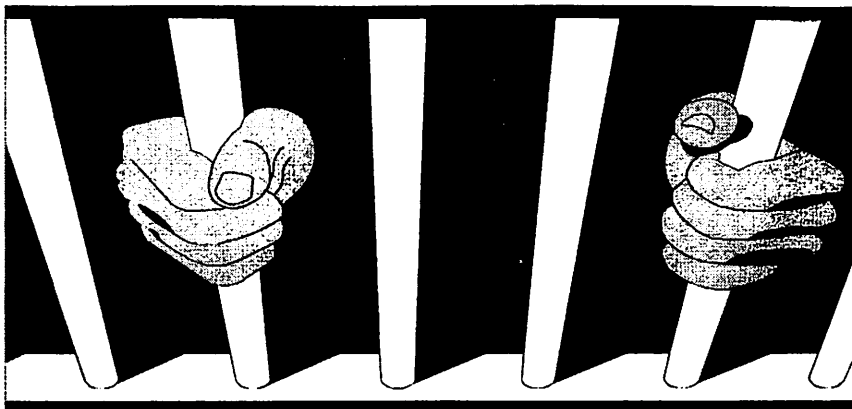




CRIME - WHOSE PROBLEM?

Police File by PC Danny Kay

Firstly an apology, or should it be two apologies, for the lack of articles in the last two editions of BN. Holidays and other commitments seem to have hindered the pursuit of journalistic excellence.

I will start by echoing the sentiments recently expressed by my colleague, Adrian Hayes, when we were denied the chance on two occasions to prosecute persons for criminal offences committed here in Bentham. This was because in one incident key witnesses were reluctant to come forward, and in the second it appeared that it was OK for an act of criminal damage to be committed against a local business as long as the cost of the damage was discreetly reimbursed shortly afterwards. These incidents have caused frustration amongst those of us who are trying to maintain law and order, and they most certainly send out the wrong signals to the low life who commit the crimes. I don't think I need to say more on this.

Recently I attended a seminar hosted by a high ranking officer from the North Yorkshire Police, and one of the topics discussed was that of "problem sharing". Briefly the suggestion was that traditionally we, the Police, have been on the receiving end of problems given to us by the public, and we have generally taken it upon ourselves to find a resolution of the problems without looking outside our own working environment. Our senior officer put forward the suggestion that, "Yes, we should take on board the problems passed to us, but we should also consider turning the issue on its head and asking the person with the problem, **WHAT ARE YOU DOING, OR WHAT CAN YOU DO, TO HELP THE POLICE RESOLVE YOUR PROBLEM?**"

So the next time you call us to report nuisance children, noisy cars, suspicious activity, or any one of the hundreds of other complaints that we receive, I would urge you to consider the issue I have raised here, and help us work together to find solutions to your problems.

WOMENS' INSTITUTES

High Bentham

By Doreen Park

The Annual General Meeting of High Bentham W.I. took place in October. The president, Mrs. Faith Wilson, first gave a very humorous report on her visit, as delegate, to the autumn council meeting at Fleetwood. She then informed members that as her term in office had ended, this would be her last meeting as president. So a ballot would take place.

Mrs. Joan Jackson, secretary, read the committee's annual report which indicated a very busy year, from helping at the Gala to winning the silver tray at the Show, and sending a delegate to London.

The treasurer, Mrs. Sheila Brown, gave a very comprehensive financial statement and this was approved.

The following officers were elected; President, Mrs. M. Hayton; Vice-president, Mrs. D. Park; Secretary, Mrs. J. Jackson; Treasurer, Mrs. Sheila Brown, and three committee members. After the official business, fun was had with a game based on hand writing, and there was a buffet supper prepared by Mrs. Ruth Parker and served by retiring committee members. The competition for a pretty necklace was won by Mrs. Isabel Carr. The next meeting will be on 2nd November when Mr. N. Henderson will speak on "Care of birds of prey and hedgehogs". The competition is "An animal photograph". The Christmas Party will be on 7th December.

Low Bentham

By Jennifer Watkinson

When member Mrs. Ruth Sephton thanked the speaker, she said her husband and son, who are keen football supporters, would be very envious when she told them that she had been listening attentively to an international referee. She thought too, that the W.I. would go up in their estimation.

Mr. David Allison gave a humorous, interesting and enlightening account of his experiences of officiating in ten countries. He explained how he had drifted into this risky business, as nobody wants to be a game's hated individual. Always trying to be honest, he received very little praise but lots of verbal abuse and sometimes he needed a police escort out of town, after a match. He enjoyed his trips abroad and was presented with many gifts, including a bear skin hat which he brought with him. Whilst in Russia he and a colleague were constantly watched by the K.G.B. and to their dismay found that the films in their cameras had been tampered with.

At the annual Ingleborough Show we won the cup for the most points in the Pot Plant section and Mrs. Betty Atkinson and Mrs. Sylvia Brennand won individual awards.

Four members had a good day out when they attended the autumn council meeting at Harrogate, where Gabriella spoke of her experiences as a police officer.

The next meeting will be on 16th November - "Cooking with Darren".

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TOWN COUNCIL NEWS

By David Johnson

All the Cllrs. attended except Cllrs. Dowbiggin, Hey and Stannard. District Cllr. Pilkington and County Cllr. Ireton attended.

Police

P.C. Kay said there was little to report this month. He stressed the need for the public to stand up and be counted when it comes to reporting crime. Police would be able to protect us from criminals when we do this. Concern was expressed from the public about delays in contacting the police by telephone and the apparent ignorance of the staff at the answering service about the location of Bentham. P.C. Kay said that new arrangements are to be introduced over the next twelve months, which should help to solve the problem. Cllrs. complained about an abandoned car in Duke Street and vehicles parked on the pavement at Beech House, Mount Pleasant. The police promised to follow up these matters.

