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WOMEN'S INSTITUTES

High Bentham

By Mrs. Sheila Deauville

There were 19 members at our November meeting when Mrs. Margaret Hayton stood in as President, due to Mrs. Faith Wilson's absence.

The speaker this month was Jean Myers, a V.C.O. from North Yorkshire W.I., who gave a talk on policing matters in the Craven District. Jean told us that our representative for this area is Sergeant Chris Pappin, stationed at Ingleton, and she assured us that he will be pleased to hear from anyone who has any questions regarding policing in our area. He can be contacted on 01423 539 783.

Competition winners for the gingerbread man were:- 1st Ruth Wylie, 2nd Hilda King, 3rd Margaret Hayton.



Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

President Mrs. Christine Jennings welcomed Mr. Malcolm Culshaw, who kindly stepped in at short notice and gave an enjoyable illustrated conducted tour of Ingleton, using photographs taken at different times of the year. After seeing the main annual events of the village, and its prominent buildings, we meandered round the waterfalls, went caving, saw the surrounding spectacular scenery, visited nearby villages, churches and industrial sites. We ventured further afield on day trips to Edinburgh, Liverpool, Beamish, Skipton, Ravensglass, Richmond and the Lake District. These slides had been originally put together for the inhabitants of Ingleton's twin town, La Chapelle de Marais, 500 miles away in the Loire Atlantique, France.

Competition winners were:- Mrs. Margery Dodgson, Mrs. Joan Gilroy and Mrs. Betty Dodgson.

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NOVEMBER'S TOWN COUNCIL

By David Johnson

Cllrs. West and Stannard sent their apologies, otherwise there was a full attendance. District Cllr. Pilkington attended but County Cllr. Ireton was absent.

Police Matters

Apparently the police are exceeding their performance indicators for this year's targets, namely; a pro-active response to drug abuse and driver behaviour, and a curb on thefts from motor vehicles. The Mayor read a letter from the police inviting proposals for next year's action plan. P.C. Kay said that the police station at Ingleton would be manned from 6.00am on 31st December 1999 through to 6.00am on the 2nd January 2000.

Highway News

An industrial dispute at the County Council prevented the road patching plan being carried out at the junction of Main Street and Station Road. It also affected the plan to install signs for the loos and the car park.

Library Shock

Everyone was concerned to hear about a reduction in the Library opening times. One member of staff has had her hours reduced by 60%. As with all our rural services the message is clear. *If you want them to survive, use them* and let those who make the decisions know how you feel.

The Cemetery

The Mayor and many on the Council took a serious view of the failure of the contractor to start work this summer. The delay seemed to originate from some minor alterations recommended last July. The Council decided to write threatening to withdraw the contract if work has not started by a specified date in April.

Eurogrant Details

Cllr. Pilkington has been trying to find out why Bentham, together with Gargrave and Hellifield has not been granted Objective 2 status. He was experiencing problems discovering the criteria used in arriving at the decision.

Planning Matters

Two applications aroused some discussion. First, there was a planning application from Riverside Caravan Park to make the Moulterbeck access road permanent. This was approved on the condition that the footpath was also made permanent. A plan was also submitted to refurbish Punch Bowl Cottage at its current location. This was refused on the grounds of road safety. The Cllrs. all felt it should be rebuilt away from the road.

Dental Services

Cllr. Marshall spoke about the difficulty some people have getting to a dentist. People with mobility problems or those with no vehicle find the present situation very inconvenient. The Cllrs seemed unanimous in wishing to see a practice established in the town once more.

Congratulations

Cllr. Dowbiggin moved that the committee be congratulated on the excellence of the bonfire and fireworks and that the Looking Well should receive praise for the wonderful lantern display.

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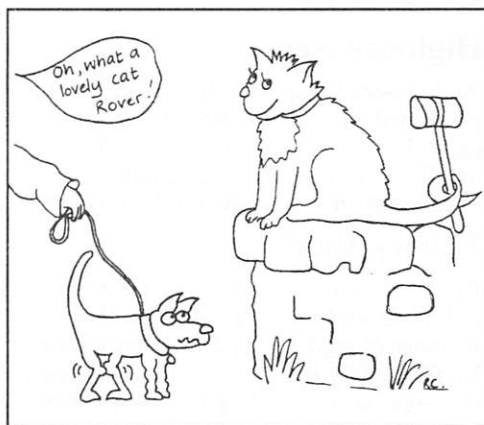
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BEWARE OF THE CAT!

By Shirley Brown

Local caravan site owner, Mrs Isabel Carr of Lowther Hill Farm, has had to erect a rather special notice on her land in order to comply with the terms of her public liability insurance policy. The reason for this is that when Isabel was seriously ill with flu for some months earlier this year, her cat, Jennifer, was her constant companion, and has, as a result, become very possessive towards her. Now the cat will attack any dog which comes near Isabel when she's in the yard, although once she's in the garden she feels Isabel is safe. So Isabel has had to put up the unusual sign, "DOG-OWNERS: BEWARE OF THE CAT!" to warn dog-owners using her caravan site to keep their dogs away from her rather special bodyguard.



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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

By Councillor John Pilkington

Senior Management Structure

At the meeting of the District Council on 5th October it was agreed that the new Senior Management Structure should be a Chief Executive and eight Heads of Service Departments. This means that the posts of Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Public Services will be deleted. The new structure will be implemented by the end of 1999. Although there will be significant cost savings concern was expressed that some senior officers may now have too many new responsibilities.

