

BENTHAM NEWS

MILLENNIUM SPIN

There are only two more editions of the Bentham News in this millennium. The end of the century and the millennium are rushing inexorably closer. But what is it all about? What does it mean to you? To me?

Well, I was born before the second world war started and in the millennium year I will qualify for the old age pension! So that may be an important milestone for me. But the deeper, real basis of the millennium, the birthday of a carpenter in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, is of much more fundamental importance, to me.

Since then, as we leap forward through time and history, there have been many wars, many great technological advances, exploration of space by man, and the development of what is called "civilisation". We live in an age which is commonly regarded as the most advanced, most civilised. Yet there are countless instances of man's inhumanity to man. Tens of thousands of ordinary human beings die each year from starvation. Millions live in abject poverty, with little or no hope. Millions more live in lavish affluence with materialism as their god, with little concern for the plight of the less fortunate. Is this civilisation? The brutality of East Timor, the terrorism of N. Ireland, the killing and violence of the Balkans, is this civilisation?

The new millennium gives us all the opportunity to start a new era with hope and the desire to help create a fairer, more just world community. We all have a responsibility and a part to play.

The Bentham News would like to hear what the "Millennium" means to you (in 200 words or less). We will give the writer of the best letter £50 and a further £100 to the charity of his/her choice.

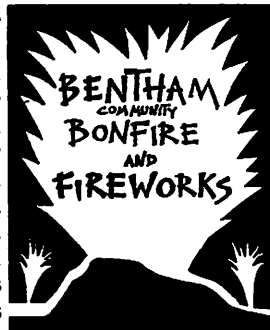
This year's bonfire will be on Saturday 30th October. The evening starts with yet another amazing lantern procession. It will set off at 6.30pm. from Cleveland Square car park as on previous occasions. It will

move down Goodenber Road and up Main Street to the Auction yard. Main Street will be closed to vehicles for approximately 20 minutes. Please come and join in the procession. We want to make it as good as ever and to this end there will be lantern workshops at the Looking Well during October. Drummers are also needed for the street band. You can learn how to do this at drumming workshops also in October. Details of both these workshops are in the Looking Well News on page 25.

The bonfire will be built from Thursday 28th onwards. Garden cuttings, wood etc. is ideal but PLEASE DO NOT DUMP tyres, mattresses, glass or plastic.

There will be a *hog roast* and other stalls in the Auction yard while we are entertained by the fire swingers, the bonfire and of course the wonderful finale of pyrotechnical display by David Clough and his assistants.

Any voluntary group which would like to raise a little money for their funds is welcome to have a stall in the yard during the evening. Please see Pam Woof at Bentham Sports or Alison Clough at the Looking Well to arrange this so that we do not duplicate goods on sale. Enjoy the warmth of the huge bonfire and munch on a succulent hog roast bap at our tenth annual community bonfire. Don't miss out by not coming in! Tickets £2 & £1.



WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

High Bentham

By Doreen Park

Resusc Annie, Jean and Mike Gathergood were the guests and speakers at the September meeting, when we were given an insight into the history and working of the British Red Cross. Mr. Gathergood is an instructor, teaching all the arts of first aid in every situation, and he passed on a great number of hints to members, who were encouraged to put a sling on each other, with some hilarious results. Mr. and Mrs. Gathergood were thanked by Mrs. A. Shallcross.

The president gave congratulations to several members on achievements at Burton-in-Lonsdale show, and to Mr. and Mrs. Shallcross on their golden wedding.

The competition for a first aid kit, for a handbag, was won by Sheila Brown. The next meeting on 7th October will be the Annual General Meeting. On 4th November the guest speaker will be Joan Myers of Craven Police, and the competition is for a gingerbread man.

Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

A surprise window in the weather enabled members from Low Bentham and Clapham W.I.s to appreciate the spectacular scenery

and views when they went for a short circular walk organised by Mr. Bernard Ellershaw. Starting at the Marton Arms, the walkers were capably led by Mrs. Alice Smith and Mrs. Sylvia Brennand. Afterwards they joined other members at Halstead's barn for an excellent supper.

A beautiful hot, clear summer's evening was spent travelling by coach to the Pavillion, Harrogate, when Low Bentham joined members from Austwick, Settle, Hellifield and Skipton Institutes for a most enjoyable event, when the celebrated pianist entertained them for 2¾ hours. The North Yorkshire West Federation had organised this and had been responsible for the delicious three course supper, which was served during the intervals.

At Bentham Show, Mrs. Sylvia Brennand won the Domestic Trophy and Low Bentham won the Dr. E. Dowell Tray for gaining the most points.

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SEPTEMBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

A full complement of Cllrs. with District Cllr. Pilkington and County Cllr. Ireton attending. The meeting opened with an address by Mr. B. Edmondson about the N.Y.C.C. Strategy Review of Contracting Services. I am sure it is fascinating material if you are aware of the implications but our Cllrs. (quite correctly) were far more concerned to press for improved local services, particularly bridge repairs and grass cutting at road junctions.

Police Report

P.C. Hayes gave a brief report showing that the police seemed to be doing a good job at keeping crime rates down. They were meeting targets for speeding and parking tickets. His next project will be to organise a meeting at Low Bentham to try to raise interest in neighbourhood watch schemes.

Highways and Byways

You should soon see a multiplicity of new signs directing visitors to the Loos and Car Park. The District Council is looking at our free car park. An honesty box was mentioned!! It seems the Council is intent on double lining the road between Low Bentham Car Park and the bus stop and possibly the Main Street from Armstrongs to Wrights, the Estate Agents. Nothing has happened about surfacing the Black Bull car park. Reg was asked to contact Thwaites Brewery to establish their attitude.

The Loos

Arrangements have been made for them to be locked at night. They are being cleaned 7 days a week but Mrs Louth has not received the appropriate material or advice to enable her to clean the stainless steel toilets

School Hill

Several applications have been made for grants to improve the site. Craven District

Council has already offered the maximum permissible of £1000 (under the Community Chest Scheme) and Norweb is to use the stone from the old toilet block and the boundary wall to clad the existing substation. They will also roof the building. The Cllrs. stressed the importance of a low profile roof.

