

BENTHAM NEWS

WHAT PRICE PLANNING?

In early 1997 the results of a housing survey, carried out by the Trust, on behalf of the Town Council, indicated that there was no shortage of housing in Bentham. Since this survey was asked for by the Council, it is reasonable to assume that the findings would have been available for the District Council, and would have been noted by the Planning Department.

Since then, houses have been built in the Wenning Avenue area, at Tweed Street; 11 houses are being built on Low Bentham Road, 55 are to be built at Butts Lane, and planning permission has been granted for a further 10 dwellings at Jackson's Yard. During the same time there has been little or no commercial building or increase in employment opportunities in Bentham.

Serious questions arise from this upsurge of property development. If there is an average of three persons per household, then the increase in population in Bentham due to the extra housing, will be in the region of 10%. But who benefits from this? Well, obviously the property developers, motivated by profit, irrespective of the effect on the community and environment, and local traders should also gain.

What about the services? Can the

the surgery cope with the increase in demands for its services, and what about dental care? Where are the adults, who come to live in these new developments, going to work?

Is the Planning Department at C.D.C. working closely with the Economic Development Department, arranging for investment and more jobs in Bentham? Is it heck! Is it planning and making decisions in the best interests of Bentham? A more prudent planning authority might take into consideration the needs of the town rather than appear to bow to the wishes of the profiteering property developers.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS TO BE REDUCED?

We understand that the Library Service at County Hall, Northallerton, is looking at the number of hours that libraries open in North Yorkshire. We hope that the relevant authorities will remember that in small isolated rural communities, like Bentham, the library is a much appreciated asset and is very important to many people.

When one considers the growing population, as indicated in the article on this page about housing, then it would seem that there will be a growing demand for the library.

It is understood also, that a computer with internet access is to be installed in Bentham library in the autumn and this will be of benefit to many, particularly our younger people, who may then make more use of the library on a wider scale. This is to be commended.

We would urge, as a matter of priority, that those at Northallerton, who make the decisions, should consult with the people of Bentham, and find out what we want.



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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

High Bentham

By Doreen Park

Area leader, Mrs. Singleton, joined visitors from Tatham Fells and Slaiddburn W.I.s at their July meeting of High Bentham W.I. when Cordon Bleu cook, Mrs. Pat Heywood, gave a demonstration and talk on "what do you do with that?", in a most amusing way. We learned how to treat passion fruit, mangoes, aubergines, and many other exotic fruits. In less than an hour Mrs. Heywood created dishes to tempt any palate. These were later raffled. She was thanked by Mrs. D. Park.

The President congratulated all who entered the County Show, with a special mention of Mrs. M. Hayton, on being awarded a cup, certificate of merit and a rosette, with her flower arrangements. Supper was served by the committee and the competition for an old cookery book was won by Mrs. Y. Allen. The evening was closed with thanks from Slaiddburn and Tatham Fells.

MILLENNIUM DIRECTORY

There is still time to let us know if you want a display entry in the souvenir directory, to be published in December. Don't confuse this Bentham News publication with others which are being sold! Call 61030 or 62492 to discuss your requirements please.

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Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

Mrs. Paula Usher, from Lowgill, was the guest speaker at the June meeting. Using Mary Kay cosmetics she showed the president, Mrs. Christine Jennings, how to apply make-up. While she was doing this she gave a brief history of the American company, stressed the importance of complementary colours to one's clothing, and offered beauty tips.

The competition winners for a "beauty tip" were Mrs. Marjorie Dodgson, Mrs. Sylvia Brennand and Mrs. Betty Dodgson.

Three members joined up with other W.I. groups in the area for an afternoon wander in the beautiful unspoilt meadows around Arkengarthdale in Swaledale.

The next meeting will be on the 16th September when Mrs. W. Stockdale will be talking about the Lancaster canal.

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TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

There was a good attendance at the July meeting with only Cllrs. Jackson and Stannard absent.

Police Matters

P.C. Kay spoke about the ram raid at the H.S.B.C. Bank the previous weekend and said that some information had been volunteered. An appeal would be launched in the local press. He raised the question of video surveillance and the recognition that rural locations such as ours are a 'soft touch' for the criminal fraternity. Two new P.C.'s had been recruited; P.C. Andy McLurgh who would take a particular interest in Burton, Westhouse and Thornton and P.C. Adrian Hayes, with responsibility for Low Bentham.

