

BENTHAM NEWS

DENTAL SERVICES AVAILABLE AT KIRKBY

As many of you will know, the Dental Practice in Bentham closed earlier this year. The residents of the Bentham District may now be having difficulty in obtaining dental treatment or registering with a National Health Service dentist.

In response to these problems, Morecambe Bay Health Authority has encouraged the Kirkby Lonsdale dental practice to expand its services. This has resulted in the recruitment of an additional experienced Dental Surgeon to help in the practice.

Cottage Dental Practice in Kirkby Lonsdale is owned by Dr. Chris Hoyle who came to Kirkby Lonsdale in 1982. Since then, the practice has grown and now three full time dentists provide a wide range of dental services.

The dental team includes Dr. Chris Hoyle, Dr. Paul Gallagher and Dr. Jane Kenworthy. As the refurbishment of the practice is near completion the practice can now accept new patients for either NHS or Private treatment. Families or individuals are most welcome.

Patients must be registered with a Dental Practice to benefit from the full range of NHS care. As registrations only last for 15 months, many local patients will find that their registrations with the NHS have lapsed. In this event emergency dental care may not be obtainable.

To ensure that your entitlement to NHS dental treatment is maintained you should register with a Dental Practice as soon as possible. To register at the Kirkby Lonsdale Practice telephone 015242 71930. The practice is open Monday - Friday 9.00am - 5.30pm. Tuesday and Wednesday evenings 6.00pm - 8.00pm.

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John would travel around the Dales by train walking with his suitcase of sample materials and a tape measure. Hard graft indeed! He later graduated to a motor bike with sidecar, then a car. The business has adapted and changed, from drapery to fashions (*anyone remember 'Directoire' knickers?!*), from Edith's finely sewed alterations to today's labour-saving methods. The two grandads would indeed have been proud to see the business now.

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LOW BENTHAM WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

By Jennifer Watkinson

Mr. Bill Stockdale had a very attentive audience when he gave an illustrated talk on the history of the Lancaster Canal. In the eighteenth century the ports of Lancaster, Preston and Milnthorpe were losing trade to Liverpool, because the Mersey was much deeper. The technology to avoid silting up was not available to these local ports. After the decision to build the canal a meeting was held in the old Town Hall in Lancaster. There were three major problems:- the crossings of the Lune and Ribble and the limestone escarpment at Warton. Following the 70 foot contour line and under the supervision of the chief engineer, John Rennie, the Lancaster section was opened first, enabling coal to be brought north and limestone to be taken south. Lancaster prospered when mills were built along side the canal, but the aquaduct crossing of the Ribble and linkage with the Duke of Bridgewater's canal never materialised.

At the annual Ingleborough Show we won four of the nine awards, including the cup for the most points. Mrs. Sylvia Brennand won the candlesticks for the most individual points. Five members attended the Autumn Council meeting at Skipton where the guest speaker was Rev. John Eley who spoke about "The Clerical Capers of the Cooking Canon".



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OCTOBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

The meeting was held at the Victoria Institute, Low Bentham. Councillors Hurtle, Jackson and Woof did not attend and County Cllr. Ireton was also absent.

Thoughts about THYNC

Sharon Haslam gave an interesting talk about this housing enterprise aimed at young people between 16 and 25. Currently there is one property housing two young people in Bentham. She placed emphasis on the contractual arrangement between the occupants and the organisation with regard to the need for socially acceptable behaviour. The ultimate sanction is eviction. She explained that support is given in learning life skills such as budgeting and housekeeping. Our Cllrs. were obviously very interested and asked many questions.

Police Matters

P.C. Kay expressed concern about the robbery at Burton Post Office and the vulnerability of rural business to similar attacks. The police feel CCTV would help combat this type of crime. He also asked members of the public to report speeding vehicles. He explained that the police are particularly concerned about 'boy racers' but they need vehicle numbers and evidence to back them up. He thought the 30 mph. limit should be moved to the west of the new development at Moons Acre. The Cllrs. asked for a greater police presence on market day. P.C. Kay invited ideas for inclusion in next year's policing plan.

The Loos

By the time you read this new signs should have been erected directing visitors to the car park and toilets. Flexible locking up times have been approved for the loos, taking account of the seasons and daylight hours.

Our Recreation Grounds

Several Cllrs. have been to look at the fence at Low Bentham Playing Field following representations about balls going into a neighbouring garden. New play equipment is soon to be supplied and the equipment re-organised and so the Cllrs. felt matters should be allowed to rest for the moment. The Council will consider the leasing of the field to the Victoria Institute at their next meeting. This would enable the Institute to apply for lottery funding, unobtainable if responsibility for the ground rests with the Council. They praised the facilities at the Goodenber Road play area. Cllr. Preston reported favourably on the improved drainage and new showers at the Wenning Avenue recreation ground.

District Council News

Cllr. Pilkington said that the wheely bin situation is improving. The area forums are to continue. The post of the local Agenda 21 officer and the Sports Development Officer have not been filled. The District Council has carried out a review of its management structure and he feared some posts may be lost. Cllr. Preston drew attention to the difficulty of contacting County Cllr. Ireton outside business hours as his telephone number is ex-directory.

Farewell

The Council resolved to write to Dr. Nightingale thanking him for his invaluable contribution to Bentham.

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LOW BENTHAM BINGO AND BONANZA

By Lin Barrington

It feels too early to mention Christmas, but it is approaching the time once again for the Victoria Institute to hold its seasonal fund-raising events.

This year we're having a Christmas Bingo session on Friday 19th November, with seasonal prizes. The session will start at 7.30pm, so come along and join in. Then on Saturday 4th December from 2.00-5.00pm we will be having a Christmas Bonanza, with Father Christmas in his grotto once again. There will be tea and mince pies, bric-a-brac, jumble etc. If you would like to have a stall, to donate to the raffle or have any jumble collected, please get in touch with Anne Hodgson on 62884, or Lin Barrington on 61034.