The post of Sports Development Officer has been vacant for several months. It has been recommended that this important work should continue and the post be advertised once the recommendation has been approved.

Recent Planning Applications

5.08.536.G Mr E Metcalfe, c/o Mason Gillibrand Architects, 16 Willow Mill, Caton, Lancaster, LA2 9RA.

Construction of garage at Low Bottom Farm, Mill Lane, Low Bentham

5.08.639.B Bentham Community Association, Bentham Youth Club, Main Street, High Bentham.

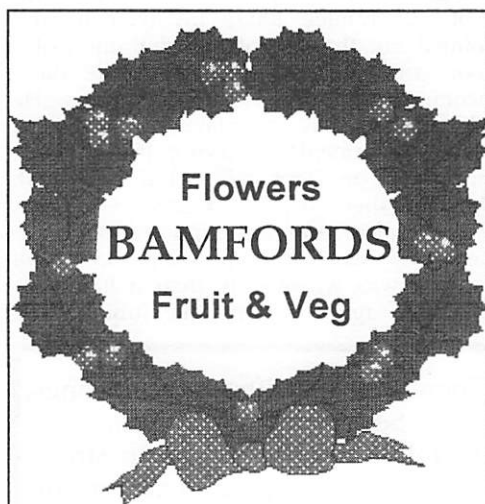
Disabled access ramp, alterations to roof, replacement windows, internal alterations.

5.08.639.C.LB Bentham Community Association - Listed Building consent for the application above.

5.08.643 Mr & Mrs Lamb, 1 Lane End Cottage, Burrow Heights Lane, Scotforth, Lancaster, LA2 0PG.

Alterations, extensions and re-use as a dwelling house at Punch Bowl Cottage, Low Bentham

5.08.643.A.LB Mr & Mrs Lamb - Listed Building consent for the application above.



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TIME TO BREAK CHAIN OF THIRD WORLD DEBT

By Chris Murphy

Local Action for Justice and Peace held their sixth annual public meeting on 22nd October when the speakers were Norman Burnell, General Secretary of Greater Manchester Jubilee 2000, and David Curry MP.

Mr. Burnell assumed that the fifty or so people present were familiar with the background to the problem of third world debt and Jubilee 2000's involvement and pointed out that the official definition of a poor country was one where the daily income per person averaged 60p or less. He acknowledged the part played by successive U.K. Governments in trying to get some movement on debt relief, but said that, although there had been some successes, (e.g. Jamaica) and although more people were now aware of the problem, the overall position was worse now than it had been ten years ago. Groups like Jubilee 2000

could influence governments' policies. Jubilee 2000 is not in favour of an unconditional total write off of all third world debt, as some people supposed, but neither did they seek to tell countries receiving relief how to run their affairs. However they did want to be sure that any benefit was spread across the whole population and was used in accordance with the wishes of the local people.

Mr. Curry agreed that pressure groups like Jubilee 2000 do have an influence and that letter writing and peaceful demonstrations can bring results. Monsanto had changed its stance on the production of GM non regenerating seed as a result of environmental groups' pressure. Organisations such as Jubilee 2000 are not subject to the same inhibitions as politicians who have to consider all aspects of relations with the various countries. He also agreed that the debt relief situation had not improved in the last ten years and said that the EU, partly under pressure from Iberian countries, now diverted aid away from the very poorest countries, to "middle class" ones.

Mr. Curry did not agree with members of the audience who suggested that multi national companies were harmful in third world countries, (though they had to avoid wage structures that might destabilise the local economy), nor did he think it wrong for creditor countries to press for a liberal democratic system in countries receiving relief. Multi national companies were much sought after by third world countries and brought in badly needed investment and employment. Finally, he wished Jubilee 2000 well.

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RECIPES

By Doreen Park

Most of us stick to our Christmas traditions all our lives, particularly where food is concerned. Lots of people don't like to admit that they are not very fond of plum pudding or rich fruit cake. These cakes will tempt the casual caller who calls in for a cup of tea or coffee and delight the children while still retaining a festive air.



Uncooked Christmas Cake

- 8 ozs marshmallows
- 1½ lbs digestive biscuits
- 1 oz angelica
- 3 tablespoons orange juice
- 10 tablespoons evaporated milk
- ½ teaspoon each of ground cinnamon, nutmeg and ¼ teaspoon cloves
- 12 ozs mixed sultanas and seedless raisins
- 8 ozs chopped mixed peel
- 4 ozs glace cherries
- 4 ozs chopped dates
- 4 ozs walnuts

Chop the marshmallows with a pair of wet scissors. Crush the biscuits with a rolling pin. Chop the angelica finely. Leave the marshmallows to stand in the orange juice and milk for 20 minutes. Mix the spices, angelica, chopped fruit and nuts. Stir in the marshmallows and liquid and finally, biscuit crumbs. Press very firmly into a round 9" cake tin and cover with foil. Leave for 2 days before turning out and cutting. Store in refrigerator. This cake can be topped with a little glace icing and decorated with glace fruit and nuts.

Christmas Log

4 ozs castor sugar, 2 large eggs, 2½ ozs plain flour.

Icing - 7 ozs butter, 5 ozs castor sugar, 2 egg yolks, 2 tablespoons strong black coffee, 3 ozs plain chocolate, melted.

Heat the oven to 450F/230C/gas mark 8 and warm sugar in some foil in the oven for exactly 6 minutes. Put the eggs in a bowl and beat in the hot sugar until light, fluffy and white. Fold in flour and smooth the mixture into a swiss roll tin lined with greaseproof paper. Bake for 6 minutes and turn out onto rack and leave to cool. Remove the paper.