Traffic Calming

£50,000 is to be made available in the next financial year to investigate traffic problems in Bentham. Several Cllrs. felt it was important that wider traffic management issues be discussed with consideration being given to traffic calming, off-road parking and a review of kerb-side regulations. It was decided to involve Mr. Isherwood from N.Y.C.C. Environmental Dept. and take police advice so that a worthwhile project could be evolved. Changes in waiting restrictions for Main Street, Station Road and Mount Pleasant will be implemented before 31st March 2000.

Changes

It was suggested that the wooden gates at the entrance to the cemetery should be replaced with cast iron bollards. The Council agreed that Mr Woof should lay a hessian liner covered with bark chippings to eliminate weeds from the gardens at the Amenity Area on School Hill. Cllr. Pilkington pressed for the grass cutting on Wesley Close to be incorporated in the maintenance programme and that particular

attention should be given to the area around the culvert. There were no objections to the planning application to convert the barn adjacent to Stonegate House into a 3 bed-roomed house.

County and District Cllr. Reports

County Cllr. Ireton said that all the County's services had kept going during the fuel crisis. Site meetings and non-urgent commitments had been shelved for a period but the Authority was now trying to catch up. By 2003 the county will have to double its recycling programme and there may have to be separation of some waste prior to collection. We learned from the District Cllrs. that telecommunications masts will require planning permission in the future. Railcards have been reduced from £18 to £9 for the over 60's.

Congratulations

Cllr. Hayton commented on the success of the Harvest Thanksgiving and Barn Dance held at the Town Hall. The Development Trust has received further lottery funding until 2003.

..and Celebrations

It is 60 years since the Town Hall was refurbished and to mark the event a Variety Concert, featuring a lot of our local talent, is to be staged at the Town Hall on 11th November. The Mayor summarised the programme for the Cllrs. and congratulated Judith Johnson for her efforts in organising the event.

CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL

Bentham Traders will be holding the traditional Late Night Christmas Carnival on a Wednesday this year. The date is Wednesday 6th December. Father Christmas will be in town of course and there will be other seasonal activities. Come and listen to the street organ and other Christmas music.

Anyone wishing to have a stall should please contact Pam Woof 62001, or Maxine Halstead at Pigtails, 62417. More details will be printed in the Bentham News next month.

LOW BENTHAM PLAYGROUP

By Kay Sharples

You may not know it but Low Bentham has a great playgroup. It is held at the Victoria Institute on Tuesdays and Thursdays during term time, from 9.45 till 11.45am. All pre-school children and carers are welcome. Children over 2½ years old can be left with trained staff.

There is a wide variety of activities in each session; educational, roleplay, creative and messy (not too messy though). Each session is ended with a story and children get a drink and a snack.

Come along, let your children play, meet other mothers. The first session is free, so what have you got to lose?

HORNBY DRAMA GROUP

By Hilary Strickett

You are invited to an evening of comedy with four one act plays, which will be staged at 7.30pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 23rd, 24th and 25th November, at Hornby Institute.

The plays are Alan Ayckbourn's "Mother Figure", "Gosforth's Fete" and "Between Mouthfuls", with Graham Jones's "Dreamjobs" which will be presented by our Hornby Drama Youth Group.

Tickets (£3.50 adults, £1.50 children) will be available in Hornby Post Office and at the door. We look forward to seeing you.

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CRAVEN DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS

By Councillor John Pilkington

Future Management of Council Housing

During October a group of tenants (including one from Bentham), officers from Craven District Council and Councillors visited five Housing Associations. Each visit involved a 'whistle stop' tour of dwellings already managed by the Associations, an even quicker tour of offices and an opportunity to meet tenants, staff and Board members. This was the first stage in the process of selecting a Housing Association for a transfer of the District Councils houses, bungalows and flats. The next stage is an interview with each Housing Association. These are planned to take place in December and tenant representatives will also be involved. Then one of the Housing Associations will be selected to prepare a detailed proposal for the transfer of the houses. This proposal will be explained to all tenants and there will be a ballot, probably in early summer 2002. The transfer will not go ahead unless a majority of tenants vote for it.

The original plan was to hold the ballot next year but a survey of the condition of the Council's houses will not be completed until March and the results of the survey are needed before the detailed transfer proposals can be prepared. The Government is considering the possibility of restricting future rises in Housing Association rents to the Retail Price Index. This would reduce the transfer value of the Council's houses and make a transfer less likely. The uncertainty caused by this possibility is another reason for the delay in the transfer process.

Grounds Maintenance

Although the contract for grounds maintenance of District Council owned land was due to end at the end of March 2001, the contract has been extended by one year. A lot of the land covered by the contract is next to Council owned houses and

bungalows. As explained in the previous section there is uncertainty about the future management and ownership of these dwellings. If the tenants agree to a transfer to a Housing Association the nearby land will also be transferred and responsibility for grounds maintenance will pass to the Housing Association. This delay in starting the new contract mentioned last week gives an excellent opportunity for a full review of the level of maintenance. Please let one of your District Councillors have any ideas for improving this area of work.

Recent Planning Applications

- 08/2000/723** Mr & Mrs J Barwise, 4 Sunnyside, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7HU. - Erection of conservatory.
08/2000/733 Mr & Mrs T Churchill, The Coach House, Stonegate, Main Street, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7DS. - Conversion of existing redundant Coach House to three bedroom residential property.
08/2000/734 Mr & Mrs T Churchill, The Coach House, Stonegate, Main Street, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7DS. - Listed Building consent for conversion of existing Coach House to three bedroom residential property.
08/2000/783 Mr T M Whitaker, 1 East View, Burton Road, Low Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7EF. - Erection of new dwelling at Greenfoot, Greenfoot Lane, Low Bentham, Lancaster.
08/2000/779 Mrs Colyer, Robin Hill, 17 Mount Pleasant, High Bentham, Lancaster, LA2 7 JY. - Conversion of existing outbuildings to form waiting room/shower facilities.