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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

By Councillor John Pilkington

Area Forums

The Area Forum for North Craven (Austwick, Benthams, Burton-in-Lonsdale, Clapham and Ingleton) is to continue. Because the review has only just been completed the date and venue of the next meeting has not been fixed but will be held in November or possibly early December. The recommendation to the meeting of the District Council held on 5th October was that there should be two meetings a year as at present.

There was a last minute amendment to reduce the number of meetings to one and this was narrowly carried. So instead of an Area Forum in the early summer next year there will be a Public Meeting covering a wider area. As the Area Forums are open to the public it is not clear how this Public Meeting will differ from the Area Forum except that most people will have to travel further!

Car Park Charges

From 15th November the charges in all Craven District Council Car Parks will change. There will be a standard rate of 50p per hour with a maximum of £4.50 for a stay of more than 8 hours.

However, following representations, the maximum charge at the Ingleton Car Parks and the Greenfoot Car Park in Settle will be £2.50 for a stay of more than 4

hours. Permit holders will also be able to use any car park, except the Keighly Road and Waller Hill Car Parks in Skipton, during the period 15th November to 31st March. There will be a review of the new system early next year and further changes may follow.

Recent Planning Applications

5.08.76.M T.B.M. & T.S. Marshall, c/o Knowe Top, Low Benthams Road.

Lifting of conditions 7, 11 and 12 of Decision Notice 5.08.76.G (requesting consent to use Moulterbeck Lane as a permanent means of access to Riverside Caravan Park)

5.08.466. C V.B. and J.A. Craven, Old Hall, Colne Road, Glusburn.

Change of use of land at Mount Pleasant for a temporary period (12 months) for the stationing of a residential mobile home during construction of a new dwelling.

5.08.615.A. Benthams Town Council.

Redevelopment of existing amenity area at Robin Lane/School Hill

5.08.641 Mrs. M Houldsworth, 8 The Terrace, Greenfoot Lane, Low Benthams.

Erection of conservatory.

5.08.642 Mr. T Carr, c/o Mason Gillibrand Architects, 16 Willow Mill, Caton, Lancaster.

Construction of a new dwelling on land at Greenfoot, Low Benthams.

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PET RESCUE

By Val Marshall

Many thanks to all who supported our Garage Sale last month. This event unfortunately was nearly a wash out due to the weather, although we had a good attendance from the caravan sites - something to do on a miserable day perhaps! Everyone enjoyed seeing the cats and kittens awaiting new homes and one was adopted a few days later so it was all worth while.

Our last events of the year will once again be held at the Punch Bowl on Low Street, Burton-in-Lonsdale, where on Wednesday 17th November we shall be having a Coffee Morning from 10 a.m. to midday, with a cake stall, tombola and raffle, by kind permission of Kath and Bruce. This was a huge success last year so please do come and support us again. The following week, on Tuesday 23rd November, Kath and Bruce are holding a Book Fair for us from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., so if you have any spare books or tombola prizes do please let us have them before then. They can either be left at Bentham Trust or brought to Brooklands, Cross Lane, Low Bentham.

The winner of our Famous Cats and Dogs Quiz was Mrs. J. Lownes from Hornby who scored 52 ½ out of 55. Runners up were Mrs. H. Strickett (Bentham) 52, Mrs. E. Holliday (Carlisle) 50 and Mrs. J. Preston (Bentham) 50 points. The question regarding the Vicar of Slaidburn's dog referred to the pub sign at the Hark to Bounty and we apologise to the present Vicar who must have been puzzled at receiving telephone calls about his dog - which incidentally is called Hodder! The large Teddy Bear, kindly donated by Linda Cressey, was won by the Bentham family.

We still have two beautiful cats awaiting homes; Poppet, a four year old loving Torti colour, and Misty an eight month old who matches her name - she is a house cat and loves children, but not dogs. Both are spayed and fully vaccinated.

We also have two tiny kittens found abandoned at 3½ weeks old, one Ginger and one Torti.

SEASONAL RECIPES

By Doreen Park

The 5th November for gunpowder, plotting and treason, and as a child, we always had Parkin & Toffee.



Parkin

- 8 ozs plain flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 4 teaspoons ground ginger
- 8 ozs medium oatmeal
- 4 ozs margarine
- 4 ozs caster sugar
- 6 ozs golden syrup
- 6 ozs black treacle
- 1 egg, beaten
- 4 tablespoons milk

Grease and line a 9" cake tin or a shallow meat tin. Sift the flour, baking powder and ginger, rub in the fat and add the oatmeal and sugar. Heat the syrup and treacle over a very low heat (do not overheat).

Make a well in the centre of the dry ingredients and gradually stir in the liquid from the pan and the beaten egg and milk. Pour into the tin and bake in a moderate oven, 180C/350F/gasmark 4, for 45 minutes to an hour. Allow to cool a little in the tin then turn out to finish cooling and cut into squares.

Bonfire Toffee

- 12 ozs soft brown sugar
- 2 ozs butter
- 2 tablespoons boiling water
- Pinch of salt

Bring all the ingredients to the boil and cook to 290F (When a little of the syrup separates into threads when poured into cold water and a ball of toffee is brittle when tapped against the side of the pan). Pour into a buttered tin about 8" x 14", cool slightly and mark into squares.

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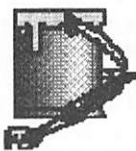
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CASTERTON SCHOOL GOES ROUND THE WORLD FOR CHARITY

By Gill Hoyle

The theme for the Christmas Fair at Casterton School this year, is "Round the World". The School Fair, which has raised thousands of pounds for charity over the years, is being held on Saturday 27th November from 10.00am-12.00noon. There will be costume dancers, music, international food, stalls and games.