Highways and Byways

Several Cllrs. were concerned about potholes in the roads and the condition of the pavement opposite the Moon's Acre development. Williams Holding Company confirmed that they own the lower part of Gas House Lane, down from the Red House. It was resolved to drop any further investigation into the possibility of lighting the lane.

The July Area Forum

This had been well attended by our Cllrs. who stressed the value of these meetings which present an opportunity for everyone,

including the public, to air their views and bring local matters to the attention of the District Council. The future of these meetings is in jeopardy and the Council asked the public to write requesting support.

Chain Mail

A letter came from Craven District Council seeking a consensus to pass on the chain of office of the chairman of the now defunct Settle Rural District Council to Settle Town Council. This request was firmly rejected. Many felt that Settle should have had the same initiative as Bentham by designing its own Mayoral chain!

Noisy Nights

Complaints have been made to some Cllrs. about noise, dust and fumes from motor bikes at the late night auction. P.C. Kay said that as this occurred on private property it was the responsibility of the Auction Mart.

Wheelie Bins

Wheelie bins are a bit of a worry for some elderly residents and those who have no obvious method of leaving them out in a convenient place for the bin men. One member of the public said bins had been delivered to a designated black bag area whilst others claimed they had not received the introductory literature.

The Loos

Minor vandalism has already been inflicted on the new loos. Cllrs. felt a lot of this could be avoided if the District Council paid for them to be locked at night. They were also concerned about the cleaning, and the angle of the path which, they felt, was difficult for the disabled and elderly. They resolved to see if they could employ a local person to lock them at night. (It is amazing that an authority will spend tens of thousands of pounds on this amenity and then ignore basic security!)

Congratulations were offered to David Wright and Tim Pilkington for their recent sporting achievements.

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THE PINAFORE PIRATES

By Lin Barrington

On Friday 16 July, the Junior class of Low Bentham Primary School performed 'The Pinafore Pirates' for their families and friends. The lead parts in the production were taken by our year 5 pupils, who are leaving us this term to start school in Ingleton in September. The year 3 and 4 pupils took the supporting parts. The play is set on the island of Paragonia where the Islanders are awaiting with dread the landing of a Pirate ship captained by the fearsome Pirate Queen and her band of Female Pirates. There is not enough room to describe the plot in detail here, but suffice it to say that fairies, policemen, a princess, young lovers (aah!) and various important personages as well as a sorcerer play their parts.

I can honestly say that the audience was treated to a very enjoyable evening of entertainment. The script was quite difficult (the play is usually performed by secondary schools) and there were quite a few tongue twisters to be negotiated. All the parents of the juniors will know how hard they worked to learn their parts, and the effort really paid off. The children were obviously enjoying themselves, and their enthusiasm rubbed off on the audience, even the young ones who had come to see the show were enthralled for two whole hours!

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MEMORIES OF BENTHAM IN THE 1930s...continued

By Bateman Marshall

Continuing with further memories of the area round Ash Bank Villas...

* Opposite *Ash Bank Villas* (the old power station) was a small paddock with a hard ash road running through the centre to the railway level crossing. This was the only access road to Bentham Sewage works. Over half the area was fenced off and was used by Stephen Newhouse for his poultry and pigeons, and another small area was used by Jack Leak for his pigeons. There was also an area which was almost level, and measured about four yards wide and a hundred yards long, and this was used in the past for rope making. The whole area was always known as the *Twine Walks*.

* Further down the Main Street was a dilapidated house with a sign over the door saying *Open House*. This was where Larry Jackes lived amongst all his junk.

* Next door again was *Parkinsons Farm*, which was tenanted by my father from the Sedgwick Estate and was occupied by Alan Stuart and his family. In the 1930s this was a very active farm, and we ran it as a farm until 1970 when Charles Atkinson bought it and did such a marvellous job transforming the buildings and croft into the garden we all know today.

* Across the road lived Nanny Jones. She had a fruit and vegetable business and would set out her goods on the pavement

outside her house. She emigrated to Vancouver in the 1930s, a big move in those days.