Meanwhile make the icing by creaming butter and sugar till light and fluffy, beating in the egg yolks, coffee and chocolate until quite smooth. Spread about a third of the filling on the sponge, roll up firmly and cover with the remainder of the icing. Mark with a fork to resemble a log and scatter thinly with icing sugar to give a snow effect. Decorate with holly leaves and robins.



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FOOTPATH MATTERS

By Len Moody



The operations of Bentham Footpath group by no means constitute the whole of the walking and footpath activity in this area, but it should be of some interest to report on the group's recent AGM. This was held in the Town Hall on 15th October, when, despite several rival attractions that evening, there was an encouraging turn out of footpath folk, from both Bentham and other areas round about. Special thanks are due to the Pilkingtons for an excellent poster in colour, advertising the event, a notable example of the printer's art devoted to civic purposes!

The business part of the meeting was expeditiously managed by our chairman, David Stubbs. We were reminded in the 1998 minutes, efficiently produced by our new secretary, Angela Robertson, of the decision that members of the committee (each responsible for a specific role) should henceforth serve for three to five years, in order to share out the responsibilities more widely; though if necessary, to retain adequate continuity, some "staggering" may be necessary. So far we are glad to know that Frank Royston has volunteered to be responsible for waymarking, and Carol Crellin (after two years "rest") will become membership secretary, while a new chairman is in view for next year.

The financial situation is as stable as ever, and it is good to know that the group is still affiliated to the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers (BTCV), which provides insurance cover for those taking part in conservation work. The regular production of programmes of guided walks, co-ordinated by Joan Clapham, has been maintained throughout, enabling the group collectively to assemble a good knowledge of the whole area, together with some excursions further afield. Thanks are due to all those who lead walks, which always involves reconnaissance and dealing with any unexpected problems. An important innovation has been the adoption of a formal

constitution, which was carefully considered at several quarterly meetings, and is now available for the information of anyone, whether existing or prospective members, who wishes to know what the group does, and how it operates.

The principal event of the evening was the return as guest speaker of a former member, Julie Proctor, to give an account of her present work as a Project Officer of the Scottish "Paths for all Partnership". Many of us remember Julie, fresh from college, in the early days of the group, one of our principal instructors and inspirers, who played a significant part in our successes in gaining a first prize in the Esso Community Footpath Awards, 1993, always staunchly supported by her husband, Charlie Proctor. One of the things we can perhaps learn from the Scottish experience is the importance of a process of consultation between the "professionals" and the representatives of local groups, to discover what they think they really need, and to collaborate in its provision. Julie's talk was supported by some excellent slides of the Scottish scene, which produced a flow of questions and comments, which she dealt with authoritatively.

A final vote of thanks was moved expressing gratitude to Julie and Charlie, for coming back to Bentham to spur on our efforts to get our own heritage of public rights of way appreciated and in good order. Thanks were also included to all those who keep our own footpath group going, including the service of light refreshments to conclude the evening, and preparation for our fifteenth year of activity, in AD2000.

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By Lin Barrington

WFTC became payable on 5 October. A group of us in Bentham want to find out what out-of-school childcare would be useful in Bentham (you will have seen our recent questionnaire if you have a child at a Bentham primary school) and we felt parents and carers should know that they can get help with their childcare costs which in turn could help get new childcare up and running.

We already have some excellent playgroups and childminders in Bentham, but the summer holiday playscheme has always relied on a dedicated few to raise funds and currently we have no regular playschemes nor year-round after school clubs.

There isn't room for a lot of detail in an article like this, but in general terms to receive WFTC you or your partner, if you have one, must be working 16 hours or more each week, must have one or more children living with you and no more than £8,000 savings. WFTC is made up of a basic tax credit, amounts for each child and an extra payment if you work more than 30 hours per week. Added to that is the childcare tax credit which is a maximum of £70 a week for 1 child or £105 for two or more children. If your net income is more than £90 per week then the WFTC is reduced by 55p in every extra £1.

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There are leaflets about WFTC in High and Low Bentham Post Offices, and there is a freephone number to find out more - 0800 597 597 6. I have a bit more detail at the Bentham Trust office too if you want to come in and have a look at it.

INTO THE NEW MILLENNIUM

By Churches Together in Bentham.

Churches Together in Bentham are not including a Christmas "Flyer" in this Bentham News. Instead we are delivering a leaflet listing our Christmas Services directly to every home, along with a copy of St. Luke's Gospel.

You will be receiving the usual invitation to join us in our Christmas worship, and also a further invitation to special services to mark the new Millennium. On New Year's Eve we are coming together for a Watch Night Service in the Methodist Church in High Bentham at 11.00pm. We hope you may like to be with us as we wait on God as the new century dawns.

Throughout the country people are being encouraged to attend their local church on Sunday 2nd January, to begin the new Millennium with God. You will be very welcome at any of our churches that day, when we shall make an act of dedication and pray for our world and all its people. We do hope that you will be able to join us.

We hope too that you will read, and enjoy, the story of Jesus as Luke tells it. Perhaps you have never read the Gospel story through from the beginning to end, or know it only in snatches. Maybe you know it well. We shall all benefit from sitting down to read again the story of the one whose birth 2000 years ago, we are celebrating. On the cover is a candle, for Jesus is indeed the world's true light, and ours.

