDENING PAGE

By Roy Pallit



Some herbaceous perennials may need dividing up in order to keep them looking at their best and April is a good time to carry out this work. Michaelmas daisies, bergamots and geums may benefit from being divided every other year while invasive tall perennials such as golden rod will need attention annually. Most other perennials will only need this treatment after four or five years. Dig up the plant and replant the best part of it, discarding the other portion.

Herbaceous perennials to sow now are aquilegias, erigrans, geums and lupins. They will germinate in a well prepared seed bed after the danger of frost has passed. *Liatrix* and *eryngiums* are best sown in a cold frame.

Plants hardening off in the cold frame after being raised in the greenhouse should be gradually acclimatised to outdoor conditions. On mild days during the first week, open the frame lid increasing the ventilation each day.

During the following week remove the lid during the daytime and replace it at night. After two weeks or so the plants should be ready to go outside.

Protected sowings of french beans, runner beans and sweetcorn can be started towards the end of the month. Grow in pots in the greenhouse, cold frame or cloche but give protection overnight in case of frost. Sow outside beetroot, broad beans, brussel sprouts, carrots, leeks, lettuce, peas, spinach beet, summer cabbage and turnip.

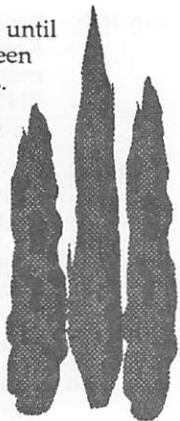
Start dahlia tubers in the greenhouse or cold frame and plant them out later in the month. They will then produce good extra blooms for cutting. Plant alpines, pansies and violets. To start a herb garden, sow seeds of herbs or push in stolons of mint or rooted cuttings of sage.



This is the last chance until October to plant evergreen or coniferous hedges. Evergreen shrubs and trees can also be planted on well prepared ground and staked if necessary. Use stakes of about one third the height of the plant being supported.

Ornamental shrubs can throw up suckers or reverted shoots. At this time of year these can easily be spotted and removed. Cut back any evergreen shrubs that have become straggly, to encourage new growth from the base. Prune established conifers, and after flowering prune early flowering shrubs such as *forsythia*.

Dead head daffodils after flowering so that the plants do not waste energy trying to produce seed. Their foliage should be left alone until it has shrivelled or at least six weeks after flowering.



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SAVE OUR SHOPS

By Nigel Bamford

Tenbury Wells in Worcestershire has 5 butchers, 3 bakers, a fishmongers and several greengrocers. 30 miles away Dudley is a ghost town. It has the out of town Merryhill Centre (Merryhell to the locals!) Where would you prefer to live?

Whilst the prospect of a Merryhill opening up at the top of Robin Lane is a slim one, nevertheless the message is the same - independent local shops are under threat in Bentham and across the country. Over one quarter of a million have closed in the last 20 years and closures continue at an alarming rate. Yet small shops are the life blood of any town.

Somewhat belatedly government has realised this and has announced a move away from out of town superstores, although hundreds of planning approvals are already in the pipeline; a classic case of closing the stable door.....!

But to the rescue comes Channel 4's "Food Five", on Thursdays at 8.30am, which has launched a campaign to "save our shops". SOS will take "one a week" as its target. If we all made the effort to buy just one more item a week from an independent butcher, baker, greengrocer, fishmonger or grocer it would help to:-

- ◆ save existing shops from extinction and protect local communities
- ◆ encourage more people to go into the food business, thus increasing choice on the High Street
- ◆ mitigate some of the damaging environmental effects of retail concentration around out of town developments (damage to greenfield sites, greater exhaust emissions from cars and delivery juggernauts)

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SNOW QUEEN WARMS HEARTS

By Shirley Brown

The Town Hall was packed the night I saw Bentham's pantomime, "The Snow Queen". There was a strong sense of community involvement as the audience chatted to each other, recognised friends and neighbours on stage, cheered the goodies and booed the baddies (and sympathised with the grandmother taking out a tearful, inconsolable child, scared by the first appearance of the Wicked Magician - well Stephen Smith is pretty scary!). With more than 60 children involved, one way or another, and a popular Bentham doctor (Peter Nightingale), shopkeeper (Nigel Bamford) and builder (Paul Morphet) on stage, everyone in the audience had someone to smile at. And there were a lot of smiling faces that cold, Bentham evening.