* After she left came Dick Kellet. He was a nurseryman and I never ceased to wonder how such dilapidated greenhouses could produce such excellent tomatoes and cucumbers.

* Then there was *Jackson's Shop* on the site now occupied by Langdale's accountants. This was a mecca for all little boys as here they could buy ten aniseed balls for one old penny (1D). I think they had more lines than the Spar. They also made delicious ice cream but this was only possible after they had sent to Lancaster for the ice. Jim Jackson was also secretary and treasurer of the *Bentham Gas Company*.

* *Goodenber Road* was known as *New Street* in the 1930s. My father, who was born in 1892, said he could remember a house being pulled down to make room for the new road, and this was verified a few weeks ago in the Craven Herald's column looking back a hundred years.

* What is now the *Chinese Takeaway* used to be *C M Slinger and Sons*, a substantial building firm in those days. The main project at that time was moving *Claughton Manor*, stone by stone, from against the road in Claughton up onto the skyline, where it stands today. (It is at present owned, but not occupied, by Owen Oyston!).

* What is now the *Spar Supermarket* used to be *Hemmings Garage* complete with petrol pumps. Tommy Mallinson's was alongside

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CHURCHES PAGE

High Bentham Methodist Church

All of us go through difficult times in our lives, some of us more than others. I hope that this poem will be helpful to someone who is going through such a time.

Foot Prints

One night a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand; one belonging to him and the other to the Lord.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints in the sand. He noticed that many times along the path of his life there was only one set of footprints. He also noticed that this happened at the very lowest and saddest times in his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord about it. "Lord you said that once I decided to follow you, you'd walk with me all the way. But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life, there is only one set of footprints. I can't understand why when I need you most you would leave me".

The Lord replied "My son, my precious child, I love you and I would not leave you. During your times of trial and suffering, when you saw only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you"



St. Margaret's Church

Earlier this year St. Margaret's held a "Pass-it-on" Campaign. The object was to invite all our church members to think afresh about their Christian commitment; and to put before them the various ways in which they could serve their church. We began with a supper held in the Methodist schoolroom, thanks to the kind hospitality of our friends there. Each person then read at home, papers in a folder about the campaign, indicated their response, and passed the folder on to the next on the list. The outcome has been very encouraging, and we are pleased to have a much wider range of people for the various tasks around the church and parish, and a significant improvement in our financial situation. We were helped in our planning by David Thornton, of Bradford, who brought diocesan expertise to assist us.

St. John the Baptist

It has been a busy time for St. John's. Last month we celebrated our Patronal Festival with a service of baptism and Junior Church prize giving, followed by a Jacob's Join and a treasure hunt. This was an enjoyable event, despite wet weather. Now we look forward to welcoming you at the Church hospitality tent at the Bentham Show - free refreshments and a chance to rest your legs - do come.

Preparations are well in hand for our festival "God in the Workplace", St. John's contribution to the Millennium celebrations.

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RECIPES

By Doreen Park

It is nearly Benthams Show time again so come on ladies, have a go! Or what about you men?



Tea Loaf (suitable for buttering)

Overnight soak 1 lb mixed dried fruit (raisins, sultanas, cherries and currants) in one breakfast cup of clear strong tea, with one breakfast cup of soft brown sugar added. Next morning add 2 breakfast cups of self raising flour and 1 well beaten egg. Mix well and put into a greased 2lb loaf tin. Bake for 2 hours on the middle shelf of oven at 300F, gasmark 2. Leave till next day before cutting. Slice thinly and butter.

Lemon Cheese

- 4 ozs butter or margarine
- 2 eggs & 1 yolk
- 8 ozs sugar
- 2 lemons

Using a double pan or large basin over slightly boiling water, melt the butter or margarine, add the sugar, rind and juice of lemons. Cook until sugar is dissolved. Pour very slowly over well blended eggs. Return to pan or basin and cook until thick. Keep stirring and do not let it boil or it will curdle. Sieve to remove the rind and then pot.

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June Weather

Rainfall figures from Mrs. M. Foster, other data from D. & J.S. Johnson.



The Whitsuntide holidays at the beginning of the month saw a lot of cool, cloudy weather with a low temperature at night of 5.3 degrees. Thankfully no frost this year.