If you do not receive the Gospel or leaflet, please ask any of the clergy or any church officer. We shall be glad to let you have them.

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary, and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas, and into the new Millennium.

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS REDUCED

Recently the Education and Library Services committee reviewed the amount of use being made of each library and the opening hours.

As a consequence the opening hours of Bentham Library will be reduced by 4 hours. With effect from Monday 29th November 1999 the opening hours will be as follows:-

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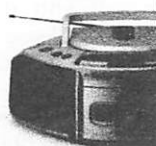
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BONFIRE APPRECIATION

By Pam Woof

Once again Bentham Bonfire night was a great success this year. The committee wishes to thank everyone who helped by selling tickets, on the gates or marshalling the procession. A special thanks to Peter for helping all day on the site. We also greatly appreciate the loan of tractors and help with clearing the bonfire away afterwards.

It would be remiss not to mention the important part played by all those parents and children who prepared lanterns and took part in the scintillating procession. Alison, who organised the lantern making classes, did a wonderful job. And David our pyrotechnician, as usual, and after an appalling afternoon of heavy rain, treated us to a shimmering and sparkling display of fireworks. Last but not least, thanks to the

Auction Mart for the use of their facilities.

For Bentham Bonfire 2000 we would like to make a place in the procession for a special entry of new lanterns. These could be big, electrically powered, elaborate or simple, wheeled or carried. Groups or individuals could enter and we can supply the materials, so think about designing a wonderful lantern and call Alison or David on 62672.

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MEMORIES OF BENTHAM IN THE 1930s...continued

By Bateman Marshall

* We have now reached the place where *Armstrong's shop* is now. Then it was **Joe Winn's Ironmongers**, very much the same as it is today although then there was not the same range of goods on offer. There was also living accommodation above.

* Down King Street where the former *freezer centre* was, then there was the **Lunesdale Farmers Ltd. warehouse**. All the feed was delivered and stored here to be either collected or delivered by horse or lorry to the farms in the district. It was a very busy place indeed.

* Opposite there was **Martin's Bank**, and the only difference now is that it is a branch of *Barclays Bank* instead. * Where the *Midland Bank* is now sited used to be **C Knowles and Sons**, a quite impressive corner shop and feed warehouse. The grocery shop employed about four people and the farm delivery side kept another man busy delivering around the district.

* *The Coach House*, as it is known now, used to be the **Brown Cow Hotel**, and the outside has changed very little. Behind the pub was the **Brown Cow Smithy**, and this was before the *Grove Hill Smithy*. **Wilson Howson** was the blacksmith, and we used to take our bowleys there to be repaired. Every self respecting lad had a bowley in the same way that ten year olds have skate boards today.

* Then there was **W F Wrathall** (where *Fishers* are now). This was another substantial grocers with large warehouse behind for storing farm feeds etc. * **Cleveland Square** was an area of 8 or 9 houses with outside toilets which were demolished around the 1950s. * Where the *White Rose Cafe*, and now *Bentham's Balti Bistro* is, used to be **G W Garlick and Sons**, outfitters. This was a well known and respected firm which also travelled around the farms and area generally.

* The shop which is now the *Co-op*, used to be **Foster's Grocers**. This was another thriving business which also had one or two travelling shops. These had to be vans which were narrow enough to enable them to get round the back to load up.

* Next to the shop is the house on the corner, which was lived in by our resident dentist, **Mr Askey**. * The shop and adjacent house that is now *John Houghton's barber shop*, was then occupied by **Bob Wilson**, a tailor. If you wanted a suit or whatever, you just went to be measured and he made it.

* Back across the road, was the newsagents. Then it was **Guy's newsagents**, smaller than the one there now that is owned by *O'Hagan's*. * Where *Bamford's florists* now is, used to be another popular sweet shop, run by **Polly Clark**. * The shop that is now *Serendipity*, was **Wildman's butcher and delicatessen**. **Wildman's** also had their own abattoir behind Springfield. * Adjacent to the **Black Bull** was **Dick Parrington's shoe shop**. After him **Peggy Duke** ran it for a number of years, and after that the **Gill family**. Now this is a private house.

* Then, and now, we next find the **Black Bull Hotel**, which again is not much changed on the outside. The large car park was sometimes used as a site for the fair, but this was before the **Town Hall** was extended. In fact the fair was standing there the day war broke out in 1939.

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Best wishes for Christmas and the New
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POST OFFICE NEWS

By Alison Wilken

Christmas Posting Dates:- The last guaranteed posting dates for overseas and inland items, all December, are

Airmail outside Europe	Monday 6th
European airmail	Monday 13th
Forces airmail	Tuesday 14th
Inland first class	Tuesday 21st
Inland second class	Saturday 18th
Inland parcels	Friday 17th
Inland next day	Thursday 23rd

Bundles of cards can be posted across the counter. Christmas stamps and overseas stationery are now available.

Hours of opening.

Post offices will be closed from 12.30 on Friday 24th December, and on Saturday 25th, Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th (some main post offices will have limited opening hours on 28th). They will be closed again on Friday 31st December, Saturday 1st January and Monday 3rd January.

Bentham Post Office will be open on Late Night Shopping night, 10th December.

Delivery arrangements

Deliveries will be as normal (but often protracted) up to and including Friday 24th December. There will be no deliveries until Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th December and then no deliveries again until Tuesday 4th January.