Lapland will figure heavily with its usual seasonal visitor but so will the Caribbean with a young, local steel band from Milnthorpe making a guest appearance. A Scottish piper will also play and there will be Scottish dancing by members of the Pre-Prep Department. The Kirkby Lonsdale Brass Band will take part and there will be the rhythmic dancing of a

local Irish dancing group from Hornby. Crook Morris Dancers will make a lively and jolly appearance and the school choirs will provide selected items.

It will be fun to experience the colour, costumes and Christmas flavour of the event. The Fair is particularly important as the entire proceeds from the raffle will go to the North of England Cancer Research Fund. Rosie, one of the six year old Pre-Prep children has been diagnosed as suffering from Leukaemia and the whole school has decided to support charities operating in this field.

Many local companies and individuals have supported the event by offering prizes and making donations. For more information about sponsoring or supporting the event, please contact me on 015242 79282

A free bus (courtesy of Bibby's of Ingleton) will run from the Market Square in Kirkby Lonsdale at 15 minute intervals, to the school and back, from 9.30am-12.30 pm. Entry to the Fair is free.

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BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

By Angela Robertson



On Saturday 18th September, despite a forecast of "unsettled weather with gales and some heavy rain", a group of 10 Bentham Footpath Group members made their way to Borrowdale in the Lake District for an annual weekend of walking, organised by Adrian Leigh.

Starting from Honister Hause we followed a path worn by Honister quarrymen for centuries, and after the initial steep climb, ahead lay serpentine tracks in the rampant heather. Following a track to the west heading for Haystacks, a rugged height, relatively little in stature and small in extent, encircled as it is by presences like Great Gable, Pillar and High Crag.

The day was exhilarating. The wind toyed with us as we walked over marshes and streams, climbing over crags and crannies. Sometimes the wind gusted so that we kept low to avoid being blown off-balance. Other times it gave us a chance to enjoy a sheltered haven. We circled around to Innominate Tarn, the waves lapping fiercely over the surface. Nearing our goal – lunch on top of Haystacks, - we made our way to the summit cairn, which stands on a confusion of boulders.

The views are magnificent – Fleetwith Pike, High Crag, Kirk Fell, Green Gable, Great Gable are prominent in a glorious panorama. Today these giants look dark and sombre with the grey clouds scudding over their heads. Below contrasts the gentle beauty of the banjo shape of Ennerdale and further round the pure waters of Crummock Water and Buttermere and beyond in the distance – the Solway Firth.

By 3.30pm, with rain falling heavily, our resourceful leader organised us into a group visit to Honister slate mine. Wearing helmets lit by batteries we encountered the mysteries of slate quarrying. We watched Mark Weir, whose grandfather had worked in the mine, demonstrate the skill of shaping a green roof tile out of an enormous piece of stone, with chisel and hammer.

Later we walked a quarter of a mile back up the hillside, accompanied by a brief chorus of "hi-ho, hi-ho, it's off to work I go" to view the workings of the quarry. We were shown how a mixture of modern and traditional methods is still extracting the slate which was forming some 400 million years ago. Vowing not to complain about our present working conditions, we were made aware of the harsh working conditions of the quarry miners of the past.

Sunday was wet. Seriously wet! Imagine a line of walkers, heads bent, venturing bravely into a steady spray of rain – that was us for most of the day. However the day was not without its moments. The walk encircled the lakes of Buttermere and Crummock Water and the first hour was dry and the rewards were a sense of remoteness and some excellent views. One of the Lake's feeders is Scale Beck which falls rapidly down a ravine from Gale Fell, finishing with the highest waterfall in the Lake District. There was humour – at 11.00am as we sheltered under some trees enjoying a coffee break – someone quipped "make the most of this, it's the last tree for 5 miles". There was wonder – a moment in Lanthwaite Wood at the north end of the Lake – I spotted an enormous fungus holding a miniature pool of rain water with an acorn bobbing about on it, like a boat at sea. And there was refreshment – in the welcoming warmth of the Fish Hotel in Buttermere – a place renowned for an early 19th century melodrama, when the landlord's daughter married a bigamist – who was tried and hanged soon after. So another weekend in the lakes ended.

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By Dorothy Pidgeon

Well, it has come and gone, - the long prepared and much anticipated week of "Celebrate 99", the millennium festival of the churches in North Craven. From the opening event in the Town Hall to the closing service in Ingleton Community Centre (inspiring worship) our bodies, minds and souls were well fed. Too much happened to relate it all in detail - if you were there you know all about it, and if you weren't, alas it's now too late.

It has been a truly uplifting week of events with its entertaining as well as its serious side, and for me and many others I'm sure, the most encouraging aspect was to see members of different denominations joining together in everything. But as we were reminded at the final service, this is only the beginning of a new era in the life of our local churches and the value of "Celebrate 99" will be assessed by what we do together in the new millennium

HORSE & FARRIER

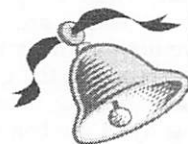
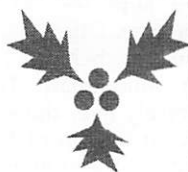
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BENTHAM YOUTH CLUB

By Angela Walker

As we are now planning to start refurbishing the Bentham Youth Club, I am becoming increasingly interested in finding out more about its past history. I would like to be able to build up a picture of how the building may have looked in its former days when it was used as a Friends Meeting House.

I believe that the Meeting House was built around the turn of the century, and at one time it housed a wooden gallery with tiered seating enabling the occupants to be able to look down onto the hall below. This has since been altered by the addition of a false ceiling over the main hall.

I would be very pleased to hear from anybody who can supply me with more information. In particular, I wonder if anyone has in their possession photographs of the building or the people who used it in days gone by.

Have Your Say

Another plea for help. The Bentham Community Association feels that it may be a good idea to think about renaming the Youth Club after the renovations have been completed. The Bentham Community Centre has been suggested, but perhaps you can think of something more original. Your suggestions can be handed in either to Lin Barrington at the Trust Office or myself at the Youth Club. A small prize is on offer if we like the name and we use it.