Since then it has been changeable with some poor days with a lot of rain and some spells of better, sunnier periods. Although the longest day was on 21st June it was also quite cold with a westerly or even north westerly airstream.

The rainfall was higher than the average for June at 118.5mm (4.6") the mean being only 63.0mm (2.5").

However last June was miserable with very little sun and this June is certainly an improvement.

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Police File

By PC Danny Kay

The unsuccessful attempt to steal the cashpoint machine from the HSBC bank in July is yet another example of how vulnerable we can be in rural areas when it comes to crime. More than ever we are looked on as "soft targets" by criminals who are forced out of the urban areas by such things as Closed Circuit television systems and private security patrols.

Public funding for a CCTV system in Bentham is never going to be on the cards but the feasibility of a privately funded system should not be overlooked. Bentham people and businesses have taken the lead in many areas before, so why not add crime prevention to the list?

WHO'S WHO

As promised last month a run down on the staff based at Ingleton Police Station :-
Sergeant Cris Pappin - the Local Area Police commander.

The following 3 Police Constables have responsibility for Bentham :-

PC Angela Moorhouse

PC Danny Kay

PC Adrian Hayes (specifically responsible for Low Bentham)

Ingleton village is looked after by :-

PC Dave Ferguson

PC Harry Carpenter

Austwick, Clapham and the surrounding communities are looked after by :-

PC Lawrence Martin

Horton-in Ribblesdale is the domain of :-

PC Graham Wilson

And last but not least Burton in Lonsdale, Thornton, and Westhouse come under the care of :-

PC Andy McLurgh

As we all work to a shift pattern we are not available every day of the week and you will find that on occasions incidents in Bentham will be dealt with by officers who have responsibilities elsewhere.

If your call to us is not urgent and you wish to speak to a particular officer then we will do our best to make a suitable appointment.

Officers responsible for Bentham will do their best to attend all Town Council meetings and will provide a regular feedback to the community in respect of crime statistics and our stated performance indicators.

CRIME PREVENTION SURVEYS

I mentioned in a recent article that we can arrange for a professional crime prevention survey to be carried out on your home or business. The response to this has been promising and I am taking the opportunity to re-advertise the service, which is free and can be of benefit to everyone.

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BENTHAM OPEN GARDENS SUCCESS

By Sue Adams

The weather at the beginning of July was very kind to us and apart from a shaky start on Saturday morning, and a heavy shower on Sunday lunchtime, we were blessed with two very pleasant afternoons, both with the sun and the company.

We had visitors from many places, Holland, Switzerland, Bolton, Sunderland, and Chester, to name but a few. Many local people also turned out and we say a very big thank you to all who visited the gardens, and an even bigger thank you goes to those individuals in the community who opened their gardens for us again, as well as those who opened up for the first time. Everyone agreed that they had had an enjoyable time.

The total amount raised this year was £1340. This will be shared between the NSPCC and Christian Aid. Thank you once more, it was a really worth while event.

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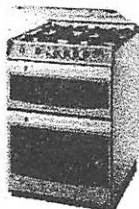


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Low Bentham Horticultural Show Saturday 28th August

The Annual Show will be held at the Victoria Institute and the public will be able to view the exhibits between 2 and 4.30 pm.

Closing Dates for entries is 12 noon on Thursday 26th August. Schedules are available and can be returned to the Secretary, Mrs. Judith Johnson, Holly Gill (61905) or Low Bentham Post Office.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN AUGUST

Mon 2nd Town Council meeting in the Town Hall at 7.30pm.

Tue 3rd Looking Well, W.I.S.H. Womens support group, 2.00-3.00pm, and every Tuesday.

Bentham Cycling Group ride, meet at Victoria Institute 6.45pm. Leader Les Harpur 62930.

Wed 4th Citizens Advice Bureau at the Health Centre, 1.30 - 3.15pm.

Fri 6th Looking Well, Black Library fantasy wargaming club, over 11's, 6.00 - 9.00pm, and every Friday.

Age Concern, 10.00am, Town Hall, video of Mrs. R. Smith M.B.E. Investure at Buckingham Palace.

Sat 7th Bentham & District Pet Rescue coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am. 

Ewecross Historical Society afternoon event, Town Hall.