C.C.T.V.

This may be on its way. The recent raids on banks and building societies are giving business people cause for concern. The Crime Prevention Officer and the traders have arranged a meeting and Council members were invited.

Wheelie Bins

Cllr. Pilkington explained that apart from the odd breakdown the weekly cycle was being disrupted because of an unusually high level of rubbish in the bins. This forces the vans to make extra journeys to the tip, hence the delay, and the need for extra Saturday work.

Congratulations

County Cllr. Ireton complimented our fire service for their professional approach to their work and stressed the need for more volunteers. This depends on understanding employers who are prepared to release firemen at a moments notice. The Clerk was asked to write to Les Pilling congratulating him on his recent weight lifting success and to Bentham Agricultural Society about this year's wonderful show.

Pardon!

Finally, can I ask the Cllrs. to speak up? Even members of the public with normal hearing experience problems. Also would it be possible to consider summarising the correspondence making the full text available to interested members?

Low Bentham's Turn

The next meeting will take place on 4th October at the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham.

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TRANSPORT TROUBLES?

By Pauline Hill

Lancaster & Skipton Rail User Group has arranged for John Moorhouse from the Rail Users Consultative Committee to speak, and answer questions from the public, at its meeting on Friday 8th October at 7.30pm in the Town Hall. This committee for rail commuters addresses problems with rail travel, so anyone with complaints or ideas for the future should please come along.

A NOVEL IDEA

By Pauline Hill

If you like reading and sharing your favourite books with others - we'd like to hear from you! We are hoping to set up an informal Readers' Group at the library this autumn, and will be holding a meeting to discuss this on Tuesday 19th October at 7.30pm in the library. Please join us or phone Nita Dewar on 01756 799997.



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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

by Councillor John Pilkington

Refuse Collection

For the last few weeks an extra collection, on a Saturday morning, has been needed to remove refuse from Benthams. The vehicle used is the largest of the vehicles operated by Craven DC and has been almost full every week since the rounds were re-organised some time ago. There is usually a slight increase in refuse during the summer due to tourism and garden rubbish. Some householders are using the new wheelie bins to get rid of accumulated rubbish and this extra 5% has led to the Saturday collection.

This of course means an extra cost not only for the collection but also for the disposal at Skibeden just outside Skipton as there is a Landfill Tax levied on each ton of refuse emptied into the tip.

Many people are already making use of the recycling bins in the car parks at Grasmere Close and Low Benthams. However, if greater use was made of these recycling bins and the monthly NSPCC waste paper collection outside the Legion Hut there may be no need for the Saturday collection. This would save money and have environmental benefits.

New Senior Management Structure

Earlier this year the Chief Executive and the Director of Corporate Resources both left to

take up appointments with other Authorities. This is an opportunity for a review of the whole Senior Management Structure to make sure that the Council is operating as effectively as possible. Because of recent legislation the way in which the Council operates may need to be changed and in the next few months several options will be considered. These will include the possibility of an elected Mayor for the District and the setting up of a 'Cabinet' which would make all the strategic decisions. The legislation calls for full public consultation but at the moment it is not clear how this is going to be done. Watch this space!

Recent Planning Applications

Application Number	Applicant's Name
5.08.536.F	Mr & Mrs J Carr, Blossom Barn, Low Bottom, Low Benthams.
5.08.597.B	Mr T Newhouse New Butts Farm, High Benthams
5.08.640	Mrs M I Carr Adjacent to Lowther Hill Farm, High Benthams

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RECIPES

By Doreen Park

Last month I received a phone call from a Bentham house-husband, who wanted to make a liver hotpot. Later he told me it had not quite worked out and asked me to include the recipe in the Bentham News, so here goes!



Liver and Bacon Hotpot

- 1 lb liver (I prefer pig but lamb or ox is just as good).
- seasoned flour
- 4 rashers streaky bacon
- 1 large onion
- 2 lbs potatoes

Cut the liver into thin strips about 2" long and dust lightly with flour seasoned with salt and pepper. Cut the bacon into strips, slice the onion thinly and fry the liver, bacon and onion slowly in very little fat for 5 minutes. Gradually add ½ pint of water and bring to the boil, stirring well. You may need a little extra flour to thicken this gravy. Put in an ovenproof dish and cover with thinly sliced potatoes, well seasoned with salt and pepper. Dot with a little dripping or bacon fat and bake at 350F/180 C/Gasmark 4 for 1½ hours.

Whilst that is in the oven, make this cake (described in the next column) for the next day.

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Date and Cider Cake

- 8 ozs chopped dates
- ¼ pint dry cider
- 6 ozs caster sugar
- 8 ozs butter
- 10 ozs plain flour
- 1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- a few drops vanilla essence
- 4 beaten eggs

Put the dates, cider and sugar in a saucepan and bring to the boil gently, stirring occasionally, until the dates are soft (about 10 minutes). Add butter and stir until melted, allow mixture to cool slightly and then gradually beat in the beaten eggs. Fold in the flour, bicarbonate of soda and baking powder, stir in the vanilla essence and turn the mixture into a greased, lined 7" square tin and spread level. Bake in the centre of the oven at 350F/180C/Gasmark 4 for one hour until the cake is firm to the touch. Leave to cool then wrap in tin foil. Keep for at least a day before eating.

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T.H.Y.N.C. PROJECT UPDATE

(Training and Housing for Youth in North Craven)

By Sharon Haslam

The T.H.Y.N.C. Project provides safe, supported, affordable accommodation for single young people aged 16-25 with a North Craven connection, who are in housing need or homeless. Our holistic approach is designed to meet the needs of the young people during their transition from dependence to independence. The workers provide support services for young people who use the scheme by assisting them to access information so that they can make informed choices about their future.

The Project now has four properties. One in Bentham and Hellifield and two in Settle which house six young people. Three are working full-time, two are on part time

courses and one has just moved in, but has expressed an interest in catering.