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DIAMOND WEDDING

By Mary Ireland

On 5th October, one of the most well-liked and respected couples in Bentham - Charles and Rose Atkinson - celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary. They met in 1938, when Charles, from Bradford, was teaching and Rose, from St. Helens, was a hospital nurse. They were married in 1940 and just 10 days later, Charles was called up for the army. He was away for 5½ years. Rose remained in Bradford.

After the war and some moving around, Charles' final teaching position was in Grassington where he taught for 18 years. They moved to Bentham 26 years ago, to their present home, Parkinson Farm. The garden behind the farmhouse, although only about ½ acre in size, is so very beautiful that it "enchants seven year olds just as much as seventy year olds", a quote from a comprehensive article in "The Gardener" of June 1992. Garden enthusiasts from near and far come to see and enjoy it, appreciate the sensitive way in which Charles has divided some of the garden into smaller enclosures full of unusual plants of special interest and fragrance.

Both Rose and Charles give much of their time to helping many charities, and frequently open the garden to raise funds, with delicious teas baked and served by Rose, whose cakes and scones are legendary, and which help to swell funds at most coffee-morning cake stalls.

Their anniversary party was held on 7th October in the Methodist Schoolroom. Friends from a large area, as well as local people, filled the decorated room. One of the several iced cakes bore two little figures, one a man holding a spade, and the woman offering a tray of jam-tarts! Rose and Charles circulated among the guests. They were supported by the entire family, two sons, two daughters-in-law and five grandchildren, who were very efficient in



handing round the cake and drinks after the superb and delicious buffet lunch. This was followed by a toast to Rose and Charles given by their son Frank. It was a memorable and happy occasion, enjoyed by everyone there.

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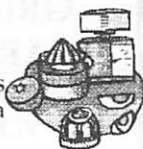
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RECIPES

By Doreen Park

It won't be long to Christmas so here are variations on a Christmas pudding.



A fat free Christmas Pudding

- 1 lb brown bread crumbs
- 8 ozs soft brown sugar
- 4 ozs each of currants, raisins and nuts
- 1 oz ground almonds
- 4 ozs grated apple
- 1 mashed banana
- juice and rind of a lemon
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ pint milk
- 3 eggs
- 2-3 teaspoons mixed spice

Mix all the dry ingredients together. Add the lemon juice, rind, beaten eggs, mashed banana and milk. Mix well. Grease a 4pt pudding basin and fill with the mixture. Cover the top with grease proof paper. Then make a cover with tin foil and steam for 4 hours. Steam again on Christmas day for about 2 hours. Do not make until near Christmas.

Shirley's Microwave Christmas Pudding

- 4 ozs plain flour
- ¼ teaspoon each of salt, nutmeg and mixed spice
- 4 ozs margarine
- 4 ozs soft brown sugar
- 2 teaspoons brandy
- 4 ozs white bread crumbs
- 1 small apple, grated
- 1 lb mixed fruit.

Mix all the ingredients together and microwave as follows. 20 minutes on defrost, leave for 5 minutes, then 5 minutes on high.

Household hint

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TO PARK OR NOT TO PARK



By Dorothy Pidgeon

That is the question. A question to which we are all seeking the answer. I refer to the car park behind the Town Hall and belonging to the Black Bull. There is this fine new facility and no-one seems to know the terms on which it may be used. I have seen the daily charge notice and the clamping warning, also the ticket machine in place. But I have not seen any ticket on a windscreen nor clamp on a car wheel.

Most of us don't wish to park all day, just for half an hour or so while we do our shopping, but I cannot discover if this is permitted. And how long is "all day"? Is evening parking free? These questions are exercising many minds and we would be grateful for some answers. Would those who know please be kind enough to enlighten us, since otherwise I fear the facility will remain as now - largely an expensive white elephant.

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POST OFFICE NEWS

By Alison Wilken

Christmas Posting Arrangements:-

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Monday 30 October - North America, Hong Kong & South Africa - Surface, letters and packets.

Saturday 11 November - Eastern Europe - surface packets.

Saturday 18 November - Western Europe - surface packets.

NB The latest dates for surface mail to other destinations have already passed.

Thursday 7 December - Airmail letters and packets to addresses outside Europe.

Thursday 14 December - Airmail letters and packets to Europe.

NB Separate dates apply to parcels over 2kg in weight, please ask at the counter.

Latest recommended postal dates - inland

Friday 15 December - standard parcels.

Monday 18 December - second class letters and packets.

Thursday 21 December - first class letters and packets.

NB There are later dates for guaranteed services, please ask at the counter.

Latest recommended posting dates - Forces mail

Wednesday 6 December - surface letters, packets and parcels.

Wednesday 13 December - airmail letters and packets.

Christmas Postage Items

Christmas stamps and stamp books are available from Thursday 7th November. Christmas airletters and airpads are available now.

Christmas Working Arrangements

Christmas hours of opening and collection/deliveries, will be covered in next month's Bentham News.

To Miss Anonymous,

You contacted me after the incident on the night of the Macmillan event at the Town Hall. Please note that the final expenses for the broken window was £350.00. This included supply and fitting of a new pane of glass, smoke canisters, window lettering and a call out charge from Chubb that has been made since your telephone call. Bentham Sports like many other businesses in the town supports clubs and voluntary groups on many occasions by giving raffle prizes etc. It would be nice to think that this support could be reciprocated. Several people (members of such clubs) must know who did the damage and yet we are still waiting for the matter to be fully resolved.