BENTHAM CONSERVATIVES

By Stephen Dawson

Bentham Conservatives held a garden warming party recently at the home of John Hall in Robin Lane. John and friends carried out extensive alterations to the garden during the summer, and proudly showed off the new rockery, flower beds and orchard.

The party was also the first opportunity for the Branch to celebrate the recent election successes. In June, David Ireton was elected as North Craven's new County Councillor. He overturned the safest Liberal Democrat majority in North Yorkshire. The Conservatives now hold four of North Craven's six local council seats. Until May 1998 they had just one to the Liberals' five.

Also in June the Tories unexpectedly won three of Yorkshire's seven seats in the new European Parliament. One of the new M.E.P.s, Robert Goodwill, will be speaking at Bentham Golf Club on Friday 3rd December during the annual Tory Supper. Robert, a farmer from York, last visited Bentham in 1993 as a candidate for the previous Parliament, when he lost to Labour.

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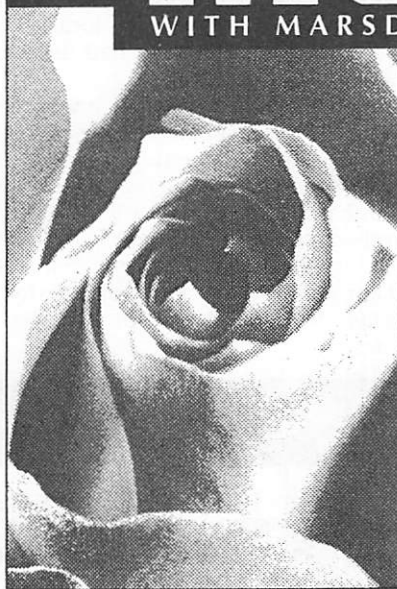


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LOW BENTHAM SCHOOL UPDATE

By Vivienne Millward

There has been a busy start to the new year. We are currently in the process of recruiting a new full-time teacher but in the meantime the infants are keeping Mrs. Millward on her toes! Year five had an interesting and enjoyable day at Ingleton Primary, carrying out a range of outdoor activities devised by the LEA PE adviser. The juniors had an interesting session with Chris Waterhouse and Carl Lis. They learned about Craven Council and local democracy - readers might like to know that Lisa Simpson beat Bart in the local election! Both Juniors and infants have learned about the Yorkshire Bank, watched a puppet performance and benefitted from a new photocopier. At the same time we are, of course, implementing the literacy hour, the numeracy hour and all the other national curriculum subjects.

The Governing Body has also been in action. It has welcomed 3 new governors - Jenny Marchment (non teaching staff), Phil Cressey (local business) and Heather Ashton (parent) as well as overseeing the change of name to Community School, shortlisting for the vacant post, sending off an OFSTED action plan, finalising a home school contract and constructing a secure play area for the infants.

Please can you help us? We are keen to collect the various tokens being given out to obtain free equipment. As a small school it takes us a long time to build up reasonable numbers and we were very grateful to all those who gave us Walkers tokens last year. The books and tapes are now in school and much appreciated by the children.

This term we are collecting:-

Co-op/Late Shop/Lancashire Evening Post for sports equipment;

Mirror/People/Mail/Record/Skips/Hula Hoops/McVities for maths equipment;

Computers for computer software;

All donations will be gratefully received - however small.

SONGS OF LOVE FOR AN AUTUMN EVENING

By Peter Silvester

The North Lincs and South Cumbria Branch of the Motor Neurone Disease Association has great pleasure in presenting a delightful evening of music and song with Wyn Ive accompanied by John Smith on the piano at 7.30pm on Saturday 20th November in Hornby Institute.

Wyn Ive's acclaimed one-woman shows have charmed audiences both throughout the land and overseas for many years, and we promise you a memorable evening's entertainment, so do come and join us. Light refreshments will be available in the interval and there will be a raffle during the evening. Tickets are £4 and can be obtained from Lamb's Garage, Hornby, telephone 015242 22450. All proceeds will go towards helping the fight against Motor Neurone Disease.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Mon 1st Town Council meeting in the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Tue 2nd High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.

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

Dog Training at the Town Hall, 10.30-11.30am. See page 23.

Bright Hour, Bentham Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15pm. Mrs. J. Parkinson.

Looking Well, relaxation session, 12.30-1.30pm. WISH, Women's Support Group 2.00-3.00pm. Both every Tuesday.

Bentham Agricultural Society AGM, Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 3rd Bentham Cycling Group ride, from Victoria Institute, 10.00am. Leader Kathy Cartledge 61567.

NSPCC monthly meeting, Lingfield, Robin Lane, 7.30pm.

Thu 4th High Bentham W.I., Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Bentham Family Planning Clinic at the Surgery, 9.30-11.30am.

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Big Stone Circular, 4-5 miles, leader D. Fisher 61449. Meet at Bentham Bridge 1.30pm.

Thu 4th Looking Well, Mucky Buckets Play Project, parents and under 4's, 1.30-3.30pm and every Thursday.

Fri 5th Age Concern, Police Drugs Dog Demonstration, Town Hall.

Looking Well, Black Library Wargaming Club, over 11's, 6.00-9.30pm and every Friday.

Burton-in-Lonsdale Bonfire and Fireworks, Recreation Field, 7.00pm. Refreshments available. Collection at gates.

Sat 6th Labour Party coffee morning, Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 

Sun 7th Burton Millennium History Group walk from Village Green, 2.00pm. See page 26.

Mon 8th Looking Well, Cancer Support Group Lunch, 12.30-2.00pm. (Bring something to eat).

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

Wed 10th Citizens Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.15pm.

Looking Well, Alzheimer's Disease Carers Support Group, 7.30-9.00pm.

Thu 11th Bentham & District Camera Club buffet supper and quiz at the Punch Bowl, Low Bentham, 7.45pm.