The Hellifield property is shared accommodation with three young people and one responsible tenant. The responsible tenant is 25, lives rent-free and has experience of working with young people aged 16-25. He is there to support the young tenants. This scheme is working so well that we have a property in Bentham that will be completed by the end of September. This will house three young people and one responsible tenant.

If you require further information then please contact Sharon Haslam on: -

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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

By Angela Robertson

What is it?

It is a group formed in 1986

- (a) to encourage appreciation and use of footpaths in Bentham and the surrounding area
- (b) to provide information and guidance when requested
- (c) to offer practical help on appropriate occasions
- (d) to promote good relations between those who work on the land and those who use it for recreation.

Who's interested?

At present the membership stands at about 78 members. Membership is open to all who wish to share in the group's activities, whether residents or visitors. The annual subscription is set at £3.00 per family.

What do they do?

There is a programme of guided walks (three a month throughout the year) of varied length and difficulty. Details are circulated on a six monthly card, on a notice board outside Bentham Primary School and in the Bentham News.

Where do they meet?

All walks begin with a meet at Lairgill Car Park. Transport is shared between members as required. Numbers vary for each walk – about a dozen is an average.

How is it organised?

The group operates with a Chairperson, a General Secretary, a Treasurer and a number of members who undertake specific responsibilities, viz Programme Secretary, Footpath Problems, Waymarking, Publicity and Conservation.

These together form the Committee which holds a regular Quarterly Meeting, open to all members or others interested, who wish to attend.



The AGM

An Annual General Meeting is held, usually in October. This year it will be on Friday 15th October at 7.30pm in Bentham Town Hall. Julie Proctor, (formerly resident in Bentham for 10 years) – Project Officer with the Paths for all Partnership in Scotland, will address the questions –

"Is there a law of trespass in Scotland? Can't you just walk anywhere? How do local access opportunities in Scotland and England compare?"

Where's the first walk in October?

A Kettlebeck/Lawkland circular, on Sunday 10th October (See diary page for details) starts at Eldroth Village Hall at 10.00am. The group will follow an intricate network of stiles towards historic Lawkland Hall and past the former Poor Houses in that village. On reaching the A65 the walk will return southwards via footbridges and skirting Lawkland Moss to regain the Eldroth Road. The furthest goal will then be Israel Farm via the paths linking the intervening farms to return with the panorama of Ingleborough in full view as the various Kettlebeck farms are passed, the railway line crossed and then back to Eldroth Village Hall Car Park.

What about conservation?

The group is concerned with conservation work on public rights of way, as agreed with landowners and the appropriate authorities. At times volunteer work is combined with paid contract work financed by appropriate authorities.

Why join?

Joining the B.F.G. is a good way to know your local area as well as to keep your body in shape and to get to meet some interesting folk. You can attend walks as often as your personable timetable permits.

Highlights this year

I'm looking forward to a weekend walk in the Lakes in September, led by Adrian Leigh. However a very special moment was sighting my first kingfisher on the banks of the Wenning, just east of the river bridge.

PET RESCUE

By Val Marshall

It was good to see so many of you at Bentham Agricultural Show and also at Low Bentham Street Market. Thank you all for your generous support. On a sad note we still have a young female cat and a kitten with us after many weeks of waiting for loving homes. Both have been vaccinated and are very affectionate and pretty. The older one has been spayed.

Several weeks have been spent carefully monitoring a colony of feral cats at the railway near Low Bentham car park. We have started the mammoth task of trapping them, then taking them to the vets to be neutered and then returned back to where they came from to continue their lives, but without the added hardship of bringing up an endless succession of kittens. However, this work is now thwarted as someone is deliberately letting out of the trap those we have caught and our chances of trapping

them a second time are not good. Please understand that one female cat can be responsible for 20,000 offspring in 5 years and do not hinder our work of stopping the suffering of these feral cats whose plight is hard enough without more and more joining their colony and taking food that will only sustain a few. The old and the very young will die of starvation. We are actually feeding as many as we can, thanks to the dedicated help given by Nina and Michael of Noah's Ark Foods, but there is a limit to what we can do, so please stop tampering with our traps and let our work continue for the benefit of the cats.

Please don't forget our Garage Sale on 2nd and 3rd October. There will be loads of books and knitting wools, and the usual bric-a-brac. We shall be serving tea and coffee and biscuits, so come and support us and see our cats in their pens awaiting a happy home. Hopefully these may have gone by then, but no doubt others will have arrived to take their place!

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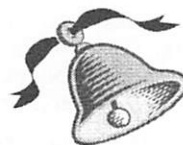
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Billy and Buttons the best friends of all,
Peep to each other from out of their
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Billy is big, and Buttons is small,
They live with each other in a barn like
a hall.

Billy is brown and buttons is black,
they pinch hay from each others rack,
Billy is thin and buttons is fat.

They both like to go out for a hack,
Billy and Buttons the best friends of all.
Megan Tomlinson 8 years

I Wish I was an Infant

I wish I was an infant
In the class of Mrs. Bell
If I ever felt unhappy
I'm sure she'd make me well.
She'd tell me lots of stories
And teach me how to read
And have a plaster handy
If my leg began to bleed.
I'd feel like someone special
Each time she smiled at me
I'd think I was in heaven
When she sat me on her knee.

I wish I was an infant
In the class of Mrs. Bell
I'm sure she'd make me well.
Lisa Leanne Collins 9 years

Autumn

It is Autumn now.
The leaves have gone
yellow and burgundy colours.
The leaves are blowing,
rustling and crunching
and the wind whistles
Through the dark cloudy sky.

The leaves are
dropping
dropping
and dropping

hit the ground. Crash
The weather is nippy, chilly and mild.
The grass is wet and the windows
are covered in dew.
Now the birds have stopped singing.
and the lovely blue skies have turned
black and dark blue.

Now you look and think of all
The colours that are dropping from the
trees.