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Colin Woof.



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BENTHAM & DISTRICT PET RESCUE

By Val Marshall



Judging by the fascinating answers produced for some of the questions, this year's Whiz-Quiz has given a lot of fun to many of our supporters! Over 120 entries were received from as far afield as Lincoln, Sussex, Bedford, Gloucester, Scotland - and even New Zealand! Although nobody scored the maximum of 57 points, there was a tie for the top two places at 56 marks each. Several entrants were close behind in a further tie for the runner up prize. The Lucky Draw winner was not amongst the top scorers, which shows it is always worth sending back even incomplete entries. The committee would like to thank the several hundred people who helped to make this a successful money raiser for our charity.

Work has already started on the quiz for 2001, which will be available at Bentham Gala at the end of May next year, but the topic for the quiz is however a closely guarded secret!

The Winners this year are as follows: 1st Prize (£20) Mr. Richard Hopkins, Low Bentham; 2nd Prize (£10) Mrs. C. Dove, Dunstable, Bedfordshire; 3rd Prize (£5) Mrs. Mary Field, High Bentham and the Lucky Draw (£5) went to Jess Rowe of Ingleton.

Early in October some of our intrepid supporters set out from Leck Village Hall in the pouring rain with 8 dogs on our

Sponsored Walk. Despite damp feet and dripping hair, all the walkers (and especially the dogs) enjoyed the event, which was completed by the provision of hot soup and a selection of sandwiches ably prepared by our (dry) catering staff.

When all the sponsors' money has been collected we will have raised a little over £350 - a valiant effort. We expect this to be an annual event in future and - who knows - next year it might not be raining!

Bentham Pet Rescue is holding a book sale and coffee morning at the Punch Bowl, Burton-in-Lonsdale, on Wednesday 29th November to which all are welcome. Do come and select some books for Christmas presents and try your luck on our tombola and raffle, or buy some goodies on the cake stall.

All the kittens mentioned last month have now been homed, but there are 8 further young ones in our pens. For information please ring Bentham 62512.



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RAILWAY CHANGES

By John Bearpark

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Saturdays - 7.18, 9.34, 11.33, 15.35, 18.06.

Sundays - 16.14, 18.14.

At the recent Annual General Meeting of LASRUG - the Lancaster & Skipton Rail Users Group - there was much discussion about the need for additional and better timed trains. A bid has been submitted to the government's Rail Passenger Partnership for funding for three extra trains each way, Monday to Saturday, but the earliest start date for these is now May 2002. Northern Spirit, who run our trains, have been taken over by the transport group Arriva, and the current franchise will end in February 2001, instead of 2004. As a result there is a lot of uncertainty about the future. A new franchise is to be created, covering the whole of Northern England, except for the Transpennine Express services. LASRUG will press our claims for a better train service to all prospective bidders for the new franchise, when they are known. If you are interested in supporting our campaign, contact our Membership Secretary, Jack Warbrick, (62031).

CORIO RAPTOR CARE UPDATE

By Nick Henderson

What a busy year we've had. 21 country and village fairs have been attended with an estimated 25 to 30 thousand visitors. School talks, sponsored by British Energy, have progressed beyond our wildest dreams, with 8 schools already visited and another 6 on line. Our evening talks have been popular with all ages and we are booked well into 2001.

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To finish a hectic year, we plan to have a fundraising event at Wildmans empty shop on the late night shopping night on 6th December. Come and have a chat, meet some of your favourite birds and maybe pick up a bargain. A very big "thank you" to all who have given us their time and support. It is much appreciated. May we wish you a very Happy Christmas and New Year.



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artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt or young men wearing ear-rings. For us time sharing meant togetherness, a chip was a piece of wood or fried potato, hardware meant nuts and bolts and software wasn't a word! Before 1945 'Made in Japan' meant junk, the term 'making out' referred to how you did in your exams, 'stud' was something that fastened a collar to a shirt and 'going all the way' meant staying on a double-decker to the bus depot. Pizzas, McDonalds and instant coffee were unheard of. In our day, cigarette smoking was encouraged, 'grass' was mown, 'coke' was kept in a coal house, a 'joint' was a piece of meat you ate on Sundays and 'pot' was something you cooked in. 'Rock music' was a fond mother's lullaby, a 'gay person' was the life and soul of a party and nothing more, while 'aids' just meant beauty treatment or help for someone in trouble. We who were born before 1945 must be a hardy bunch when you think of the way in which the world has changed and the adjustments we have had to make. No wonder we are confused and there is a generation gap. But... we have survived.

ANGUS "DO" NEEDS SUPPORT

This may be the last Angus pensioners' and employee annual Christmas whist, dominoes and supper event. It is scheduled for Tuesday 5th December in the works canteen at 7.00pm, but if the attendance does not improve dramatically on last year (16 attended), it may not be held again! Applications for tickets should be made to Security at the gatehouse, by the 28th November, please.

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LOCAL EVENTS IN NOVEMBER

Wed 1st Citizens' Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.15pm.

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

Thu 2nd Looking Well, 2.00-3.00pm Tai Chi Qigong gentle exercise session, and every Thursday.

High Bentham W.I. meeting 7.30pm. See page 2.

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

Age Concern - Ron Smith "Poster Collection".

Sat 4th Girl Guides coffee morning at the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Ribbleshead/Chapel-le-Dale, 7-8 miles, leader D. Asquith 62619. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Mon 6th Looking Well, 10.30am-12.30pm Baby Buckets parents and babies group. 7.30-8.30pm Tai Chi Qigong gentle exercise session. Both every Monday.