Bentham Cycling Group ride from Victoria Institute, 10.00am. Leader Roy Pallitt 21673.

Fri 12th "Bouncers" at the Town Hall, 7.45pm. £4. See page 19.

Age Concern at the Town Hall. Barbara Taylor and Bill Walker entertain.

Christian Aid Annual General Meeting, Methodist Schoolroom, 7.30pm. Speaker Mrs. Greenlees.

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.

- Sat 13th MENCAP coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
Looking Well, craft session, making batik cards (free if over 50). 2.00-4.00pm.
- Sun 14th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Gisburn circular, 7 miles, leaders A Staveley (61682) and C. Ramwell. Meet at Lairgill/Gisburn Mart. 9.30/10.00am.
- Mon 15th Copy deadline for December Bentham News.
Burton-in-Lonsdale & District Horticultural Society AGM in Village Hall. 7.30pm.
- Tue 16th High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
Angus Pensioners' Association, 2.00pm at the Town Hall. Tom Wallace, Slides & talk on "Nature".
Bright Hour at the Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15pm. Speaker Mrs. J. Whitehouse.
Bentham Cycling Group ride from Victoria Institute, 10.00am. Leader Dave Hugill 01524 734467.
- Wed 17th Bentham & District Pet Rescue coffee morning, Punch Bowl, Burton-in-Lonsdale, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
- Thu 18th Low Bentham W.I. Victoria Institute, 7.30pm. Christmas Goodies with Mrs. G. Hoffenden.
Bentham, Ingleton and Burton MENCAP AGM, 8.00pm at Ingleborough Community Centre.
- Fri 19th NSPCC waste paper collection at the Legion Hut, 8.30-11.00am. Proceeds to NSPCC.
- Fri 19th Age Concern at Town Hall. Slides on Canada and Alaska.
- Sat 20th St. Boniface's Church coffee morning, Town Hall 10.00am-12.00noon. 
Musical evening at Hornby Institute, see page 13.
- Tue 23rd Bentham & District Pet Rescue Book Fair at the Punch Bowl, in Burton-in-Lonsdale, from 10.00am-4.00pm.
- Wed 24th Citizens Advice Bureau, at the Surgery, 1.30-3.15pm.
Bentham Cycling Group ride from Victoria Institute, 10.00am, Leader Les Harpur 61567.
- Thu 25th Low Bentham Horticultural Show meeting at Victoria Institute, 8.00pm. See page 8.
Hornby Drama Group present "Blithe Spirit", (and 26th & 27th) see page 26.
Playgroup Extravaganza in Town Hall Ballroom, 8.00pm.
- Fri 26th Age Concern, Town Hall, Broadway Christmas Party.
- Sat 27th NSPCC coffee morning and cracker sale, Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 
Wesley Guild Family Night, Kelsall Family from Chipping. Methodist Schoolroom, 7.30pm.
Casterton School Christmas Fair, see page 8.
- Mon 29th Ewecross Historical Society, 7.30pm, Town Hall. "Dr. Lingard of Hornby" - Emma Riley.
- Tue 30th High Bentham Toy Library in the Youth Club, 9.30-11.30am.
Bentham Child Health Clinic at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
Bright Hour, 2.15pm at Methodist Schoolroom with Mrs. J. Fawcett.

MEMORIES OF BENTHAM IN THE 1930s...continued

By Bateman Marshall

* Irene Brown, formerly Irene Maunders, has written to remind me of a few of the residents of Tweed Street in the 1930s when she lived there. Her parents' house was a small two up two down, and next door lived her uncle and aunt, Edith and Geo Amatt together with their children, Arthur and Marjorie. Then there were three small houses with a passage to the back yard and a row of toilets. Next was a very small house, one up and two down, and then a wash house for the whole street, and finally three larger houses. Across the other side was Jackman's builders yard and several gardens. Others living in Tweed Street at that time were Ernie Maunders, and Mr Wareing, who both worked at Geo Angus, Jackmans who were builders, Tommy Thornborough painter and decorator, Geo Amatt joiner and wheelwright, and Jonny Coulam Horseman at the station. John Jackman was a great guinea pig exhibitor. Desmond Redhead has reminded me that the Jackmans had the first Peruvian Guinea Pig to win a national championship, it was called *Star of the North*.

* Now coming back to the Main Street from the Legion Hut, we reach W Wilson, joiner and cabinet maker, where Len Tyrer served his apprenticeship. * Then comes the Post Office where Ted Higham was postmaster. In the 1930s if you posted a letter in Bentham before 2pm it would be delivered within the Bentham lighting area on the same day. There was also a telephone exchange, manual of course. During the day Jessie Brownsword and Bernard Wildman's mother were the girls in the exchange, but Ted wasn't very pleased if you wanted a number after 6pm!

* In the central sawmills, the yard now being redeveloped behind the Post Office, Ellis Jenkinson carried on a successful and efficient business as a joiner and wheelwright. George Amatt was his main joiner and a good workman, and he also sang in the

church choir and looked after the central heating boilers at St Margaret's church.

* In the 1930s, the shop which is now our chemist was W. F. Mudd's draper and outfitter.

* Next door was, and is, the fish and chip shop, then run by Alf Goodhill.

* Where there is now an estate agent, Bairstow Eves, used to be Theo Pumphrey the chemist.

* Going across the road is the old Post Office building, and next to it Plough Cottages. One of these was a tailor's shop, and any day you could see the tailor in the window sitting cross-legged while he did his sewing. Another cottage was Molly Ayrton's shop selling sweets and cigarettes.

* Then comes Mrs Lumb's cottage which then was Henry Smith's, and after that it was bought by Poppy Dowell. She made it into a video rental shop called 'Pop and See'. Today it has reverted to being a private house. * Where Tooby's is now used to be Bibby's fruit and vegetable shop.