Playing good guys is tough

I would like to give a special mention to the young adults, Sarah Metcalfe and Sam Dixon, who played the romantic leads. It takes courage to stand up on stage and be loving and soppy, and to sing a love song, so full credit to them, they did well. I think Kevin McSherry's "granny" was the best acting I've seen from him, and Angie Henderson's "snow queen" was beautiful. Roy Denby, Simon Guy and Matthew Keenan really got into their robber roles, while Sarah Taylor was able to use her talent for comedy to good effect.

Blend of youth and experience

On display were the seasoned skills of Ron Heatley, Django Sankey, Richard Knowles, Liz Cartmel, Lynda Burns (a brilliant cameo role, and what with the lisp it took me a while to recognise her), Margaret Cowling, Heather Guy, Vi Christensen, Anne Corrigan and Voirrey Wild (her transformation into "old woman" was inspired). The newcomers to Panto acting really added to the event, with Pete Armstrong's strong portrayal of a love-sick

servant, Carmen Scott's spirited performance (looking so comfortable on stage that a more challenging role has to be on the cards for next year), and Tracey Midgely, Alison Murray and Natasha Goodbrand bringing their own brand of humour to the Sunday car boot sale. I hope they all enjoyed themselves as much as they seemed to be doing, because then they'll have a go again next year. Has anyone warned the newcomers that being in the Panto is highly addictive - maybe it's too late and they're hooked already! (I hope so).

Children galore!

The children were used very effectively this year, and performed with confidence and obvious enjoyment. The costumes were wonderful and the sets quite outstanding, for which credit goes to an extremely long list of hard-working local people. I particularly enjoyed the original music, which was live, lively and loud. Many thanks to John Power and Mark Fletcher, who are making such a welcome impact on the musical life of Bentham. Sue Watson's contribution to this highly successful production, cannot be over-stated. She co-wrote the script with Anne Corrigan, helped write the songs, acted and directed; she's some kind of superwoman, and her efforts were richly rewarded in a Pantomime that will go down in the history of Bentham Pantomimes as one that was great fun, good to watch and a pleasure to be part of. Thanks to all involved for making Bentham a friendlier, happier place to be.

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YELLOW LINES AND CAR PARKING

By Flo o'Ripal

Inquiries at the County Council have led to more details on the yellow lines and traffic controversy. Plans have been mooted to increase the smooth flow of traffic through Bentham by putting double yellow lines anywhere on the main streets where large lorries ever have any difficulty at all. County Roads Planning Officer, I M A Heighway, said, "What people have to realise is that large lorries and the smooth flow of traffic are the key to a booming economy. Those who winge about convenience to local shoppers, or think they can have free car parking forever do not understand the workings of the market economy."

Local shopkeepers have voiced some concern, although they have been offered a share of the parking fees soon to be levied on the main car parks. They have also been told that there will be a system of parking vouchers, where the ticket is stamped by a local shop. The machines for such ticket validation will be available for less than £50.

Claims by local people that increasing the traffic flow will simply make life more dangerous for pedestrians, particularly the old and the young, were dismissed by County traffic planners as old-fashioned thinking. "Do they think roads are for people? They are not, roads are for traffic, they are for vehicles and not for pedestrians. Car parking will not be a problem as we have plans afoot to double the car parking space in Bentham to allow us to clear the streets of parked cars. The Playing Field is one site under investigation, with a free bus service being provided to and from the town centre."

One way system for Bentham?

Bentham News has recently seen minutes of a County Planning Meeting in Northallerton which outlines the plan for a one way system for Bentham. After the success of the Ingleton plan, and before Settle has its one way system, we are to get our very own

by the end of the year. The reason for the proposal given by the planners is to smooth the flow of traffic through Bentham.

At present the plans call for the flow to go up Goodenber Road,, across Lakeber Drive and down Robin Lane, turning right toward Goodenber Road. There will be more yellow lines to help the flow, but the minutes did not give details. There was also mention of the need for a traffic signal on Main Street, but the location has yet to be decided.

There will be publication of the plan and discussion with the Town Council once the details have been formulated.

PHONEDAY IS APPROACHING

From 16th April 1995, all UK codes starting with 0 will start with 01. So for Bentham this means that our code will be 015242.

These changes are being made to meet the huge demand for new codes and numbers.

MAYDAY CONFUSION

Contrary to what it says in your diary, this year MAY 1ST will NOT be a bank holiday. Just for this year, the Early May Bank Holiday in England, Wales and Northern Ireland will be on the 8th May. (In Scotland both the 1st and 8th May will be Bank Holidays). This bank holiday will link with commemorative arrangements for the 50th anniversary of the ending of World War 2 in Europe (VE Day). The Spring Bank Holiday on 29th May is not affected.