Lance Newhouse 10 years

How Do I Write a Poem?

To write a poem, I have been told,
the very thought makes me go cold.

So as I sit, I start to think,
But soon my heart begins to sink.
Blank is my paper just like my mind,
Something to fill this space, I must find.
What is the question I do ask,
Shall be the subject? Has proved quite a task.

With my pen in my hand, I start to
scribble,
But all I write sounds just like dribble.
People say it should come deep from
the soul.

But mine's more like an empty hole.
I've taken all day and pondered all
night,
And still on my page there's nothing in
sight.

Ideas linger in my head,
Oh! I give up, it's time for bed.
Heather Cowgill 12 years

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BENTHAM YOUTH CENTRE IS TO BE RENOVATED SOON

By Angela Walker

I am sure that you will be pleased to know that the Bentham Youth Centre is shortly to be completely refurbished after the good news that the National Lottery Charities Board agreed to offer a grant towards the renovations.

In past years the building has had little attention, and has been somewhat neglected. The inside and outside are in need of general repairs, the heating system leaves much to be desired and the sofas and chairs must go. Nobody has been around on a permanent basis to take care of the premises until now.

As part of my new job as Manager of the Centre, I am responsible for overseeing the smooth running of the building and organising the renovations. I hope to create a welcoming atmosphere so that Bentham people can really feel that it is their centre.

Plans have already been drawn up, and the building work is due to start soon. A new side entrance is to be created for wheelchair access. There are plans to install a new gas central heating system and to double glaze the windows. There are to be two fully equipped kitchens and also a small office area for myself.

Creative ideas needed!

When all this is finished the Centre is to be re-decorated throughout out. This is where you come in! I am in need of ideas for things such as colour schemes, lighting and furnishing, and would welcome any suggestions you may have, especially from the young people of Bentham. I feel that we have a tremendous opportunity to expand the use of the Centre, but I need to find out what it is that people want.

I can usually be found Monday-Friday between the hours of 10am-2pm either at the Youth Centre or at the Bentham Trust Office.

PAUL FOSTER STEPS OUT

By Robert Cowling, David Cowling, Jonathan Burns and Kieron McSherry

At 9am on Saturday August 14th, Paul Foster of Lakeber Avenue set off from Ambleside on a 90 mile sponsored walk around the Lake District.

Covering 90 miles over a week may not seem like an overly difficult feat to some people. It works out at 12.5 miles a day, which on a nice sunny day, would be a vigorous hike, no stroll in the park, but manageable nevertheless. Paul, however, is no ordinary Rambler, as 6 years ago he was involved in an accident which left him partially blind. He now has tunnel-vision which means he has no peripheral sight.

Paul might have limited sight, but this hasn't stopped him from playing an active part in the local community, pursuing his interests in painting, walking and, on occasions, more dangerous outdoor pursuits including abseiling and mountain climbing.

His sponsored walk for the blind, around South Lakeland, was the culmination of a long process of adjustment and adaptation to his condition, a challenge which Paul has taken up with good humour and an infectious enthusiasm. Just get Paul into a conversation about the merits of sky-diving and hang-gliding and you'll understand what I mean.

It was this will to push himself, which persuaded a rag-bag bunch of his far from physically-fit friends to accompany him on the first day of his marathon hike.

I can honestly say that, for some of our entourage it was almost as much of a test as it was for Paul! Still, we all made it and had a cracking day out in the process, despite the occasional showers. Paul put up a great effort. It's hard clambering over wet stones all day, up the sides of hills and down steep valleys. Even with the help of an adjustable walking-stick and lots of encouragement from us, he had to concentrate all the way.

Unfortunately, on the Tuesday, Paul stumbled and damaged his knee, which made it impossible for him to complete the whole route. Getting to where he did, however, and organising the whole event himself, was a great achievement in itself, as was getting us out into the fresh air! Cheers for a great day out Paul! Next time, we'll do it with oxygen!

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LOCAL EVENTS IN OCTOBER

Fri 1st Bentham News published.
Looking Well, 6.00-9.30pm,
Black Library Wargaming Club,
over 11's and every Friday.

Sat 2nd Springfield Bowling Club
coffee morning 9.45-11.45.
am, Town Hall. 

And Sunday - Bentham &
District Pet Rescue Garage Sale
and open day with tombola and
refreshments, at Brooklands,
Cross Lane, Low Bentham,
10.00am-4.00pm each day.

Mon 4th Town Council meeting at the
Victoria Institute, Low Bentham
7.30pm.

Start of Indoor Bowls at Town
Hall, and every Monday &
Thursday, 1.00-4.00pm. All
welcome.

Looking Well 7.30-8.30pm. Tai
Chi Qigong gentle exercise
session, and every Monday.

Tue 5th High Bentham Toy Library in
the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.

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

Bible Society Annual Meetings,
2.15 & 7.30pm, Methodist
Schoolroom.

Tue 5th Looking Well, 12.30-1.30pm.
Relaxation session. 2.00-3.00pm
W.I.S.H. Womens Support
Group. Both every Tuesday.

Wed 6th NSPCC monthly meeting at
Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.

Thu 7th Wesley Guild Supper &
entertainment for Senior
Citizens, Methodist Schoolroom,
7.00pm.

Looking Well, 11.00am-1.00pm
Cancer Support Group. Talk by
Judith Kadamy, followed by
lunch. 1.30-3.30pm, Mucky
Buckets Play Project, parents &
under 4's, and every Thursday.

HBWI meeting at the Town
Hall, 7.30pm.

Fri 8th Lancaster & Skipton Rail User
Group AGM, 7.30pm, Town
Hall.

Sat 9th St. Margaret's Church coffee
morning, Town Hall 10.00-12.00
noon.

Celebrate '99, opening
event of the week of
activities, at the Town 
Hall, 7.30pm.

Looking Well, 10.00am-12.00
noon, drumming with Lee
Nolan, and every Saturday.