* Then we come to Ward's sweet shop. This has been kept in the same family since the 1930s because it used to be Parker's sweet shop, and Mr & Mrs Parker were Kathy Ward's parents, and the present owner Reg is Kathy's son. Many was the time that Kathy's father would knock on our back door asking for an extra gallon or two of milk; he didn't know it was going to still be "ot"! To make ice cream the carrier, Herbert Duckett, would bring them some ice from Lancaster, because there was no refrigeration to make ice in Bentham. Good though Ward's ice cream is today, in my opinion it can't match that made from real, untreated milk in the old days. It is interesting to note that the ice cream trailer that Sheila uses today to take ice cream round Bentham, first appeared when specially made for the late Reg Ward in 1948. It's done good service!

An Apology : I have been taken to task by a granddaughter of the late Robert and Mrs Reid who ran the cycle and shoe shop in Main Street (see September BN). May I apologise if my comments caused distress. I have many happy memories of them both in my schooldays and I certainly did not wish to offend.

POLICE FILE

By PC Danny Kay

Back down to earth with a bump this month after my globetrotting experiences in September.

I suppose the most talked about incident recently will be the armed robbery at Burton-in-Lonsdale Post office. Incidents of this nature are distressing not just for the victims but because they also raise the question of "just how safe are we in rural areas?"

I do not have to hand any statistics that show the incidence of reported crime per head of population in rural areas compared to urban areas. It has become apparent over the past few years that many criminals are being forced out from the urban areas for a variety of reasons such as the increased use of CCTV systems, private security patrols and other crime prevention techniques.

Rural England has become the soft target for all types of criminals and it is now our turn to address the problems of crime prevention in order to meet the Government's strategic requirement of "Reducing Crime and the Fear of Crime". I was pleased to report to our Town Council recently that locally we are achieving our targets in relation to reported crimes and I can assure everyone that we will continue to work towards an overall reduction in crimes of all types. So to go back to the armed robbery again, yes it was a serious crime for which we offer our sympathy and support to the victims, but in the overall picture of reported crime in our local area it was just one incident out of maybe 3 or 4 crimes reported locally that week. Consider that some towns and cities are getting that number of crimes every hour and we can then start to get a clearer perspective of just how safe we are in rural areas.

The BBC TV presenters on Crimewatch usually finish the programme with a line something like "its not as bad as it seems, sleep well, don't have nightmares". I will echo their sentiments.

If anyone reading this article wishes to comment on it (either compliments or criticisms), please do so and I will provide some feedback in the next edition.

And Finally.....

Thankyou to all the readers who enquired after my welfare following the mugging in the jungle, and to the Animal Rights activist who said that the monkey had legitimate access to the food.

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POST OFFICE NEWS

By Alison Wilken

Christmas Postings

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Christmas Stamps

These will be available from Tuesday 2nd November. Christmas aerogrammes and airpacks are available now.

New European Postage Rates

As from Monday 25th October, new tariffs have applied for letters and packets to all European destinations, including the Republic of Ireland and European Union countries. The new basic rate for letters and postcards up to 20 gms is 34p.

Computerisation

Several post offices have been equipped with computers as part of a national initiative to modernise the network. Customers may have experienced slightly extended serving times and other teething problems during the early days of the new system. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and trust that you will bear with us during this "bedding in" period.

Winter fuel payments - pensioners

For qualifying pensioners, those on income support will receive their cheques during early November and other pensioners will receive their cheques at the Post Office during late November/early December.

"I LAUGHED"... "I CRIED"

By Shirley Brown

"I laughed so much I cried" "I didn't want it to finish" "That was the best night out at the theatre I've had in years"

Just some of the comments from the 150 or so people who saw Bentham Theatre Group's production of John Godber's play 'Bouncers' in the Town Hall in October. I'll mention later when the play will return, for one night only. So don't miss it!!

In real life they are labourers, builders and students, but in this production the four Bentham lads are transformed into punks, toffs, piss artists, likely lads, drunk Scoußers, giddy lasses, and of course, bouncers. Although this is a comedy, it uses humour to get across some serious messages, particularly in the solo speeches delivered movingly by Stephen Smith. I was not surprised to learn from John Midgely that the group had been rehearsing this play for five months, as this professional level of performance is not achieved without a great deal of hard work. To their great credit the lads also directed and choreographed themselves, helped by Yvonne Park who attended rehearsals to help with prompting. Learning the lines had been hard, and remembering which scenes were on next was a challenge. With thirty characters being played by four people you can understand the potential for confusion! Simon Guy told me that the scariest part had been the first five minutes of the first night, with lots of doubts about how the audience would react (*they need not have worried, we went wild!*) and the most fun had been after the first night looking forward to the second night, and "*pretending to be women*". The electric atmosphere both inside and outside the Leeds nightclub was simply and effectively heightened by Adrian Leigh's perfectly timed music and Gareth Adams' lighting.

So to see Stephen, James, John and Simon as you've never seen them before, come to the Town Hall on Friday 12th November at 7.45pm clutching £4 - it'll be money well spent.

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and then concern, the
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As a boy, I recall
being taught by my
primary school
teacher:- Swale, Ure,
Nidd, Wharfe (with
an "e"), it's the river, not a quay wall), Aire,
Calder and Don. Later, in the 1970s I
worked for the Port of Preston, which was
on the River Ribble. This river definitely
flowed into the Irish Sea. I thought I knew
this because I sailed from the Irish Sea into
the port; well, that's what I thought I was
doing.

Now, after all these years, I discover
that I have been misled, and the River
Ribble actually flows into the Humber, and
thence, the North Sea.

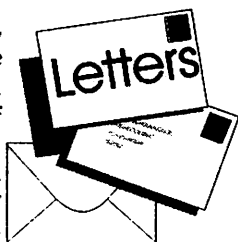
Was everything that my teacher taught
me wrong, or just this bit?