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RECIPES

By Doreen Park

Spring a leek

This vegetable is so versatile that I use it with many dishes. Here are two of my favourites.

Leek and Potato Bake

Choose a dish that is suitable for the table. Serve golden and bubbling. It is especially good with a bacon joint or pork chops.

- 1 lb potatoes peeled and thinly sliced
- 1 lb leeks sliced and washed thoroughly
- 2 oz strong cheddar cheese
- salt, pepper
- ½ pint milk
- 1 egg

In a buttered ovenproof dish layer the potatoes and leeks. Sprinkle each layer with half the cheddar, add salt and pepper to taste. Mix together the milk and egg and pour over the potatoes and leeks. Sprinkle the remaining cheese on top and bake uncovered in a moderate oven, 350F, gas mark 4, for 1½ hours or until the potatoes are tender.

Cheesy leek and ham bake

This dish serves four.

- 4 fat leeks
- 1 pint vegetable stock or water
- 8 thick slices cooked ham
- 3 tsp dijon mustard
- ¾ pint milk
- ½ oz butter
- ½ oz plain flour
- 4 oz grated cheddar cheese
- Pinch cayenne pepper, salt and pepper

Slice the top and bottom off each leek. Wash well under running water to remove dirt from between the layers. Cut each one across into two.

Bring the stock or water to the boil in a large deep frying pan. Add the leeks, cover and simmer for five minutes. Lift the leeks out of the pan and stand them upright in a jug or bowl, to drain for two minutes. Spread each slice of ham with a little of the mustard and then wrap a slice of ham around each piece of leek. Lay them side by side, seam side down, in a shallow ovenproof dish.

Preheat the oven to 375F, gas mark 5. Put the milk, butter, flour and mustard into a non stick pan and bring to the boil. Whisking, simmer for two minutes. Off the heat stir in 3 ozs of cheese, cayenne and seasoning. Pour this mixture over the leeks, sprinkle with the remaining cheese and bake for fifteen minutes until golden brown.

Pet shop burglary

In the early hours of Tuesday morning, 14th March, thieves broke into "Village Pet Supplies" and stole a quantity of fishing rods, reels, leather collars and leads. As this was the day before the start of the fishing season, the shop was fully stocked.

The break in was reported at 3.05am, and the police were alerted. Shop owner Kim Capstick, praised the speed and efficiency of the police response, "they were brilliant" and both she and the police would like to know if anyone saw anything suspicious that night.

J. McManus M.B.S.

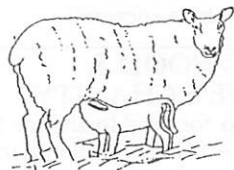
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FARMING DIARY

By Our Farming Correspondent

This month most farmers will be busy with lambing. It has been difficult getting the young lambs out into the fields because the weather hasn't improved, and it is vitally important that in the first few days and weeks of their lives lambs get regular food and warmth. We



need less rain and snow so that we can get on with the work that needs doing in the Spring, and every week we keep hoping it will

'fair up'. Farmers have a reputation for always moaning about the weather, but when most of your working day is spent outdoors the weather really matters!

Bentham Show Needs You!

In March, the Agricultural Society held a successful coffee morning, which I would like to thank the people of Bentham for supporting so generously. I have been honoured by being asked to be the president of their show this year, and would ask you all for your continuing support for this year's Agricultural Show. It is a pity when local village activities die out, whether it is because people prefer to stay in and watch TV, or because they travel further in their leisure time, or just because times are changing. Once events like the Show are let go, then they are very hard to get going again. I want the Bentham Show to continue as an important part of life in our market town. It used to be almost entirely an animal show, but although now it is more commercial, the local school children and teachers also make a wonderful contribution and this year we have also arranged for Bay Radio to come. As I see it, the Show is becoming more of an event for the town and less for just the farmers of the district. So your help and support are important if we are to keep the Show going. If you would like to help organise the Show, or have any ideas you would like us to consider, then please

contact the Show Secretary, Val Lawson on 61606.

And just to prove that this year the farmers did have something to moan about, here are some interesting Bentham rainfall statistics.

February Rainfall

After the extremes of January, the total rainfall for February was 156mm (6.2 inches). This was two and a half times the February average of 67.9mm (2.7 inches).