Sun 10th Bentham Footpath Group walk,
Kettlesbeck/Lawkland circular,
7-8 miles, leader M. Ellis 0113-
737459. Meet at Lairgill/Eldroth
Village Hall 9.45/10.00am.

Wed 13th Coffee evening, 6.30-8.30pm, at
High Ivah, Lowgill, admission
50p. Details - 63095. Christmas
cards & gifts for sale, all
proceeds to Save the 
Children Fund.

Wed 13th Looking Well, 7.30-9.00pm.
Alzheimer's Disease Support
Group.

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

Listing for Local Events

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

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Kennedy, 1 Lakeber Avenue, or to
Bentham Sportswear, Station Rd, by 15th.

- Thu 14th Bentham & District Camera Club, "Current printing techniques - Traditional & Digital", Low Bentham Institute 7.45pm.
- Bentham Footpath Group walk, Eldroth circular, 5 miles, leader V. Smith, 61100. Please meet at Lairgill 1.00pm.
- Fri 15th Copy deadline for November edition of Bentham News.
- Bentham Footpath Group AGM, 7.30pm, Town Hall.
- Waste paper collection at the Legion Hut, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
- Sat 16th Conservative Association coffee morning, 10.00am-12.00noon, Town Hall. 
- Bentham Show Dance, Hornby Institute, 7.30pm for 8.00pm. Country & Western music by Bob Kendal. Meat & Potato Pie & pudding. £10.00 - 61606.
- Sun 17th Celebrate '99, Thanksgiving Service at Ingleborough Community Centre at 6.30pm. Speaker - the Very Rev. Brandon Jackson, leader - Rev. Tim Ashworth.
- Bentham Development Trust Craft Fair, Town Hall, 10.00am-4.00pm. Refreshments. Admission free.
- Looking Well Lantern making session, see page 16.
- Mon 18th Burton-in-Lonsdale and District Horticultural Society, Village Hall, 7.30pm. "Ornamental Gardens including Ponds" talk by Bill Blackledge.
- Tue 19th Playing Fields Association AGM at Sports Club 7.30pm. All welcome.
- New reading group in the Library, 7.30pm. See page 22.
- Tue 19th Angus pensioners' meeting, Town hall, 2.00pm. Mr. & Mrs. G. Clapham - illustrated talk on visit to the Carribean.
- Bentham Methodist Bright Hour, 2.15pm in schoolroom. World mission meeting.
- High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am..
- Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
- Thu 21st LBWI, Victoria Inst. 7.30pm. Greeting cards and Crafts.
- Harvest Lantern procession from the Primary School, 6.30pm.
- Fri 22nd LAJP public meeting in Town Hall, 7.30pm. See page 28.
- Paddiwaks childrens clothes, Methodist Schoolroom, 7-9pm.
- Sat 23rd Liberal Democrats coffee morning, 10.00-11.30am. 
- Town Hall.
- Wesley Guild, Salvation Army Band, Methodist Church, 7.30pm.
- Bentham Footpath Group walk, Gunnerthwaithe circular, 7 miles, leader J. Connolly. Meet at Lairgill 10.00am.
- Mon 25th Ewecross Historical Society meeting, Town Hall, 7.30pm. "Coalmining in Wenningdale" Members £5, Visitors £1.
- Thu 28th "Unplugged" musical evening at the Horse & Farrier, enquiries to Adrian 63037.
- Fr1 29th Bentham News published.
- Sat 30th Bentham Community Bonfire, procession leaves Cleveland Square 6.30pm.
- Bentham Show coffee morning, 10.00-11.30am, Town Hall. cake stall, raffle competitions. 

SUPERWALKER MAP

By Bill Kennedy

Bentham is located on the edge of many of the maps, Landranger, Pathfinder, Outdoor Leisure etc. This means that locals and visitors who wish to explore the areas north, south, east and west of Bentham, have needed about 3 maps - quite a costly affair. At the Development Trust we have

been working with some help from the Footpath Group, on the production of an ordinance survey type map, with Bentham at the centre. The waterproof map is being produced for us by Harvey Map Services, of Perthshire. Major funding was supplied by Harveys, the Leader 2 programme, and two local funders, Bentham Sports and the TIC.

It is now expected that the map will be available before the end of November and there will be an official launch of this new publication. Check the November BN for more details. Selling for £6.95, the map would make an excellent Christmas present, and will be available from the Tourist Information Centre, Bentham Sports and other local outlets.

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CHANGES AT THE VICTORIA INSTITUTE

By Lin Barrington

Open meeting on 19 October

As people living in Low Bentham will know, plans are afoot to make changes to the Institute building. The idea is to make the building accessible by doing away with all the changes of level on the ground floor and installing disabled toilets, putting in a lift to the upstairs rooms and making a way through to the strip of land we have bought which runs along the back of the Institute.

As you would expect, these changes will cost quite a bit. If we are lucky enough to get a Lottery grant we might not have to do any local fundraising, but otherwise there is a possibility that we would have to raise some of the money ourselves,

The Institute Committee wants to know what you think, so we're holding an open meeting at the Institute on Tuesday 19 October at 7.30pm. We'll have copies of the proposed plans for you to look at and comment on, and want some feedback on whether to go ahead or not. If you want to make any comments beforehand, contact Lin at the Bentham Trust office or anyone on the Institute committee.

SOMETHING STRANGE IN HORNBY?

By Hilary Strickett

Something strange will be happening in the Hornby Institute at the end of November. Come and see how a Madam Arcati brings havoc to a household when she causes the return of a diaphanous Elvira during the Hornby Drama Group's presentation of Noel Coward's farce "Blithe Spirit". The evenings of trances and seances will begin at 7.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th November. Make a note in your diaries now!

Full details will appear in the November edition of the Bentham News.

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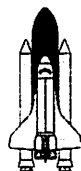


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BENTHAM DEVELOPMENT TRUST

By Bill Kennedy

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Trust will take place at 7.30pm on Thursday 21st October, in the Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Mr. John Trinnaman, from the Business and Innovation Centre, Barnsley who will talk on "The Investment Prospectus Approach for Small Towns".