Collection Arrangements

Normal up to 23rd December. Friday 24th December - as a normal Saturday. Saturday 25th-Mon 27th December - none. Thursday 28th - as a normal Sunday. Wednesday 29th and Thursday 30th - normal. Friday 31st December - Sunday 2nd January - none. Monday 3rd January - as a normal Sunday.

Recycled Christmas Cards

We will again be collecting used Christmas cards during January. We wish all our customers the compliments of the season.

PETER PAN - PANTO 2000

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LOCAL EVENTS IN DECEMBER



Fri 3rd Looking Well, 6.00-9.30pm, Black Library War Gaming Club, over 11's, and every Friday.

Sat 4th St. Margaret's coffee morning, Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon.

Looking Well, 1.00-4.00 pm Second childhood group - "learn batik". 

9pm till late. "Your Dad" at the Victoria Institute. Bar.

Rondo Ballet School presentation of Nutcracker Act 2 & Divertissements, Town Hall, 7.30pm. Tickets available at the door.

Sun 5th Christingle Service, 4.00pm at St. John's, Low Bentham. All welcome.

Rondo Ballet School presentation, Town Hall, (as above) at 3.00pm.

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Old Wennington, 5 miles, leader D. Stubbs 61430. Meet at Low Bentham Car Park 11.00am.

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

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

Tue 7th

Guides meet at 7.15pm at the Youth Centre, and every Tuesday. See page 19.

Looking Well, 12.30-1.30pm Relaxation Session. 2.00-3.00pm WISH Women's Support Group, and both every Tuesday.

Dog Training in the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon, and every Tuesday. More Dogs and owners needed!

Wed 8th

Looking Well, 7.00-9.00pm Alzheimer's Disease Support Group.

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

Friends of Low Bentham School coffee evening 7.00-9.00pm at the school. Crafts, Cakes etc.

Thu 9th

Wesley Guild "Soup & Sing" (Carols) at Methodist Schoolroom, 7.30pm. Collection for Children's Home.

Fri 10th

Christmas Carnival - Late Night Shopping. Fireworks 6.30pm. See  page 13.

Sat 11th

St. John's Church coffee morning, in the Town Hall, 10.00-11.30am.

Homing Society Show, Town Hall ballroom, and Sunday.

Sun 12th

Sign on for Panto 2000 at the Looking Well, 2.00-3.00pm. See page 15.

Tue 14th

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

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

The Bright Hour Christmas meeting, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Brennand, Methodist Schoolroom, 2.15pm.

Looking Well, Cancer Support Group, 12.30-2.00 pm. Shared lunch. See page 19.

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.

Tue 14th Angus Pensioners, Employees and Guests annual Whist Drive and Supper in the Works Canteen, 7.00pm. Tickets available from Security.

Wed 15th Copy deadline for January edition Bentham News.

Well Woman and Young Person's Clinic, at the Surgery, 9.30-11.30am.

Fri 17th Waste paper collection, at the Legion Hut, 8.30-11.00am. proceeds to NSPCC.

Sat 18th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Bentham circular, 10-11 miles, leader B. Ellershaw, 62078. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Millennium Celebration Committee coffee morning, in the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon.

Tue 28th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Farleton Fell and Scout Hill, 7 miles, leader C. Crellin 61881. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

EVENTS IN EARLY JANUARY 2000

Thu 6th Bentham Footpath Group walk, Lowgill circular, (Millennium Walk) 4-5 miles, leader B. Harrison 62462. Please meet at Lairgill/Lowgill Church at 1.30/1.45pm.

Fri 7th Bentham News published.

Tue 11th High Bentham Toy Library, in the Youth Centre, 9.30-11.30am.

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

Wed 12th Bentham Footpath Group members quarterly meeting in Town Hall at 7.00pm.

Sat 15th Bentham News coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-11.45am. First coffee morning of the year 2000!

BENTHAM AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY EVENTS

By Val Lawson

Coffee morning.

Thank you to everyone who supported our annual coffee morning on Saturday 30th October. The amount raised was £310. Raffle winners were Wendy Heigh, R.Butterfield, K.Burrow, M.West, E.Butterfield, Hash Browns, Barwises, T.B.Marshall, B.Mason, Mr. Henderson and S.Wood. The fruit cake winner was G.Lawson, the map winner K.Butterfield and Teddy's birthday E.Butterfield.

Annual General Meeting

The Society's AGM was held on Tuesday 2nd November in the Wenningdale Room of the Town Hall. Officers elected as follows:- Chairman R. Butterfield, Vice Chairman M. Mason, Secretary Val Lawson, Treasurer J. Lister.

The society held a successful show in 1999. The year 2000 show is to be held on Saturday 2nd September, with Mr. Henry Wood as President. Advance Handicraft Schedules will be available in early December from the secretary (61606).



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Please ring. 01942 896702 or 0976 262891 for free information pack.

If you are a member of a local community group, or an individual wanting to know more about Wing Chun and joining the new class starting in January, please ring to book a place on this free introductory night. Places will be limited.

LOOKING WELL NEWS

By Alison Jones

Homeopathy. We welcome back Beth Tyers for another series of homeopathy sessions. Come and learn about safe, effective remedies for colds and flu on Wednesday 1st December at 7pm.

Painting class. Our painting class with Cliff Machin will take place in January. Beginners are welcome. The time and day have not been finalised so if you are interested call in or phone with your name and preferred times.

Cancer Support Group. The group meets once a month to share a light lunch, with everyone bringing something to eat. If you, or a member of your family are facing cancer, we invite you to come on Tuesday 14th December at 12.30pm.