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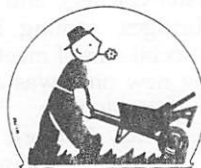


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Bentham Footpath Group

By Maureen Ellis

Winter is a good time to see distant hills clearly defined when snow outlines the tops, and nearer views are unobscured by summer foliage. The Bentham Footpath Group has been as active as ever, and some of the best winter walking days occur in the midst of the most discouraging weather. Len Moody reported that on the 23rd February a walk in the area of Hunts Gill and Lower Hindburn was lead and planned by Celia Mothersole and Nigel Wild. The walk was especially meaningful after the Ewecross Historic Society talk on coal mining in the Lune and Wenning valleys. Relics of "bell" pits were seen; early cowslips were in flower in a sheltered spot near Mill Houses and intense white masses of snowdrops were prolific especially in front of Alcock's farm. The delightful chance of a plump white rumped roe deer passing exactly at the time the origins of the Hindburn and Roeburn were being discussed, tied the walk into quite ancient history.

On 26th February, another clear day, Joyce and Tom Connolly had planned a new route of 5 miles which went from Kirkby Lonsdale south west by way of Wood End and a lane to Sellet Mill and Sellet Hall. Hostice Lane gave access to Whittington where the churchyard was rich with croci. Then an unusual double squeeze stile led to a path across the park and into Burrow Mill Lane and then to the banks of the Lune. The final two miles were upstream along the river bank, appreciating the afternoon sun on the pastures, the newly born lambs, the rippling rapidly flowing river, the congregations of wild fowl, especially the oyster catchers, and the three shapely Lune bridges, coming into view one by one. The social aim of meeting old friends and making new ones was also being realised in a comfortable way. The route couldn't have been easy to work out as it is on two sheets of the OS Pathfinder Maps (628 & 637).

As Len Moody says, how many local residents could follow with comfort and confidence, the route walked over the Clapham/Austwick Fells on 4th March. Gerald Ames unerringly lead over the familiar landscape of Clapham, Clapdale, Trow Gill, Thieves Moss, Beggar's Stile, past the ancient settlements, Crummack Head,Brow, Nappa Scars, Thwaite Lane and back to Clapham, which had been transformed overnight by a snowfall.

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POST OFFICE NEWS

By Alison Wilken, Sub Postmistress

Future of the Post Office nationally

There is still no firm news on this long running saga. The Parliamentary Select Committee on Trade and Industry has published recommendations which if adopted by the government, would give the Post Office the commercial freedom it needs to prosper, whilst retaining it in public ownership and safeguarding standards of service. Their main proposal is to convert the Post Office into a limited company wholly owned by the government, freeing the organisation from treasury financial restrictions. The government has yet to respond although the Post Office has welcomed the proposals. Once again pressure from individuals and community groups may be required to persuade the government to adopt the most sensible course of action. So it's over to you!

Automation of benefit payments at P.O. Counters

The go ahead has been given to a joint Benefits Agency/Post Office Counters project to install electronic terminals in all 20,000 post offices. Over a three year period commencing in 1996, the benefit order book and green girocheque method of paying pension and allowances, will be phased out. Customers will receive a benefit payment card which will enable them to receive their benefits via the post office terminals. This system will be more secure, more efficient and more convenient for customers. The investment involved will help to retain the present network of post offices, particularly in rural areas. More information will be provided as it becomes available.

Easter arrangements 1995

P.O.Counters - Counters will be closed on Good Friday (14th April) and Easter Monday (17th April) but will be open as normal on Easter Saturday, (15th April). Pensions and allowances due on Mon April 17th will be payable from Monday 10th April.

Postal arrangements

There will be a delivery and "Saturday style" collection on Good Friday. On Easter Monday there will be no delivery but a "Sunday style" collection. Easter Saturday delivery and collection arrangements will be as normal but there will be no collections on Easter Sunday.

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NEW COLLEGE TO PROVIDE TRAINING IN INGLETON

By J. Perry

From September, vocational training at Ingleborough Community Centre, Ingleton will be provided by Lancaster & Morecambe College.

A 3 year contract has been agreed between the centre's Management Committee and the college for all vocational training and education and this will come into effect in September 1995

In order to ensure that the college offers what the local community wants, Lancaster & Morecambe College is currently undertaking a market research exercise in the area. Questionnaires are being distributed in the Ingleton and Bentham catchment area and anyone returning a completed questionnaire will be able to take part in a free prize draw for a 5 day coach holiday in Scotland, courtesy of Silver Fern Coach Tours.

Lancaster & Morecambe College currently provide computer training in Bentham and Hawes and these courses will not be affected by the Ingleton contract.

College Marketing Manager John Perry says "We were delighted when we were invited to tender for the training contract as we have been seeking ways to increase our services to the Ingleton and Bentham areas. With the results of our survey to guide us, we will be able to put together an exciting and useful package of vocational training

for the community. The response to our Bentham and Hawes computer courses has been tremendous and we will continue these. From September, we are also putting on a free daily bus from Settle to take students to our main site in Lancaster. We are investing heavily in the Ingleton and Bentham areas because we recognise that we are geographically the nearest college and that these communities have training needs which it is our duty to meet".