There are several vacancies on the board of directors which have to be filled, by election, provided that there are enough nominations. We now have over two hundred members of the Development Trust and we hope that there will be a very good attendance, for this, our last AGM of the millennium. Refreshments will be provided.

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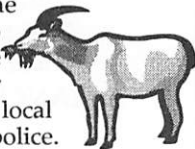
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POLICE FILE

By PC Danny Kay

Report E-Mailed from Kuala Lumpur!

Greetings from Kuala Lumpur, where I have been observing the local press and found the following:- the theft of two goats by two men who bundled the goats into the back of their car but were seen by a local man who informed the police. A pursuit then followed and the two men were arrested but the goats escaped!



Local police officers were accused of taking bribes, by a taxi driver we employed the other day. Apparently they would rather take cash than hand out a ticket, which would never be paid. Please, please, please do not try this in Bentham.

I have been the victim of crime, having had a bag of food stolen from my hands whilst we were returning from a trek in the jungle. The thief was a male, about three feet tall, with long brown hair (all over), and a very distinctive long tail. Yes, the little monkey snatched the food bag from my hand and ran off with his mates into the jungle. Apparently this is commonplace in and around the areas frequented by humans.

Traffic flow is horrendous, (no change from Bentham) with cars on all sides of the road, parking wherever they like and with total disregard for speed limits - sounds familiar!

This is a very brief Police File this month, but probably a first for the Bentham News as it has been sent from thousands of miles away via E-Mail, to Bill Kennedy. More next month on a different topic.

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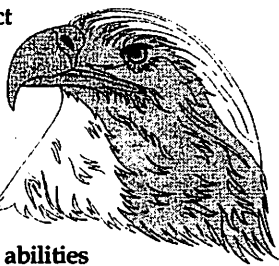
Corio Raptor

How could we have anticipated in the early days of the centre, how things would progress. Since the first few raptors were admitted between 1990 and 1996, then registering as a charity in 1997, life as we knew it would never be the same again. From our first showing at Bentham Agricultural Show and now to over twenty attendances throughout the northwest, we have certainly been busy promoting the work of Corio Raptor Care. We have been extremely fortunate in securing sponsorship from British Energy (power station) in 1999 to embark on an exciting educational programme. This entails visiting twenty five schools in the Lancaster and Morecambe area, talking to the youngsters about the care and conservation of birds of prey and their environment. The summer Library Talks arranged through County Council Educational and Library Services, were again for the second year, a great success. The highlight of the year for me was the invitation to attend a picnic lunch at Bolton-le-Sands for the Chernobyl Children Project. For those of you who have not heard of this project, each year a large group of youngsters is brought to England from Russia for a well deserved holiday. Many of them are terminally ill, or have been very poorly. To see the delight in their faces when they can see or touch, and in some cases hold one of the show birds, will stay in my memory for many years and helps to put life into perspective, making things seem not as bad as they were.

We know that there are some of you who do not agree with the work we do, but one thing is certain, the number of raptors received at the centre has increased dramatically.



In a perfect world there would be no need for centres such as ours. As it is not a perfect world, we are left with a job to do and we do it to the best of our abilities and are proud of the results achieved. The care and rehabilitation of any wild species has and always will be a very difficult and thought provoking subject.



With the ever increasing number of birds, we do need help with feeding and cleaning so if anyone is interested in helping us, minimum age 16 years, please contact Bill Kennedy at Bentham Trust. In anticipation - thank you.

Angie and Nick Henderson.

Dear Bentham News,

At the end of January 2000 I will be leaving Bentham Surgery to take up a new post at Rosebank Practice in Lancaster. I have recently taken over responsibility for General Practice Training in Morecambe Bay and my career in medical education with Manchester University is developing.

The decision to leave has been an extremely hard one to make. I will greatly miss many of the local people to whom I have grown very close over the ten years I have had the privilege to work in this area. Dr. Peter Nightingale.



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CHURCHES TOGETHER COFFEE MORNING.....

By S.I. Adams

The Town Hall buzzed with activity on Saturday 11th September when fifteen churches in the North Craven area got together to hold a coffee morning to help fund the events planned for the "Celebrate 99" Christian celebrations for the millennium (Oct 9-17).

There were lots of helpers and the milk kindly donated by Sid Hogg made excellent coffee, right up until the end of the morning. A busy cake and produce stall had a bounty of good things for sale and the white elephant stall also proved popular. The total amount raised was £369. Thank you to all who helped and gave support.

Details of the "Celebrate 99" events, times and venues have been distributed to all homes in Bentham..

....And at the Show

By Jean Taylor

The "Churches Together" refreshment and rest marquee was again very popular, on a very busy show field and on a perfect summer day.

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wish to thank all friends and neighbours who have thought about them, prayed for them, telephoned and sent cards and flowers during Enid's illness, not yet resolved but improving. All these items of support have been a great help during a difficult time. Alas, neither of us is able to write at the moment, so please accept this as a sincere token of our good will and appreciation.

Agnes Cowgill would like to say thanks for cards, flowers and well wishes received during her stay in hospital. Also Rev. N. Price for visits and prayers.

Felicity Hey wishes to thank most sincerely the Bentham Tradespeople, friends and neighbours who so generously sponsored her on her recent trek in North East China. She raised £3,202 for the National Deaf Children's Society.

Margaret Kay wishes to thank everyone who made the multiple sclerosis coffee morning on 4th September such a success. A total of £190 was raised which will be put to good use.

Paul Foster would like to thank everyone who sponsored him on his walk and is grateful to the lads who did part of the walk with him. Altogether they raised £423 for the Keighley and District Association for the Blind.

High Bentham Playgroup wish to say a big thank you to Diane Wells, who after many years of involvement with the group, has decided to resign as Playleader. We appreciate all the work she has done and wish her all the best.

Nepalese Thanks

Laura would like to thank all Benthamers who generously supported her fund-raising for a Nepal Leprosy Hospital. She leaves on 6th November to put her physio skills to use. Special thanks to her parents, Jean and Harry Widdup.