Town Council meeting in the Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Burton-in-Lonsdale Bonfire and Fireworks, Recreation Field. Bonfire 7.00pm. Fireworks 7.30pm. Collection at gates.

Tue 7th

Looking Well, 12.30-1.30pm Relaxation session. 2.00-3.00pm Womens Support Group. Both every Tuesday.

Bentham Agricultural Society Annual General Meeting, Wenningdale Room, Town Hall, 7.30pm.

Wed 8th

Looking Well, 1.00-3.30pm Mucky Buckets, parents and under 3's play session, and every Wednesday. Alzheimer's Disease Group, 7.30-9.00pm.

Thu 9th

Low Bentham Chapel, Friendly Hour, 2.30pm, led by Bethel ladies.

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

Fri 10th

L.A.J.P. "Globalisation - Friend or Foe?" Town Hall 7.30pm, see page 24.

Age Concern, Jim Nelson - "150 years of shoe-making".

Sat 11th

NSPCC Christmas Cracker sale and coffee morning, Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00noon. 

Town Hall Diamond Jubilee Concert, Town Hall, 7.00pm. Adults £3, children free. See page 20.

Sun 12th

Bentham Footpath Group walk, Leck Church/Bowlpit Farm circular, 11 miles, leader F. Royston 41725. Meet at Lairgill 9.30am.

Mon 13th

Looking Well, 12.30-2.00pm, Cancer Support Group shared lunch.

Tue 14th

Bright Hour, 2.15pm, Methodist Schoolroom - Mrs. J. Fawcett.

High Bentham Toy Library, Bentham Community Centre, 9.30-11.30am.

Listing for Local Events

Day

Date

Event

Venue

Please complete and return to Bill Kennedy 62492, or hand in at Bentham Sports.

- Tue 14th** Bentham Child Health Clinic, at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
Book Group, Bentham Library, 7.30pm. (Book "Perfume" by Patrick Suskind).
- Wed 15th** **Deadline for December B.N.**
Citizens' Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.15pm.
- Thu 16th** Low Bentham W.I. meeting at the Victoria Institute, see page 2.
Bentham Footpath Group walk, Austwick circular, 5 miles, leader S & J. Darns 63342, meet at Lairgill 1.30pm.
- Fri 17th** The Countryside Society at Hornby Institute, 7.45pm.
Martin Colledge - "The work of the Forestry Commission". Light refreshments available. Visitors welcome, £2.
Age Concern, Mr. Maskell with slides, subject "Azalea and Rhododendron".
Waste paper collection at the Legion Hut, 8.30-11.00am. proceeds to NSPCC.
- Sat 18th** St. Boniface coffee morning  in the Town Hall, 10.00am-12.00 noon.
- Sun 19th** Craft Fair, all day at the Town Hall.
- Tue 21st** Angus Pensioners' Association, Malcolm Culshaw, Ingleton & District - Slides & talk.
- Wed 22nd** Oxfam Open House Day, 10.30am - 9.00pm, Bank House, Higher Westhouse. Oxfam goods & Christmas stationery, Bring & Buy, Raffle. Admission 60p includes refreshments. For more details, contact Liz Neale - 41155.
- Thu 23rd** Christian Aid Annual General Meeting, Methodist Schoolroom, 7.30pm. Speaker Mr. Arton Medd. All welcome.
- Thu 23rd** Hornby Drama Group one act plays, and on 24th & 25th. See page 4.
- Fri 24th** Age Concern, the Grassington Handbell Ringers.
Victoria Institute, Christmas Bingo, 7.30pm.
- Sat 25th** Bentham Agricultural  Society coffee morning, 10.00-11.30am.
Wesley Guild, visit of Caton Baptist Young People, Methodist Schoolroom 7.30pm.
- Mon 27th** Age Concern, Millstones - Christmas Lunch.
- Tue 28th** High Bentham Toy Library, Bentham Community Centre, 9.30-11.30am.
Bentham Child Health Clinic, at the Surgery, 2.00-4.00pm.
Burton under 5's Paddiwacks childrens' clothes sale, nearly new toys and nursery goods. Village hall, 7.00pm, admission £1, includes refreshments.
Bentham, Ingleton & Burton MENCAP Annual General Meeting, 8.00pm, Ingleborough Community Centre.
Bright Hour, in the Methodist Schoolroom at 2.15pm. Speaker Mrs. Beverley Jones.
Wenning Badminton "Club Night" 7.30-9.00pm. See page 27.
- Wed 29th** Bentham & District Pet Rescue coffee morning & books sale, at the Punch Bowl, Burton-in-Lonsdale. 10.00am-12.00 noon. See page 11. 
Citizens' Advice Bureau at the Surgery, 1.30-3.15pm.
- Thu 30th** Bentham Development Trust Annual General Meeting at the Town Hall, 7.30pm. Open meeting and speaker, 8.15pm.

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DISCOVERING 'SWALLOW SPRINGS'

By Shirley Brown

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I have to confess that I have always wanted to look inside this house. I watched it being built, and thought that it was one of the most attractive properties in the area. The conservatory, which houses the leisure pool facility, has stunning views over green fields towards Ingleborough. It is kept very warm as the heating is both underfloor and by air vents. The air temperature is 31 C, the pool 30 C, the jacuzzi 35 C, the steam room 38 C and the sauna 40 C. There are Roman Steps into the pool, making for easy access to the 0.9 metre shallow end. The pool is 7.5 metres long and 1.8 metres at the



deep end. The leisure facility is ideal for those learning to swim, for relaxation and for enjoyment with a few friends.