Our exhibition this month is a celebration of arts and crafts made by people at Looking Well. We will be closed from Christmas Eve. We wish everyone a happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

NSPCC

Hot on the heels of our cracker sale we invite you to visit us in Bentham Town Hall on 10th December (Late Night Shopping) when we will be helping Santa with his grotto. Our new Millennium recipe book will be on sale. Thanks to all who contributed recipes or donated to meet publication costs and to all who have supported us during the year.

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GUIDES

By Sue Ray

The Guides are now up and running at High Bentham Youth Centre at 7.15pm every Tuesday. For more information contact me on 61381. The following poem has been written by one of the guides, Jenny Barwise.

Guides

Helping others is what we're all about,
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If you want to join in just give us a shout,
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Plot 6 - Det 4 Bed House with garage £135,000 **SSTC**

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WHY THE MILLENNIUM?

BY DOROTHY PIDGEON

Two thousand years ago, there came to live on earth below

A little child from heaven above, to show to men His Father's love.

Many people then - as now - thought that surely they somehow

Could live their lives in their own way.

Who needed God? Not they.

And so that little child once grown to be a man

Took to Himself God's work, and spent his earthly span

In teaching us a whole new way of living To every kind of need His whole self giving,

So that the world might see eternal love

Poured out for us from the heart of God above.

Thus thirty years on earth he spent

Until that day when to the Cross He went, Lifted high for all to see, and there to die.

For you. For me.

And tho' 2000 years have passed since then

God still shows his boundless love for men

Thro' Christ, His Son, the One who came to earth.

What then is this Millennium, if not

A celebration of our Saviour's birth?



OBITUARY - HUGH TOWNSON

On 3rd November, peacefully at his home in Newry, Northern Ireland, aged 85. The last surviving son of Thomas and Kate E. Townson of Benthams. Hugh was educated at the local Primary School and Benthams Grammar School. He worked briefly in the office of Wenning Silks before going to train as a local government officer.

Many of the older people in Benthams will remember Hugh. Since his marriage in 1949 to Ann Mitchell, he has lived and worked in Newry, and was an active member and choirmaster of his local church.

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AGE CONCERN RELIEF CARE SERVICE

By Sue Clements

A reminder that the Relief Care Service provides practical and emotional support for all carers in North Craven. This free service can be used for anyone who is over 50 years old, which can be either the carer or the person needing support. For example, this could be a younger person supporting an older friend/relative, or a parent or grandparent caring for a much younger individual. The service provides support for people with a wide range of physical and mental illnesses. Many clients and carers frequently have a combination of age related conditions. While many carers live with families, there are many people living alone, but receiving intensive support from friends and family. Both client and carer benefit from having a positive input from caring, skilled staff. For more information contact Age Concern on 01729 823066.

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ODE TO "OFF THE WALL"

By the Ridgeways and the Bennetts

The leaves are turning
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whilst our thoughts are of autumn
and music at "Off the Wall".
No more the beat of pot on pan
while working in the kitchen.
The best we'll get this winter time
Is Bentham's Balti chicken.
Our bodies by the season's end
no longer honed by dancing,
more wrinkled, flat and flabby sacks
remembering our prancing.
So thanks to all at "Off the Wall"
who laboured long and hard.
Your efforts will be sorely missed
not least by this poor bard.

SUCCESSFUL FUND RAISING FOR LOCAL CANCER CARE

By Karen Standing

A group of concerned local people, led by Mrs. Linda Tooby, has been raising money for cancer care in the Bentham area. Much hard work has gone into this voluntary effort, but the results have been very encouraging, and it is expected that further fund raising events will be organised, because the need is an ongoing one.

At the latest event on 3rd November, over £200 was raised in a few hours. This brought the total raised over the last two months to a magnificent £1500. This is being used to support local cancer care. Thank you to all who supported this worthy cause in any way.



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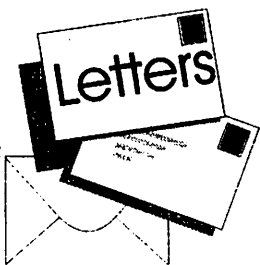
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Letter from America No. 5

By Margie Simper



Many a month has lapsed since my last Letter from America. After the passing of the end of our first year in the USA at the end

of May, I realised that so little seemed new and unusual anymore. It always amazes me how quickly one can become adjusted to a different culture and, in the States, an increasingly different language.

Our daughter, Eleanor, who has just turned four, still sounds as British as ever although we were informed that after only six months she would sound like a little American. Her nursery school, or pre-school as they call them here, is a Montessori school and has a fairly international representation of both staff and pupils so this may explain why she is holding out (to Grannie Scotland's great relief!). I should use the word "student" because all children are referred to as "students", whatever their age. I have to refer to my piano pupils as my "piano students" because the usual use of the word "pupil" in American is the word meaning part of the eye.

We are now coming to the end of the long summer vacation. This runs from the last week of June to the second week of September. The Americans pack their school year into a nine-month period with only one week at Christmas and Easter and no half-terms. The schools do have the Monday public holidays scattered throughout the year (one more than in the UK) which are not purely Bank Holidays but are always related to a particular event e.g. Martin Luther King's birthday, President's Day etc. They also have two days off twice a year for Parent/Teacher meetings so there seem to be three or four day weekends fairly frequently.