Sun 8th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Langcliffe/Stainforth circular, 5 miles, leader D. Stubbs 61430. Please meet at Lairgill at 11.00am.

Blood Donors, at the Town Hall, all day.

Tue 10th High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.

Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm

Wed 11th Alzheimer's Disease Support Group open meeting at the Looking Well, 7.30-9.30pm.

Bentham Cycling Group ride, meet at Victoria Institute 6.45pm, leader Peter Edge 21626.

Thu 12th Rain Forest Rumpus in the library, 10.30 - 11.30am. See page 20.

Fri 13th Age Concern, talk on the work of the Samaritans, by "Ben", at the Town Hall, 10.00am.

Sat 14th Arthritis & Rheumatism Council coffee morning, 10.00am - 12.00noon at the Town Hall. 

Sun 15th Copy deadline for September Bentham News.

Low Bentham Methodist Chapel, 7.30pm. Visit of Gayle Choir.

Tue 17th Hornby & District Sheepdog & Sheepshow Society, Sheepdog Trials & Sheepshow, at Proctor's Farm, Wray, sheepdog trials commencing at 8.00am, sheepshow commencing at 12.00noon. Proceeds for St. John's Hospice, Lancaster.

Wed 18th Bentham & District Pet Rescue coffee morning at Three Horses Inn, Ingleton, 10.30am - 12.00noon. 

Citizens Advice Bureau at the Health Centre, 1.30 - 3.15pm.

Thu 19th Bentham Footpath Group walk, South West circular, via Kirkbeck and Ashleys, 5 miles, leader C. Crellin 61881. Please meet at Low Bentham car park 6.00pm.

Listing for Local Events

Day.....Date.....
Event.....
Venue.....
Contact.....
Tel.....

Please complete and return to Bill Kennedy, 1 Lakeber Avenue, or to Bentham Sportswear, Station Rd, by 15th.

Thu 19th Bentham Cycling Group ride, meet at 6.45pm at Victoria Institute. Leader Rachel Murton, 21763.

Fri 20th Waste paper collection at the Legion Hut, 8.30 - 11.30am. Proceeds to NSPCC.

Age Concern, at the Town Hall, 10.00am, Ideal Home roadshow.

Sat 21st St. Boniface's Church coffee morning, 10.00am - 12.00noon at the Town Hall. 

Sun 22nd Bentham Footpath Group walk, Giggleswick Scar/Catterick Force, 8 miles, leader G. Amos 51621. Please meet at Lairgill/Buckhaw Brow 1.15/1.30pm.

Tue 24th Bentham Cycling Group ride, meet at 6.45 at the Victoria Institute, leader Kathy Cartledge 61567.

High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.

Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

Hornby & District Sheepdog & Sheepshow Society coffee morning in aid of St. John's Hospice, Lancaster, at the home of Mr. & Mrs. A. Wright, Stauvin Farm, Roeburndale East, 9.30am - 12.00noon. Admission 60p, children 30p. Everyone welcome. 

Thu 26th Closing date, 12.00noon, for entries for the Low Bentham Horticultural Show on 28th. Entries to Mrs. J. Johnson, Holly Gill, Low Bentham, 61905, or to the Low Bentham Post Office.

Unplugged" at Horse & Farrier, 8.30pm. See page 19.

Fri 27th Age Concern, 10.00am at the Town Hall. Comical poetry in dialect. A special welcome to over 60's.

Fri 27th Bentham News published.

Sat 28th Settle Blind Association coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am - 12.00noon. 

Low Bentham Horticultural Society Show at the Victoria Institute, 2.00pm.

Tue 31st Wenning Badminton Club, first club night 7.30pm at the Town Hall. Enjoy badminton on a social or competitive basis, for 9's to 90's.

Local Events in early September

Wed 1st Citizens Advice Bureau at the Health Centre, 1.30 - 3.15pm.

Sat 4th Multiple Schlerosis Society coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am - 12.00noon. 

Sun 5th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Settle circular, 8 miles, leader P. Knight 42164. Please meet at Lairgill/Settle car park 9.30am/10.00am.

Mon 6th Town Council meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Tue 7th High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.

Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.

Wed 8th Age Concern at the Town Hall, 10.00am. "Tunstall - People and Parish" by Sarah Mason.