Congratulations

Congratulations to Alicia and Matthew on the birth of our beautiful Great Granddaughter. Love from Gran and Grandad.

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MEMORIES OF BENTHAM IN THE 1930s...continued

By Bateman Marshall

* *Gas House Lane* - Just up the rise where there is now a bungalow used to be the *Labour Exchange*, where, in the depressed days of the early 1930s, there were often long queues. **Dick Thornton** worked there and was the equivalent of today's Social Security officer.

* *Bentham Gas Works* - **Mr Cooper** was the manager, **Arthur ('Tart') Ellershaw** and **Bob Atkinson** were employees. All the coal for the Gas Works was wheeled in by hand from the railway sidings and the retorts were emptied three times a day (I think). How 'Tart' Ellershaw managed to empty those retorts after a night at the pub I'll never know. The Gas Works was a very popular place for tramps because it was warm and they could sleep on the coals or coke for free. The nearest *workhouses* were in Hornby and Settle. Coke was one shilling for a one hundredweight bag. The coke was in big lumps, about the size of your fist, and we had to break it into small pieces before we could use it on our coke boilers. Tar was also available, and most farmers and others took containers to collect it. We also carted ashes away for road making. There were two gasometers, a manager's house and another for **Bob Atkinson**. At that time the streets of Bentham were lit by gas lamps.

* Back down to Main Street, the shop on the corner was *Viponds' shoe shop*, later to

become *Parkers' shoe shop*. This is now occupied by *The Nose Bag cafe and craft shop*.

* Next door **Mr Dickinson** had a *clothes shop* where *Pigtails* now sells children's clothes.

* Next door to *Pigtails* has changed its use quite dramatically because where **Ken Robertson** now has his *accountants' office*, used to be a very well run and successful *grocery shop*, owned by **Jacksons** and then **Arthur Shuttleworth**.

* Next door again **Mrs Naylor** had a *dress shop*, run very much on the same lines as **Mary Thornborough's** today.

* Then came the *Craven Wireless and Electrical Service* which started in the *Old Post Office building*. **Walter (Phil) Petty**, a great character, worked here. He was also a fitness fanatic and would often walk to work from Clapham. As well as being a good badminton player he also sailed his boat on Windermere. He also liked the ladies!!! In those days wireless was quite new, so he would go round the farms and private houses exchanging the wet batteries for your wireless (radio). At one time he had three vans collecting and delivering batteries around the area. Later he transferred the business across the road to *Holmes Joiners shop*, another busy business which is now part of *Abbeyfield*. Even later he moved into the building where *Fishers* is now.

* **Tommy Magoolegan** ran a *plumbing and decorating* business from the shop against the ginnel which runs up to the *Legion Hut*. This was the main plumbing business in Bentham and was kept very busy. All the water was in lead pipes, and as there was no central heating there were numerous burst pipes after a period of frost. **Tommy and Mrs Magoolegan** had three sons and three daughters. The sons were all good tradesmen, **Edward** and **Billy** were plumbers and **Jack** was a painter and decorator.

* The *British Legion Hut* looked very much as it does today, although then it was not a shop but was well used for meetings and whist drives, but no Bingo!

To be continued in the November B.N.

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LANTERN TIME AT LOOKING WELL

By Alison Jones

Harvest Lanterns

Once again we will be working with year 5 children from High Bentham School to make lanterns for the Harvest Lantern Procession which will leave the school at 6.30pm on Thursday 21st October.

Lantern Workshops

Why not come and make a lantern to carry in the procession to the bonfire. Thanks to a grant from the National Lottery, we are able to run workshops starting on Sunday 18th October, to coincide with the craft fair, and then after school and during half term. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bonfire Band

There will be four drumming workshops starting on Saturday 9th October from 10.00am-12.00noon, with Lee Nolan, of Brassanova Lane, for anyone who would like to join the Bonfire Street Band. Beginners are welcome.

Second Childhood.

Playtime for the older generation! Come along to our first session at 2pm on Saturday 9th October. We will be exploring the art of lantern making, including a slide show and practical demonstration. If you are less mobile we can arrange to collect you. Phone Brian Irons on 62387 for details.

POLICE TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING IN LOW BENTHAM

By PC Adrian Hayes

I have noticed that at present there are no Neighbourhood Watch schemes in operation in Low Bentham. So I have arranged to have an open meeting at the Victoria Institute on Monday 18th October at 8.00pm to explain how the scheme works, and hopefully to canvas some support for it.

Co-ordinators from other schemes will be attending to answer questions as to how their schemes operate.

Please come along and help to make Low Bentham a safer place to live in for all its residents. I will also be available to answer questions on any other concerns you may have.

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NEW BANNERS FOR THE MILLENNIUM

By Gwen Whitfield

In preparation for the Millennium a group of ladies have been gainfully employed each Tuesday afternoon for the past six months, designing and sewing banners to mark the year 2000. The theme chosen for the banners follows the "I am" sayings of Jesus.

These banners will be on display in the Methodist Church from 9th October onwards. The ladies are grateful for the help given by Bentham Development Trust in obtaining funding to finance this project.

BENTHAM SHOW

By Val Lawson

The 129th Bentham Agricultural Show was held in glorious weather on Saturday 4th September on Bullfleckers Field, with Joe Mcmanus as President. Entries in all sections were similar to last year, with an increase in the cattle and sheep sections, and exhibitors coming from near and far. The new Pygmy goat section attracted 56 entries. The standards of entries in all sections was very high.

The management committee wish to thank everybody who supported and helped to make the show a great success. We look forward to seeing you all at our year 2000 show next September. Handicraft schedules will be available from early December.



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SOCCER SCENE

Craven Wanderers Under 12's



05-09-99 v Bay Rangers away.