In August, 13 local children attended a 3 week intensive course for non-swimmers and beginners. They were Flora and Harry Ashcroft, Charlotte Sedgwick, Laura Wilkinson, Ben and Amie Calvert, Mollie and Katie Stalker, Amy Clark, Laura and Emma Dawson, Emily Robinson and Sarah Bosnyak, who happened to be in Bentham on holiday with her grandmother, Florence Metcalfe. All those who attended over the summer got certificates and badges ranging from Water Skills 1 to 25 metres. Swimming lessons continue with a teacher taking four classes on Monday evenings, three for children and one for adults. These are ideal for slightly nervous non-swimmers as all classes are small. Other bookings have included four parties, and numerous families or groups of friends. There is an offer available until Christmas, where 4 people can book the whole facility for an hour and a half for £30, which is the normal price for 3 people.

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OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

By Lynda Rushton

On Tuesday the 10th October, the New Opportunities National Lottery came to Bentham. Back in July the Out of School Club was awarded £12,000 by the New Opportunities Board to set up, and run for one year, an Out of School Club in High Bentham.

Sally, Richard and their Press Officer came on Tuesday 10th October to present the newly opened Club with a plaque. They met with the children attending the Club and with Ian Wood and Chrissy Burgess who run it, and also Lynda Rushton, the Centre Manager and representative of Bentham Community Association. The funding has enabled the Club to buy equipment and register the building, in the hope that they can provide a much needed facility for parents who for whatever reason are unable to collect their child from Low or High Bentham Primary Schools. It is hoped that this collection will cover other schools if possible where needed.

The Club is run from 3.30 to 6.00pm at the newly refurbished Community Centre on the Main Street in High Bentham, telephone 61800. It is also going to be open from 8.30am to 6.00pm during the school holidays, starting on Friday 20th October to allow for the teachers training day before half-term.

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TOWN HALL REFURBISHMENT 60TH ANNIVERSARY

By Judith Johnson

Bentham Town Hall celebrates its sixtieth birthday on 11th November. Sixty years ago the major refurbishment and extensions that make the Town Hall the building we see now were completed under difficult circumstances during the war. The Town Council at that time held an opening ceremony, a whist drive and ball and a celebrity concert.

We are holding our own celebrations, at the Town Hall, in the form of a Variety Show using local talent almost exclusively from Bentham itself. It will be a party for Bentham, given by Bentham folk. Those taking part include the Pantomime Group, the combined Womens Institutes, local soloists, a comedian with local connections, a rock and roll band made up of local musicians, the Rondo Ballet School, the Bonfire Band, a group from all the local Churches and the three schools from Bentham. The show starts at 7.00pm.

There will be plenty of opportunity to be patriotic by waving a flag and joining in with Wartime songs and to add to the party theme we will have an enormous birthday cake - a piece for everyone. This is an important event in the history of the Town Hall and for Bentham itself and we hope that many people will come and celebrate it with us. Tickets cost £3 for adults (children free) and are available from the Bentham Trust Office and Bentham Sports Shop.

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GARDENING PAGE



By Dot Hughes

There will still be some warm and sunny days this month, so make the most of them by clearing away all the debris and weeds that are still around. It is not a good idea to cut all the dying foliage back to ground level; leave some leaves to protect the roots from frost. Prune roses back slightly so that wind will not rock the roots, but any major pruning should be left until March. Lift and store plants which are not frost hardy, plant wallflowers, winter pansies, primulas, and snakeshead fritillary. Of course, November is tulip planting time. Dig up and dry off and store gladioli corms and begonia tubers and don't forget the lawn which will benefit by being given a top dressing of autumn lawn food and being scarified. This is a good time for lifting deciduous trees, shrubs, conifers and hardy herbaceous perennials, if they have to be moved.

Visit the garden centre to choose some winter interest plants, e.g. witchhazel (*hamamelis*), contorted hazel (*corylus contorta*), Christmas rose (*helleborus niger*) and variegated evergreens can be planted to brighten an area.

Plants with interesting seed heads can be collected and dried for Christmas decoration, these can later be sprayed with gold, silver or different coloured spray paints and incorporated into flower designs.

It is also time to give the garden tools, including strimmers and lawnmowers, a really good cleaning or servicing, before storing them for the dormant winter months.

By Barbara Harrison

There is a window of time between autumn fruit picking and the onset of winter when the garden can look after itself for a week or two and gardeners can take a break from their labours. We took the opportunity to visit Madeira - a garden island. It is frost-free and semi-tropical with a variety of climatic conditions. There are over fifty different micro-climates on the island ranging from dry, almost desert-like, conditions through warm humid valleys to cool damp forests. The average air temperature is 75F in summer and 68F in winter. The surrounding Atlantic waters are warmed by the Gulf Stream and the rich volcanic soil, dark rusty-red in colour, produces an impressive array of flora.

As well as native species, the island has been enriched over the centuries by ships arriving from distant parts bringing seeds and plants which flourished in such an ideal environment. The Palheiro Gardens and the Monte Palace Gardens have superb examples, not to mention the private gardens boasting orchids and camellias. It seemed strange to find, in a single garden, exotic bougainvillea, plumbago, strelitzia and anthurium growing alongside roses, camellias, magnolia and box hedging whilst English oak trees rubbed shoulders with Californian redwoods and the Kapok tree.

Arriving home, with visions of how well agapanthus, belladonna lilies and birds of paradise flowers would look growing in Lowgill, we face the reality of putting the garden to bed for winter!

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MARKET TOWN INITIATIVE

By Peter Phillips

The Town Hall was filled with about 130 people for the Public Meeting on 12th October, an indication of the interest this Initiative has raised.