Thu 9th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Skew Bridge/Hardacre circular, 4-5 miles, leader D. Fisher 61449. Please meet at Lairgill/Clapham Station 1.15pm/1.30 pm.

Sat 11th Churches Together Millennium coffee morning in the Lower Town Hall and Ballroom, at 10.00am. Everyone welcome. 

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Memories of Bentham

(Continued from page 5)

and was later incorporated into the garage when it was extended.

* The butcher shop now owned by **Ronnie Fleming** used to be **Dick Kidd's butcher shop**. His slaughter house was part of **Parkinson's Farm** house. The entrance was down the narrow passage behind **Bill Park's** house. Many's the sheep or heifer I have driven round there. Dick used to carry the sides of beef back to the shop on his shoulder.

* Behind **Dick Kidd's** and **Hemming's** Garage was **Marsden's Pond**. Most winters we managed to skate on this for a week or two. We used to skate on the pond before the **River Wenning** froze sufficiently, as it did every third year or so, for us to skate there. We never thought about the danger. Occasionally someone would fall in, but they just went home wet.

(Author's note: As I move away from the immediate area of Bentham where I have lived all my life, my memories may not be as detailed. I would welcome any memories that others might have, especially of the Council School and the Methodist and Catholic churches.)

ABBNEYFIELD HOUSE

Many thanks to everyone who helped and supported the recent Abbeyfield coffee morning, especially to the traders for the raffle prizes. £57 was raised for the funds.

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Dear Bentham News,

With houses being built down Low Bentham Road, 55 planned for Butts Lane, and now more in Jackson's Yard, it begs the question, "Where are all the buyers coming from

and where will they find work?" It is the building in Jackson's Yard that disappoints one. Some two years ago I wrote to the Town Council suggesting that it would make a great little square with raised gardens, hanging baskets and seats, a place for people to meet.

All over the country lottery money is being used for projects like this. Now the chance has gone forever. Ah well, we can always put some more yellow lines down.

The recent County Council elections caused me to reflect what had this area got from 18 years of being in North Yorkshire. Whenever the widening of the road at Lairgill is brought up there is no money. Adopting the road at Wenning Avenue - now serving sixty houses or more, all paying Council Tax - not possible.

Anybody who has not visited Northallerton in the last 20 years would be amazed at the changes. All the amenities that have gone up - no shortage of money there. I wonder what percentage of our Council Tax finds its way back here?

Yours,

Jim Guy.



Dear Bentham News,

The Roof Gardens of Main Street

Recently, looking from "The Cross" towards Lancaster, I saw quite an interesting sight above the fish shop, of at least three young trees; one in the gutter and two in the chimney stack. How nice they looked from the Midland Bank! Over the road to the ladies and men's shop, looking Clapham way, we see above the newsagents such a lovely display in the spouting, and up the roof, of rock garden, plants in flower. One cascades around the spout hopper. I took some photos of these features of Main Street, but really needed a telefoto lens to get a better picture.

Looking around Bentham there are some lovely window box displays of flowers, that beautify the town. I hope more people will consider doing this as it brightens up the town and it is more attractive for visitors, bringing a spirit of joy to the place.

Yours truly, D. Taylor

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Personal Thanks

Eunice Garlick and family - would like to thank relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind and loving support, for their cards and letters of sympathy, during Doug's recent illness and death. Thank you also to Dr Story and the nurses from the Health Centre. Also thank you to Canon Bearpark and Joe for arranging everything so beautifully.

Ian and Pat wish to thank all relations, friends and neighbours for their cards and kind messages of sympathy on the sad loss of their mother, **Winnie Slinger**, and for donations to Bentham Surgery given in her memory. Special thanks to the doctors at Bentham Surgery and the staff at Ingleborough Nursing Home

Thanks

Nick and Anji Henderson. We were so overwhelmed by all the support given to us through our recent family crisis and kindness that we just had to say thank you. Only "thank you" just didn't seem to convey how we feel towards friends who provided support and time, which was given freely and without hesitation, just to be there when we needed them. The kindness shown, with cards and sympathy, the shoulders to cry on, so many little things, too numerous to mention, but so important to help us through this tough time. To all of you who cared enough to care for us, thank you, thank you.