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Netball - By Ingrid Ellershaw

The season is starting and anyone interested in playing should come along to High Bentham Sports Club on Tuesday 11th April at 6.30pm, when practices start. It is a great way of keeping fit, and good fun.

The Craven Netball League which we play in, is organising a fun tournament at Aireville School, Skipton, on 30th April, from 10.00am - 2.00pm. If you are interested, please contact me on 015242-62345. We have great fun, as well as playing to win.

Springfield Bowling Club

By Richard Butterfield

At the AGM held in February, Doug Garlick retired as president, and both he and his wife retired from the committee after many years of service to the club. A small gift was presented to them by the new captain, Mrs H Lister. Officers for 1995 are: President: Mrs J Cardus, Chairman: Mr R Butterfield, Secretary: Miss Mary Johnson and Treasurer: J Greenwood. The green will be open from mid-April (weather permitting) and membership is £10, although visitors can play for £1 a day. Matches will be played against Hornby, Burton, Ingleton, Austwick, Slaidburn, Kirkby Lonsdale, Gargrave, Sedbergh and Waddington.

Winners of cups in 1994 were: 2 ladies' cups: Mrs D Rose and men's cups: T Metcalfe and M Taylor.

Junior Golf

By Derek Hodgkinson

The new season starts on April 1st and the junior section is becoming much more competitive. Gary Louth is in the under 14 Regional final in the Sunday Express Championship - the final is in Spain! Good luck, Gary, on April 13th at Chorley. This season we have a junior team in the South Cumbria League, and we have six junior girls who are rapidly improving. Junior competitions at the club will be starting soon. Contact for juniors is Derek Hodgkinson, 61883.



Craven Wanderers Football

Under 16's - by Brian Mottram

Three home games this month resulted in 3 wins, 20 goals scored and 5 against. Barton Rovers were beaten 8-0 with Matthew Wildman netting 5 times. The game against Morecambe Youth Athletic was more closely fought, but thanks to a David Knapp hat trick, the Wanderers won 4-3. David and Matthew maintained their high scoring form with a hat trick each against Ridge Youth, the result was an 8-1 win.

Under 14's by Nicky Langdale

Since the last report we have played three games. The first was a comfortable win, 3-1, over Ridge. Then we had a third round cup tie with Morecambe Youth. On a windswept Morecambe pitch we absorbed a lot of pressure, before losing 3-1. In the return leg we conceded an own goal, but battled back to lead 2-1. Needing another goal to go into extra time, we missed countless opportunities, and so missed out on the semi finals, losing 4-3 on aggregate.

Under 12's by Daniel Ellershaw

In a hard fought match against Morecambe Youth we won 3-2 and then against Ridge Rovers, in the cup, we got through to the semi finals winning by 6-0. We then beat Warton Warriors by 7-0 at home.



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ALL OUR OWN WORK

By Marilyn Paterson

Bentham Methodist Church recently held a successful Young People's Weekend. The weeks of planning really paid off as the event was very well supported, and was full of fun and excitement. There were drama, music, writing and art workshops for the 7-10 year olds, and the prayers written were so inspirational that the Reverend Nick Paterson wondered whether he might become redundant! A Gospel Rock Concert for older youth was very popular as was an evening Youth Rally led by a "home grown team" of Young Adults. This ended with the Nun's Chorus, which had to be seen to be believed. The weekend set us buzzing, and the exciting thing is that we did not depend on others to lead it for us. It was accomplished by the gifts and talents in our own church, of which there are many more waiting to be tapped and used. It really was a time of great joy and blessing.

YOUTH CLUB REPORT

By Pauline Hill

Designs for the anti-graffiti mural are now in full swing. Anyone with any dregs of emulsion paint they no longer need can off load it onto us! We can collect it, just call on 61800. Colours don't matter.

We also held a very sticky pancake night; a case of too many cooks! Maybe the Boppers Chinese evening will taste better.

Yet to come is our fashion evening of 100% recycled outfits, egg throwing competition with Settle Youth Club, and a mystery trip. Fridays 7.00 to 9.30 pm is a must for those wanting to join in the Banner making sessions. On Wednesday 5th April our first drama workshop starts, from 6.00-7.00pm. It is for 11 years old and over.

The recent installation of a pay-phone is proving very popular, with some conversations being accidentally recorded on the answer machine.

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