The meeting started promptly with Andy Wallhead, the Area Development Officer for Yorkshire Forward, introducing the Countryside Agency representative Mike Barningham and Caroline Taukulis, the Senior Economic Development Officer for Craven D.C. Andy went on to explain the aims and objectives of the Initiative and how Bentham had been one of only six towns to be selected across Yorkshire to receive this funding.

There was to have been a 10 minute video further explaining the scheme but technology failed and Caroline Taukulis stood up to mention some of the findings of the Scoping Study undertaken in Bentham in July 1999 :- the need for new work space, the use of redundant buildings, community transport, etc., and said that this study formed the basis for Bentham's selection.

Andy Wallhead then told us that one of the main purposes of the meeting was to get the audience to submit up to four nominations each from the Private and Public Sectors, from which the composition of the Partnership Board would be made. We had all found nomination forms on our seats and were asked to complete them and leave them in the box provided.

Questions and answers followed. They ranged from "Where are the boundaries for the grant?", "Can we have a swimming pool?", "Who will be accountable for the money?" to "What about drains and lights for Mill Lane?" To all of these the answer was "Whatever Bentham wants it to be!"

The video machine was then persuaded to work but no-one beyond the front row could hear anything and the meeting broke up with the audience discussing matters amongst themselves.

I felt the panel told us everything and told us nothing. On the one hand they explained the purposes of the Market Towns Initiative but on the other all questions asked were directed back at the audience. In other words, they were saying, it is for the people of Bentham to decide: - Who it is they want on the Partnership and What it is they want the money for.

From the amount of talk going on at the end it was obvious that everyone had their own ideas. It is vital, however, that the Partnership Board is selected as soon as possible and an Action Plan decided upon. The sooner projects are put forward, the better chance we have of receiving matching funding from Europe.

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Coffee Mornings

By Kathleen Goldsack

The Christian Aid coffee morning held recently raised £148 for Christian Aid funds. The coffee morning held on Wednesday 11th October at Pevensey, 8 Robin Lane, raised £64.50 for St. Margaret's Toilet Fund. Very many thanks to all who helped in any way.

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NSPCC

By Caroline Woof

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PRIZE DRAW RESULT

By Alan Robshaw

"Slipped Disc" has been running a free prize draw for customers who either rented a game or made a purchase over £5, and the winning ticket was drawn on 30th September by John Barwise. Amanda Lester is the lucky winner of a special edition N64 Starwars Racer, and her lads are delighted.

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GLOBALISATION - FRIEND OR FOE?"

By Clifford Murphy

Local Action for Justice and Peace, (LAJP), was formed in 1994 and is a Bentham based group, concerned with human rights, freedom of conscience, fair trading practices, protection of children from all forms of exploitation, and similar issues. It operates by providing opportunities for organisations, concerned with the above issues, to publicise their work, argue their case and, in some instances, to raise funds to support their work. Each year it organises an open meeting on some issue of major importance, related to the future of the world and of the human race, and this year's meeting addresses the problems of Globalisation.

Many people are concerned about the growth of world wide organisations, which wield enormous influence in various parts of the world, often overruling the wishes of democratically elected governments, yet who themselves are answerable only to their own directors or share holders. Others view globalisation as the way forward to a better world, eliminating starvation and poverty and bringing a higher standard of living to all. The meeting, entitled "Globalisation - Friend or Foe?" will be at 7.30pm on 10th November in the Town Hall. The Speaker, Dr John Whitelegg, is Professor of the Built Environment at John Moores University. There will be group discussions, and a general discussion and question session. Admission is free.



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CRIME FREE CRAVEN!?

By Alan Atkins (co-ordinator)

Now there's something worth aiming for, and that's exactly what the Craven Community Safety Partnership, set up in 1998, hopes to achieve. The Crime and Disorder Act 1998 recognised that the police alone could not reduce crime by as much as they and the public would like, and that it is only through acting together that crime, and, importantly, the fear of crime, can be reduced. Members of the Partnership were initially Craven District Council, North Yorkshire Police and North Yorkshire County Council, but since then a number of other organisations have joined.

The Partnership has already conducted a crime audit, which revealed that people in Craven are particularly concerned about seven issues. These are domestic violence, domestic burglary, auto crime, drug and alcohol related crime, concerns for young people, commercial crime and corporate issues. Corporate issues include the public's desire for an improved police presence, closing the gap between the public's perception of crime and actual crime and improving the reporting of crime.

Some of the achievements to date are a successful application to government to fund CCTV in Skipton and the introduction of a 'Country Watch' scheme, which involves those living in rural communities volunteering to observe and report suspicious persons or vehicles. Members of the public then link via mobile phones with the police who will attend and deal with the incident.

Our Aim is to make Craven A Safer Place to Live, Work and Play.

If you would like to know more about the Partnership and its role, or feel you have something to contribute towards a Crime Free Craven, then please contact me at Craven Community Safety Partnership, CDC Offices, Granville Street, Skipton, BD23 1PS, or tel: 01756 - 706254, or e-mail aatkins@cravendc.gov.uk

BENTHAM FOOTPATH GROUP

By Tony Burnett

Lake District Weekend

How the weather can vary in this country!

Hot sunshine and a brilliant blue sky greeted members of the Bentham Footpath Group on the occasion of their annual weekend meet in the Lake District in September. For an autumn morning the weather was startlingly summery, so hot in fact that the climb up to the Walna Scar track and onward to Goats Water found everyone perspiring profusely.

Alas, the wonderful views did not last long; by the time the summit of Coniston Old Man was reached, nature had proved fickle again and the mountains were wreathed in cloud. Down went the temperature and so did the group, beating a hasty retreat down the heavily eroded main track through the old quarry and back to Coniston.

Despite the sudden change the rain stayed away until the evening by which time the group was enjoying a convivial evening in the Ship Inn and laying plans for the following day.