The start of a new season and hopes and expectations were high. On a sweltering hot day we dominated the first half but failed to convert our superiority into goals; no score at half time. Straight from the restart a good move resulted in James Barlow giving us the lead. As the second half progressed we seemed to tire and Bay came more into the match and equalised with 15 minutes left. The last few minutes were end-to-end but in the very last minute Bay claimed all 3 points with a controversial winner when the referee ignored an offside flag when two players were clearly offside. A very frustrating start to the season.

12-09-99 v Dolphinholme at home.

The lads put last week's disappointment behind them and attacked from the first whistle, deservedly opening up a three goal lead with James Barlow scoring twice and a 20 yard screamer from Timmy Hinson. Dolphinholme pulled one back from the penalty spot on the stroke of half time. Early in the second half Duncan Sullivan restored our 3 goal lead, and although Dolphinholme pulled one back, our defence held firm to record our first win of the season.

Craven Colts under 12s

05-09-99 Craven Colts 10, Lancaster Colts 1.

The team started their first season in the Transprint League with a convincing win over Lancaster City Colts. Goals by Jon Lister (2), Thomas Burns (4), Tommy Tatham (2), Daniel Briggs-Calvert (1) and Curtis Wood (1) reflected the hard work put in by the whole team during the game and in the pre-season friendlies.

12-09-99 Bare Rangers 4, Craven Colts 0.

Craven travelled to Bare for their first away fixture and came up against an older, more

experienced side. On a full size pitch and long grass, our lads found it hard to match Bare's strength, but battled well throughout.

Craven under 14s

By Stewart Ralph (under 14s trainer)

We have started the season satisfactorily, winning 3 of our first 5 games. We began with friendlies against Burnside and Ibis, winning 7-6 and 4-3. Our season started away at Barton in the league, and having been in the lead, eventually lost 2-1, in the very hot weather. Our next fixture was another friendly, away to Settle, where a gutsy performance resulted in a 4-2 win. In the second league match, with Morecambe Y.A. although understrength due to injuries, we came back with a 3-3 draw, with James Earnshaw scoring two in the dying minutes. Star players were James Earnshaw, Mark Walters and John Connaughton.

Under 16s

By Johnny Platten

It was a mixed start to the season. Away to Lune Valley on 3rd September, a penalty save by Chris Wane kept the scores level at the interval. Early in the second half two goals from Lune Valley put Craven heads down a bit until Rodham's headed goal brought them back to life, although they eventually lost by 3-1.

In the sweltering heat of Sunday, Craven started well and a goal by Swallowwells gave them the lead until two soft goals were conceded and there was a battle on to save the points. Two amazing volleys by Tommy Murray saw Craven ahead again, and then keeper Wane saved the day with another fine penalty save.

In the return fixture with Lune Valley the half time score was 1-1, after Darren Beacon had given Craven the lead. Tom Rodham put Craven ahead again but a deflected free kick levelled the scores. Finally left back Johnny Platten secured the points, scoring after Hodgson's shot was parried.

THIRD WORLD DEBT

By Len Moody

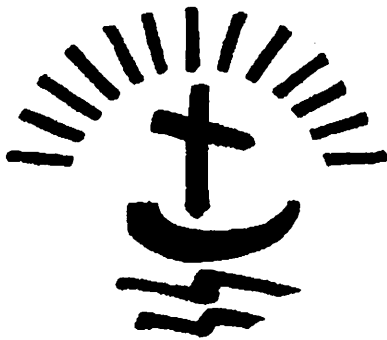
It was in 1948 that the World Council of Churches was established to promote unity among some 307 member Christian Churches in over 100 countries. A principal consideration was that unity is most likely to be established, not so much by disputes over verbal creeds and devotional styles, as by the collaborative striving for "justice, peace and the integrity of creation". Now, in 1999, these goals seem almost as remote as ever, and the coming Millennium is more than ever threatened with an Apocalypse.

Bentham's "Local Action for Justice and Peace" was established in 1994, with the aim of bringing together members of all Christian bodies, and also finding common ground with the many other groups which may fight shy of the term "religious", but are seriously concerned about the future of our world and of the human race. This year's LAJP open meeting on Friday 22nd October is to reflect on one of the most difficult problems, the eradication of poverty, as a token of the maintenance of justice, both in and between nations.

The title of the meeting is "Time to break the chain of third world debt", and it will be held in the Town Hall at 7.30pm. Principal speakers will be Mr. Norman Burnell, Secretary of the Greater Manchester Network of Jubilee 2000*, and Mr. David Curry M.P. a well known politician with a special knowledge of our area. Time will be given for questions, discussion and debate under the able chairmanship of Dr. Peter Nightingale, and those present will be invited to sign the Jubilee 2000 Petition for the Cancellation of Third World Debt. Admission is free, including refreshments.

This promises to be one of the great occasions and opportunities in preparation for the Millennium, and we look forward to the presence of all caring people from Bentham and surrounding areas.

*Jubilee 2000 is a coalition of over 50 organisations, including CAFOD, Christian Aid, Comic Relief, Mothers Union, Oxfam, Tear Fund, TUC, UNA, USPG, YWCA, and all major Christian denominations.



CELEBRATE '99

By Judith Johnson

MAKE WAY FOR THE MILLENNIUM

Saturday 9th October - Sunday 17th October 1999

Very soon the churches of North Craven will be busy with their week of many and varied events to celebrate two thousand years of Christianity in the countryside. Every household has already received a leaflet publicising the full programme which includes concerts, art work, discussions, walks and a festival of work.

High and Low Bentham are hosting several of the events including the opening at the Town Hall, High Bentham, on Saturday 9th October. Outside the main week, and starting on Monday 4th October and continuing until the 30th October, there will be a photographic exhibition and a history of all fourteen churches involved in this ambitious programme. Also as part of this exhibition, staged at the Looking Well in High Bentham, the Diocese of Bradford has provided information depicting the development of church life throughout the centuries.

The ladies of the Methodist Church are showing their Millennium Banners at the Methodist Church from 3rd October until 3rd January 2000.

The festivities conclude with a Thanksgiving Service at the Ingleborough Centre at Ingleton, where we will all gather to celebrate Christ's 2000th birthday.