Yours confusedly,

R. Atkinson, Chester-le-Street, Co. Durham.

Dear Bentham News,

Can I just bring to people's attention that
the proposed redevelopment of School Hill
will mean that the large field maple and the
three cherry trees between the bus stop and
the sub-station will be felled. School Hill
will therefore lose its green backdrop.
Although it seems rather late in the day to
be making this objection, it would be a



shame to lose these mature trees in one of
Bentham's few public spaces. Please take a
look next time you're passing and try to
imagine this area without those trees.

I feel personally that the proposed
redevelopment has many good features and
would in fact be even further enhanced by
retaining these particular trees, and I do
accept that there are two other trees which
need to come down to open up the space.
Unless people write and ask the
Community Committee (c/o Bentham Trust
Office, Main Street, High Bentham) to look
into ways of incorporating these trees into
their existing plans, we will lose them
forever and this public space will, I feel, be
the poorer for it.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Sanderson

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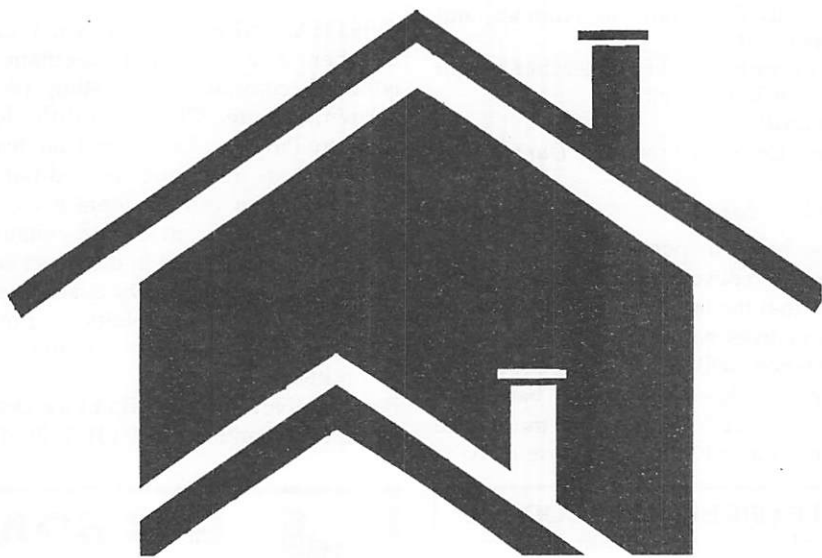
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Arthur Patrickson, David and family would like to extend sincere thanks to all relatives and friends for their cards and messages of sympathy on their sad loss and for the donations to Bentham Surgery. Thanks also to the Doctors and Staff at Bentham Surgery, Airedale and Castleberg Hospitals. A special thanks to the Rev. Brian Levick for the simple funeral service and to Joe Morphet for his sympathetic handling of the arrangements.

Thanks

Marjorie Easterby would like to thank all her Bentham friends for their cards and good wishes received during her recent stay in hospital.

Beverley wishes to thank everyone for the cards, gifts and well wishes on her recent 40th birthday. In addition to having a superb evening, £230 was raised towards a new spirometer for Bentham Health Centre. A big thankyou to everyone involved.

Kathleen Goldsack wishes to thank all who helped at the Christian Aid coffee morning in September, which raised £162.

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JOBS FOR THE COST OF A LOCAL CALL

By Lin Barrington

A new service for registered unemployed people has recently started at Morecambe Job Centre. I thought it might be useful to us here in Bentham, so I went along to the Job Centre to see how it works.

Morecambe Employment Service has been taking part in a national pilot project, which has been successful and will be continued (in fact 98% of people who had used this new service, liked it). What happens is that all job vacancies both locally and nationally are kept on a computer database. In one room, there are several people entering vacancies on computers as they are received, and in another there are several more people taking calls from people wanting jobs.

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LOW BENTHAM HORTICULTURAL SHOW TO CONTINUE ?

By Judith Johnson

Despite strenuous efforts this year's Show in August had fewer entries and continued the downward trend of the past few years. The Domestic section was particularly poor with only 18 entries and 2 exhibitors.

We would like to thank our few loyal supporters and also Low Bentham School but they need more competition to make all their hard work worthwhile.

Our planning meeting will take place at 8.00pm on Thursday 25th November at the Victoria Institute.

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KICKSTART PROGRAMME

By Sue Pinner

The Kickstart Programme is designed for young people aged 16-24 who are not in full time education or employment. Young people receive £40 per week for full attendance on the scheme, and benefit from having a personal mentor to help arrange training courses, activities and workshops through the week. Young people are encouraged to take control of their lives, and progress to employment, training or full time education elsewhere during the sixteen weeks of the scheme.

Anyone can refer young people to the scheme, and they can refer themselves, provided they meet the criteria. I am the mentor for the Ingleton and Bentham area, and will shortly be based at the Cabin at Ingleton Community Centre. Contact me for further details at Settle High School (01729 823312) or at Settle Town Hall (01729 825172).

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HORNBY DRAMA GROUP

By Hilary Strickett

This is the Noel Coward Centenary and to celebrate the event, Hornby Drama Group will be presenting his "Blithe Spirit", an improbable farce. The play will be on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 25th, 26th and 27th November at 7.30pm at the Hornby Institute.

Tickets, adult £3.50 and children £1.50, are available at Hornby Post Office, The Castle Hotel, The Royal Oak and at the door. We look forward to seeing you at the play.

LOCAL HISTORY ON AN AFTERNOON STROLL

By Sue Gregory (62863)

Are you interested in local history and would you like a pleasant stroll around Burton-in-Lonsdale? On Sunday 7th November at 2.00pm, Henry Bateson will lead an informative and entertaining walk, giving an insight into Burton's past.

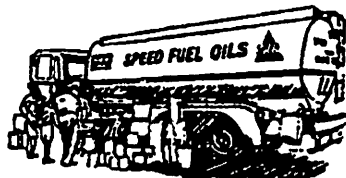
This launches the Burton Millennium History Group's celebration of the year 2000 by looking at past events and changes in the village. The culmination of the work of the group will be the staging of an exhibition next September. All proceeds from the walk (£1 adults, 50p children, accompanied children free) will go towards the exhibition. The walk will start from the Village Green.