Sad to relate, Sunday morning came and the weather was decidedly nasty. The eagerly awaited sail down Coniston Water was marred by nine-tenths cloud and driving rain. The walk back from Lake Bank at the foot of the lake to Coniston, via a lunch stop at Torver, was indisputably wet. What should have been a lovely lazy jaunt through the hills and along the lakeside turned into a soggy struggle against the elements, a tale all too often repeated in Lakeland. Disappointing? Yes. Dispiriting? No....not with the BFG crowd. There's always someone to liven up the dampest days.



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WENNING BADMINTON CLUB

By Andy Chappell

Most people probably do not know or have forgotten that Bentham has a badminton club. We hold our club nights and play our matches in the Town Hall Ballroom. Club nights are normally held on Tuesday nights between 7.30 and 9.00pm. except when the "B" team has a home fixture. We currently have two teams which play in the Lancaster, Morecambe & District badminton league. The "A" team plays its home matches on Wednesday nights and the "B" team on Tuesday nights. Matches start at 7.00pm and spectators are most welcome to come along and support us (not that we normally get any supporters but there is always a first time!). You may also get a cup of tea and a biscuit if you are really lucky.

Results of matches played up to date are as follows:- "A" team versus Ingleton "A" lost 11-7, versus Ingleton "B" won 16-2, and versus Overton won 13-5. The "B" team versus Heysham Power lost 10-8, versus Ashton won 13-5 and versus Hest Bank "C" won 10-8.

Home fixtures in November - "A" team versus Brookhouse "A" on the 8th and Ingleton "A" on 29th. "B" team versus Ingleton "D" on the 14th and Kirkby Lonsdale "D" on the 21st. The only club night in November will be on the 28th and everyone is welcome. If you require any further information, please contact me on Bentham 62274.



JUNIOR SEASON CLOSURES IN STYLE

By Duncan Stephenson

The Junior season came to a close on Saturday 30th September with the Junior/Senior Scramble. This event is an enjoyable chance for the Senior members to see first hand just how good the Juniors are becoming. Generous sponsorship by Mike Reid of Reids Ltd, meant a full and varied prize table. The winners were as follows:-

1st J. Roskell, N. Carter, James Preston, Dave Scaife - net 54

2nd I. Rathbone, A. Kellett, William Davis, Mark Dixon - net 56

3rd A. Tomlinson, R. Davis, Robert Coates, Ben Tomlinson - net 58

Longest drive - P. Rigg.

Nearest the line - Matthew Thistlethwaite.

Nearest pins - N. Carter/Richard Coates.

Best Putter - Ben Ellershaw.

Thanks to all the senior members who played in not only this event, but in the other competitions. Without your support we would not be able to have these sorts of events. We would also like to thank all the sponsors this season - Phil Wright of Grove Hill Garage, Duncan Thornton of Thorntons Garden and Estate machinery, Martin Cowgill of Cowgills the plumbers, Mike Reid of Reids Ltd and Peter Hudson of Oakroyd Bakery. Your support is much appreciated and hopefully will continue in 2001.

The end of September also saw the end of the Junior Golfer of the Year, and resulted in a win for Lisa Stephenson, from Robert Coates, who put in a late charge to overtake long time second placed Tom Earnshaw.

Oakroyd Junior Golfer of the Year.

Lisa Stephenson 77 Robert Coates 56

Tom Earnshaw 55 James Preston 42

William Davis 29.



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HARVEST CELEBRATION

By Canon John Bearpark

The Harvest Celebration arranged jointly by Churches Together and the Looking Well was a great success. There were many children among the two hundred people who enjoyed a very lively evening. The accompaniment for the opening act of worship was provided by the new ecumenical music group.

There followed a Jacob's Join supper, and then dancing led by the Tutti Frutti band. Some of the children performed a shadow play during the interval, and pupils from Settle High School provided some diversion with their Rock & Roll Band. A collection raised £110, which is to be shared between Christian Aid and the Looking Well cottage project.

WASTE PAPER COLLECTIONS

By Caroline Woof

We would like to thank everyone for their understanding when we had to cancel the waste paper collection during the fuel crisis. As a result the October collection proved to be a bumper turnout. We would like to thank all those who continue to help us on a Friday morning and in particular the gentlemen who turn up regularly to aid us with the lifting. More help is always needed and there is great camaraderie and coffee as a reward. If you can spare some time during the Friday mornings when the collection takes place, we would make you very welcome. If interested, please phone 62254.

MARKET TOWNS INITIATIVE

By Bill Kennedy

Following our front page article last month it was gratifying to see so many turn up for the public meeting, and how sad that it was so poorly organised that the opportunity to harness the enthusiasm of local people was largely wasted.

What is the next step? How do we get the show back on the road? How can the confidence of Bentham people be regained when so many were disillusioned at the public meeting? It is probable that Yorkshire Forward and the Countryside Agency will examine the nomination forms (there were forty four submitted at the meeting and a large number have been left at the Trust office since then) and communicate the results to Bentham people, possibly through Craven District Council. But this is just what I think may happen..

It is important to remember that this is still a great opportunity for real regeneration in Bentham. The prospect of attracting nearly a million pounds of investment in Bentham presents a great challenge to local people, to ensure that the money is used in the best way to gain maximum benefit for the community. Don't let the enthusiasm (which lead about 140 people to attend the public meeting) wane, just because of the poor presentation at one meeting. Give Bentham people the chance to organise their own meetings, with Yorkshire Forward and the Countryside Agency representatives in attendance, and together we can work in a positive way to use this funding for the benefit of the whole community, and achieve the objectives of the Market Towns Initiative in Bentham.

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