Thanks

Sheila Benn would like to thank all her friends for the cards, flowers and good wishes sent during her recent stay in hospital and when recovering at home. Your kind thoughts and offers of help were much appreciated.

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Wanted to Rent

Do you have a small cottage or a large room to rent to a teacher wanting to live in Bentham from September to December, possibly longer? To discuss possibilities please contact Trevor Blackwell at 38B Ballater Road, London, SW2 5QR (Tel: 0171-326 4150), or leave a message with Jude Pereles on Bentham 61750.

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HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT COMPOST?

A group of us in Bentham (the Local Agenda 21 group) have been getting together to try to set up more recycling ventures in our area. We are going to ask Craven District Council to provide us with a garden shredder so that anyone in Bentham or Burton can have their prunings made into mulch. We would also like to start a community composting scheme, but we need a place to do it. Does anyone have any suggestions?

How's your energy level?

Do you use low energy lightbulbs? How about insulation? We would like to buy lightbulbs and other energy efficient goods in bulk, to save money.

Transports of delight?

Whenever people in Bentham are asked what would improve their lives, top of the list is usually better public transport. The

time is right to set up some sort of community transport scheme, but we can't do it without help.

All the above are concerns of the Local Agenda 21 group for Bentham and Burton in Lonsdale. We need more people to help us make our ideas a reality. If you would like to be involved in any way, get in touch with Lin at the Bentham Trust on 61030, Alison at the Looking Well or Sue Gregory at Burton on 62863.

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Aerobics, Step Body Toning

After an August break, classes will start with a new programme from 1st September.

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Watch this space.

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ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE SOCIETY

By Sue Clements

A big thank you to everybody who contributed to the success of the Alzheimer's Disease Society coffee morning on Saturday 10th July. We raised £150 for the Support Group and hopefully publicised Alzheimer's Disease in general.

Would whoever left a green floral Liberty print shopping bag at the Town Hall after the coffee morning, please contact me, as I have it at the Age Concern office in Settle (01729 823066).

More About the Support Group

Where? - The Looking Well, Bentham.

When? - 2nd Wednesday each month, 7.30-9.00pm.

Why do people come? Not to dwell on their problems, or so it appears. "I've come for a Laugh" - "I've come to escape" - "We've come to see each other" - "I've come for tea and biscuits" - "We meet other people in the same plight as ourselves"

All carers or ex-carers of dementia sufferers are welcome. Ex-carers' experiences can support present carers. Drop in for a chat, tea, biscuits, and a warm fire. There is usually an exhibition upstairs too. If you would like to know more, or need transport or a carer to enable you to attend these meetings, contact me on 01729 823066.

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FOOTPATH MATTERS

By Joyce Connolly and Maureen Ellis



Pat Parrott's walk around Stock's Reservoir involved land only just opened for access. We went to New House, Pants Clough and then crossed the Hodder at Lock Bridge (before starting the walk we had looked at another crossing up the river by stepping stones). We passed Kenibus to join the Bentham to Slaiburn road for a few yards before rejoining the dismantled railway track. Lunch was taken overlooking the reservoir and then we paused at Fisherman's Lodge cafe for a chat and an ice cream. Soon we reached the old shanty town which can still be seen, where workers had dormitories, shops and a hospital with nursing accommodation. While in the vicinity of a wonderful building believed to have been used as a main office during the building of the dam (now being renovated) Pat read a passage on the history of the area giving the statistics that the perimeter of the area is about 7½ miles and the construction took 11 years. Next we admired the dam, a wonderful feat of engineering at that time. On returning to our cars we met Tony Coope, local ornithologist, who watches the many species on the island. We all felt very privileged.

Holding our breath before the change of weather forecast that afternoon, we left Muker thro' a field knee deep in old fashioned flowers; meadow cranesbill and

amethysts gleaming in the sea of yellow buttercups. The drive over from Bentham gave heightened awareness of the passes crossed from the Ribble Valley as far as Newby Head Moss and then at Hawes crossing the infant river Ure over Buttertubs Pass to Swaledale. As we walked, one Yorkshire woman, June Burnett, explained to a Lancashire interloper the mnemonic SURWAC (Swale, Ure, Ribble, Wharf, Aire and Calder) for rivers flowing into the Humber.