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SPORTS ROUND-UP

GOLF CLUB

By Duncan Stephenson (Junior organiser)



On Sunday 3rd October the annual Junior/Senior Trophy was played for. This event was again generously sponsored by Phil Wright of Grove Hill Garage.

The prize winners were as follows:-

1st. C. Carter/M. Carter	57
2nd. F. Carter/J. Barlow (cpo)	61
3rd. A. Kellett/J. Preston	61
4th. S. Barlow/R. Coates	62

Best mixed pairing - D. Stephenson/IL. Stephenson 63.5.

Best parent and child - P. Thistlethwaite/J. Thistlethwaite - 66.5.

Nearest the pin competitions were won by A. Earnshaw and F. Carter.

We would like to thank our sponsor for a superb day with excellent prizes.

SPRINGFIELD BOWLING CLUB

President's Day was held on 18th September. A pairs knockout competition had been arranged by the Captain, Mary Johnson. Prizes were donated and presented by the President, Hilda Lister, to M. Johnson and D. Rose, and runners up T. Bates and G. Lawson.

Later, tea was served and the Chairman, R.D. Butterfield thanked everyone for their efforts which had made the day so successful.

SOCCER

Craven Wanderers Under 14's

In the last month we played 3 games, playing Warton Warriors away, on a dismally rainy day, when we won 4-2, and later beat them easily at home. Against Lancaster (league leaders) at home, with striker A. Hartley back, we played well but lost 3-4. Players of the month were James Earnshaw, Daniel Rose and Danny Murray.

SOCCER

Craven Colts



On the 19th September the Colts were at home to Bowerham Bombers, and after a poor start were down by three goals in the first half. Playing with more character in the second period two goals from Phillip Carter and another by Tony Tatham levelled the scores, only for the Bombers to win with a late goal, 3-4.

On 26th September a quick rematch, away this time to the Bombers, saw the result reversed with Craven winning by 2-1. Thomas Burns scored an early goal which helped the Colts settle. In an entertaining game Bowerham scored next to level the scores, but Colts pressure led to a penalty which David Coggins calmly scored.

The match against Lancaster Colts, away, ended in a draw, 2-2. After struggling throughout the first half, the Colts were 0-2 down at the interval, but following two positional changes, played much better in the second half, and goals from Thomas Burns and Daniel Jackson gained a draw. Colts were unlucky because a Curtis Wood goal was ruled out with the final whistle going just before he scored.

Craven Wanderers Under 12's

Bay Rangers 3 - Craven 4

After an unfortunate first half Craven were two down and five minutes into the second period Bay Rangers increased their lead. With 15 minutes to go David Easterby scored Craven's first and this inspired the team. Matthew France and the Ian Robinson scored to level the scores and in an exciting finish, Paul Burrows won the game for Craven, scoring from the spot after he had been fouled.

Craven 3 - Trimple 3

In this home match Craven started by conceding an own goal. James Barlow equalised, and following two goals by Trimple, Mark Dobson and Matthew France each scored to earn a draw.

TRIBUTE TO RUTH PARKINSON ON HER DEPARTURE FROM BENTHAM

By Mary Ireland

When my husband, Brian, and I came to Bentham in 1976, Ruth Parkinson seemed to us to be a very busy person, much involved in the community. As the years have gone by I've often wondered how she finds the energy for all she does, even this year she has kept me going with runner beans and bunches of sweet peas. She has actively supported many local societies and as an accomplished pianist and organist has made a tremendous contribution towards music in the community. I'm sure the Bright Hour was even brighter when Ruth was there playing the piano.

Just before we arrived in Bentham, Ruth and a few friends had formed a local branch of the Arthritis and Rheumatism Council for Research, to organise events and raise money to support this valuable work. While Ruth was chairman the branch grew like Topsy and enormous sums of money were sent to Headquarters every year. Bentham people are incredibly generous, and among us are grateful recipients of the successful research into hip replacements. Ruth worked very hard with the committee, never sparing herself even when she felt off colour or when her eyes were giving trouble. There was even a longish period when she had her arm in a sling after breaking her collarbone falling downstairs. Her sense of humour helped her through, and she discovered how to do things that had seemed impossible with only one arm.

Later on when Brian and I started the monthly waste paper collection at the Legion Hut as a village event with proceeds going to ARC, Ruth insisted on helping, turning out on very wintry mornings. She made it her business to greet elderly people who came on foot with shopping trolleys crammed with paper and offered them coffee and a sit-down in the Hut. It was quite a social occasion. After two years we



handed the whole business over to NSPCC as we were rather a geriatric team to be humping heavy bundles of paper about.

After a long period as Chairman of ARC, in recognition of all her hard work Ruth became President. She carried on working hard on the Christmas project, organising orders from the Arthritis catalogue and collecting in the considerable amounts of money that were made - she was a whizz-kid at mental arithmetic. We thank Bessie Wright for taking over this job from Ruth.

In December 1998 Ruth celebrated her 90th birthday. It really was a very special occasion. She stood for a couple of hours in the Methodist schoolroom talking to people who had queued to greet her. Many were pupils of Ruth's from her days as a respected teacher in this area. She would often refer to middle-aged men or women here as '*one of my boys, or girls*' which was rather touching. The lunch after this marathon was cooked by Vera, one of her daughters, and the party was joined by her other daughter, Dorothy, and Miss Balmford who had looked after Ruth's physical welfare for many years. Friends carried on calling well into the evening. A presentation was made to Ruth in appreciation of all she has done for Bentham, her church and arthritis research.

On a personal note, I have been grateful for Ruth's friendship these last eight years since Brian died. I have enjoyed her company so much and we have done a good deal together - '*sharing*' is one of her favourite words.....