By the end of June, though, the children are ready for a holiday, many of them having their first lesson of the day at

7.30 in the morning for all five days of the week, throughout the year. I should say "vacation" as "holiday" in American implies Christmas or Easter or some particular celebration rather than a general time off. The end of June is also the time when the hot weather begins and it would be too hot to let the children outside in the playground even with suncream (always referred to as "sunscreens" here). I expect the schools could continue for longer now that air conditioning is in every public building but the USA sticks adamantly to the season of summer beginning with Memorial Day (last Monday in May) and continuing until the first Monday in September (Labor (sic) Day).

All the community open-air swimming pools close on this date although the weather would permit pleasant swimming for another month. It is partly due to the fact that the pool staff are all High School students who have to go back to continue their education. They are a huge band of cheap labour in the US, the minimum wage here being USD 4.50 (about GBP 3.00) which is about half that of the minimum wage in Australia. The "summer season" could also be a hang over from colonial days when things were organised to match the home country (Britain) despite the better weather.

Every new community (or Housing Association as the new residential suburbs are called) have their own public swimming pool for residents who are up-to-date with their Association fees. They are all open-air, usually including a children's paddling pool and a deep end for diving as well as the usual pool with shallow and deep ends. There is no limit to how often one may visit, although when the pools first open in late June they sometimes have to turn people away because of the pool becoming over-crowded. The water is not heated, but usually the cold water is a relief after the heat of the noonday sun and by the end of the day it will have warmed up significantly.

The second half of this letter by Margie Simper will be published in the January edition of the Bentham News.



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Anne Duncan would like to say "Thank you" to everyone who sent good wishes, cards, flowers and chocolates and for baking, since her operation.



Mr. and Mrs. Noon would like to thank all their friends and neighbours for their cards and good wishes during Jack's stay in hospital recently.

Christmas Greetings

Jackie and Jessie Brownsord would like to wish all their family and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Wishing all home carers, friends and neighbours a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, Leah Cox, 2 Collingwood Terrace.

Iris Dugdale sends Christmas Greetings to all her friends in Bentham.

Ken Leeming would like to wish all his relations, friends and neighbours, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Marion Parker would like to wish all her friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Christmas Greetings

Ruth Parkinson sends sincere greetings for Christmas and the New Millennium, to family and friends in Bentham and District from her new home in Saffron Walden.

Best wishes for Christmas and the New Year to all relatives and friends, Arthur Patrickson.

Happy Christmas and New Year to my friends, neighbours and all home care staff and many thanks for their kindness to me. Jennie Richardson, 4 Cherry Tree Cottages.

Jim Segger wishes relatives and friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Letters continued from page 25

Dear Editor,

The news that Alan Coates, Butchers, is to close down after the last customer is served on Christmas Eve and that Serendipity, by the time you read this, will have closed down, is a sad blow for Bentham. Once again it brings into sharp focus the difficulties being faced not only by Bentham, but by many small town centres as they battle to survive in an ever changing trading environment.

I am not in a position to comment on the reasons for their respective closures, although as a fellow trader I think I can make an educated guess, but there is little doubt that an ever decreasing customer base is a major concern for all small tradespeople, as consumers look to the supermarkets, lured by their heavy advertising and supposed customer "benefits".

One would have had to live on a desert island not to have noticed that the current battlefield for them is price. And there lies the rub - people believe that supermarkets are cheap for one reason only and that's because the supermarkets tell them they are cheap. The reality is somewhat different.

A number of commentators recently have pointed out that the supermarkets' claims on prices are, at best illusory, and at worst, downright misleading. Take for example, an offer at Tesco which gave 1.5 kilos of a certain apple for the price of 1 kilo. A bargain, you might think except that this "offer" worked out at 52p per lb when the same apples were on sale loose in the same store at 45p per lb! Then there is Asda's "rollback" campaign which promises "Permanently Low Prices...Forever" (we'll excuse them the tautology ie, if it's permanent then it must be "forever"). Purely as an example, 6 months ago they "Rolled back" the price of a particular bottle of wine from £6.95 to £4.75 yet today, that same wine is on the shelves at...you've guessed it...£6.95. Permanent?...Forever?? Hmm!

The BBC's Watchdog programme recently quoted an independent survey which confirmed that buying from local

shops is 5-10% cheaper than from supermarkets and as a test their researchers bought a Sunday dinner in 3 locations across the country both from local shops and supermarkets. In every case the local shops were cheaper. I also recall a few weeks ago hearing a consumer affairs expert on Radio 2 use these very words "I have always maintained and STILL (his emphasis) maintain that buying locally is cheaper than from supermarkets".

So before you get the car out next time, think about using the shops on your own doorstep. Not only might it save you money and petrol. It might just help to save your own town centre.

Yours,

Nigel Bamford.

Dear Readers,

We would like to let everyone know that as from 19th November, Serendipity on Main Street will be closed.

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Yours sincerely,

Chris and Rosemary.

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LOW BENTHAM NOW HAS A YOUTH CLUB

By Joanne Longshaw (Coordinator of Bentham and Ingleton Youth Projects)

Young people in Low Bentham now have two nights a week to meet in the Victoria Institute. This youth club has been set up as a voluntary group supported by trained workers from the County Youth Service. Eventually, the young people say they would like to run their own group with the help of friends and relatives. Trained workers would just call in from time to time, or run specialist activities occasionally. Long Preston has successfully set up just such a group, with each helper going in once every six weeks.

Whatever your age, volunteer work with the Youth Service can be a very rewarding and useful experience, and can lead to employment accreditations. So you can play football while enhancing your CV!