David Asquith led us northwards up the spring turf and we took a short diversion to look at Crackpot Hall, a historic ruin in the process of conservation. Further on the remains of the lead mining in this valley were evident, with stone culverts and industrial spoil. Above Kisdon Force limestone cliffs dwarf the ribbon of river at their base but as the path descends, bordered by rock roses, it crosses the Swale and lively waterfalls tumble onto stone pavements. We went through Keld to the sombrely named Corpse Road on our way back to Muker.

LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Alison Jones

We will not be running Mucky Buckets, Chi Qong exercise or relaxation sessions during August. Other sessions continue as usual. The next Cancer Support Group meeting will be on Wednesday 1st September at 2.00pm. All sessions will be back to normal in September. We wish you all happy holidays.



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UNPLUGGED!

By Adrian Leigh

On the last Thursday of each month, we have a musical session at the Horse and Farrier, when we get together to enjoy each others music and occasionally, a bit of a sing-song.

The first two Thursdays have gone down very well, due to the maestro, Dave Mulligan, playing every style known to mankind, yodelling Ritchie from Liverpool and even strumming from Scotland. But I know that there are a lot more musicians in Bentham and surrounding areas, so whatever your expertise or instrument, come down to the Horse and Farrier on the last Thursday of each month and enjoy a good pint too!

HOLE IN THE WALL

By Bill Kennedy

Following the unsuccessful ram raid attempt in June at the Midland Bank in High Bentham, which severely damaged the wall and window, as well as damaging the cash dispenser, customers may be wondering if the facility will be replaced and if so, how long will it take?

The Bentham News understands that the cash machine is to be replaced in the near future, in fact by the time this article is published, the work may have started. This is good news for local people, many of whom have appreciated the convenience of 24 hour availability.

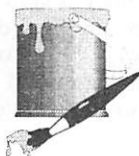
We hope that the Midland Bank will take the opportunity in our September edition, to inform its customers about what has happened and about any changes to the facilities available.



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TODDLERS IN TROUBLE

By Jane Pattinson

Threat of closure faces Low Bentham Pre-School Group unless we can find a Playleader before September.

The group is a Mother and Toddler group and a Playgroup combined. It would be a sad loss to our community if the group was to cease, as it offers a friendly environment for parents to meet and relax and for children to play and develop their social skills. As the children get older they can be left in our care in preparation for nursery or school.

We are looking to employ a qualified Leader (NVQ, NNEB or BTech) to run our sessions which take place on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If you can help us out please contact Jane on 61061 as soon as possible.

LOW BENTHAM STREET MARKET

Monday 30th August

By the Victoria Institute Committee

We are holding this popular event again on August Bank Holiday Monday, and looking forward to having our streets crowded again. If you would like to book a stall the cost is £5 in advance, £8 on the day. Bookings can be made by calling Anne Hodgson on 62994 or Kath Stannard on 61960. All proceeds go to the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham.

BENTHAM

AGRICULTURAL SHOW

4TH SEPTEMBER

A Management Committee meeting was held on June 30th. The Secretary, Mrs Val Lawson, reported that everything was going to plan although this year the show is a little short of sponsorship. The President's Evening was held on Saturday July 3rd at the house of Mr. and Mrs. J. McManus.

By the time you read this article the closing dates for entries will be fast approaching.

Monday 23rd August - Closing Date for entries for Cattle, Sheep, Handicrafts, Photography and Stick Dressing.
Tuesday 31st August - Closing date for Horticulture.

Wednesday 1st Sept. - Closing date for reduced fee horse entries.
Horse & exemption dog show entries taken on the day.

Entries can be left with the Secretary Mrs. Val Lawson (61606) or at the Spar Shop, High Bentham. Look in the local press for further details of attractions and we hope to see you there!!

FUN TIME FOR KIDS AT BENTHAM LIBRARY

By Nita Dewar

Rainforest Rumpus

Thursday 12th August, 10.30-11.30am

The summer children's event in Bentham Library this year will have something for everyone, with a lively mixture of stories, crafts and adventure tales with rainforest expert Dr. Robert Stanton, who has spent many years in Malaysia.

The event is for 5 - 11 year olds and parents are also welcome, so come along and "swing through the trees" in the Library.

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