A few words from our members (*Fiona, Paul, Mel, Daniel, Wayne and the team*): - *"The club is fun, with indoor football, cricket and badminton. We have quizzes and competitions with prizes."* - *"We meet new people - it's an exciting prospect for our future."* - *"I like the football, but I don't like the little hall."* - *"It's great, fantastic - you can cook, play and watch videos."*

Please call in any term time Wednesday or Friday evening. May I wish both Julie and Pauline, every success with the club, which I hope will prosper.

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CALLING BENTHAM'S YOUNG PEOPLE!

By Diane Chant

Is there anybody out there?

Good luck to Low Bentham Youth Club! How refreshing it is to receive a contribution for BN from a few young people, but what about the rest of you under-18s out there? The Bentham News is a community paper, but at the moment does not offer much for the younger members, and is probably, quite rightly, seen by many as "boring". So what can we, and more importantly you, do about it?

How about sending us your views (Is BN boring and if so how can we improve it?), news (club reports, sports results etc) and reviews (eg books, films, CDs, internet sites)? And what about some jokes, puzzles, riddles or even cartoons? These are just a few suggestions but I'm sure you will have plenty of other ideas. Whatever your thoughts are, they do matter and we would like to hear them. If we receive enough material we could start a regular youth feature or even a full youth page.

Contributions including your name, age and address or telephone number (in case we need to contact you) should be sent to the Editor at 1 Lakeber Avenue, the Sports Shop, or can be left for me at Bentham library. So come on Bentham youth! Now it's your chance to have a say and help to make BN a paper for all the community.

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CRAVEN WANDERERS JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB

By Louise France (Secretary)

Due to the pressure on space in this month's Bentham News, we are not able to give full match details, but these will appear in the January edition.

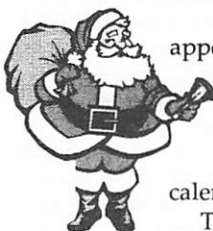
We've had a good month with plenty of goals and social events. Our quiz night at Ingleton was well supported and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone. The Jumble Sale at Ingleton went well as did the Bingo, Disco and Karaoke night at Bentham.

A big thanks to our fund raising committee for their efforts. We would also like to thank everyone who has supported us over the last twelve months and wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



BENTHAM SPORTS CLUB

An early Christmas Party was held at the Sports Club on Saturday 9th October, organised by the committee and members from Riverside Caravan Park.



Father Christmas made an appearance and presented each child with a gift. A few adults also received a surprise present and each family received a 2000 calendar from the Club.

The evening was well supported by locals and Riverside members. £347.00 was raised from bingo and other competitions. The prizes were donated by Riverside members. At their request this money was donated to Ingleton Ambulance Station and was presented to them on 31st October by Mrs. Freda Ritson and Teera Rushton at the Club.



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POLICE FILE

By PC Danny Kay

So here it is at long last, the final Police File of the century. Those of you with an eye for an investment may wish to preserve this piece of journalism to pass on to your children and grand children. Who knows, I may become a famous author in years to come. Some hope !!!!!

We will be inundated with "reviews of the century" by now and much will be written and spoken about our achievements of the last 100 years. But what of the future, especially the contentious issue of Law and Order? Even as I write this article, the North Yorkshire Police is undergoing one of the biggest changes in its organisation for many years, and as we move into the next century we will no doubt be faced with new legislation, new procedures, new equipment and new guidelines for this, that, and the other.

The over-riding factor is that the police service is constantly being fine tuned and tweaked to meet the needs and requirements of the community. It may not always seem like it but the Police service of the 1990s and beyond is, and will be, far more accountable to the public than it ever has been. The main ethos of the British Police has been to "Police by consent" and without the consent and support of the public then policing would ultimately deteriorate to the standards that we all too often see in third world countries. So from a purely biased standpoint "long live the British bobby".

Christmas is Coming.....

It's official, you heard it from me. A few timely words of advice.

When you go shopping for those expensive presents please don't leave them on display in your car. Every year I hear tales of woe from folk who have had cars broken into in large public car parks and had hundreds of pounds worth of gifts stolen.

Drivers please ensure that all your lights are in working order, keep your

screen wash bottles topped up and your screens cleaned at all times. Drink driving offences are on the decrease thankfully, but be warned, there will be a campaign over the holiday period. Please do not become one of our statistics.

And Finally.....

Seasons greetings from myself and all my colleagues at Ingleton Police Station, and if we get into January "bug free", I look forward to continuing with this column into the next century.

APPLY NOW FOR TOWN COUNCIL GRANT

The Town Council will be holding the annual precept meeting in January. Any organisations/groups wishing to apply for a grant should obtain application forms from the Town Clerk, Reg Pointon, 25 Springfield Crescent, telephone 61596.

NEW COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Our new County Councillor, elected after the retirement of Ralph Atkinson, is Mr. David Ireton, from Ingleton. His home address is: Westfields, Chapel-le-Dale, Ingleton, Carnforth, Lancs. LA6 3JG, and his telephone number is 015242 42435 (home) and 015242 41241 (business). We hope to include a "Profile" of Mr. Ireton in January.

RECENT COLLECTIONS

The NSPCC street collection in October raised £132 and the Christian Aid coffee morning raised £162. Thanks are expressed to all who supported or helped in any way.

LOCAL EVENTS PAGE

The Bentham News committee invites secretaries of organisations/groups which have events scheduled for the year 2000, to leave a copy of their schedule at the Sports Shop on Station Road, for monthly inclusions in the events diary page.