Eldwick

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Archive Document Supports Allotment Gardeners

The gardeners at the Warren Lane site which is the subject of intense dispute have been delighted with the outcome of Local Archive Research.

A visit to the County Archive based in Wakefield confirmed local opinion about the purpose and use of the plot of land which since 1863 has been given over to gardening.

The handsomely written document, now copied by the allotment holders and submitted to their solicitor, bears a variety of enlightening statements.

a) The original Enclosure Award of November 14th 1861 set aside ten acres at Brown Hill Quarry (the central part of Prince of Wales Park) for the Labouring Poor as garden allotments. Two acres in Warren Lane were to be for recreation and exercise with no fee involved.

b) The annual rental for the ten acres was set £3.12.0d, payable to the Vicar and Churchwardens of the Parish of Bingley **and their successors.** The funds accrued were to assist the upkeep of "the new public School for the Village of Gilstead and neighbourhood".

c) This amending document dated 1st January 1983 reverses the uses of the two plots of land. Thus the 10 acre parcel came to be for exercise and recreation whilst the 2 acres in Warren Lane were alloted for gardening.

d) The rental remained the same and the income was still to benefit the children of Gilstead and Eldwick, through the building of a school. (In 1906 these endowment funds became the responsibility of Bingley Grammar School Governors for scholarships for our local children).

Despite the fact that all these contents of the Enclosure Document were communicated to the Bingley Governors by their solicitor as long ago as September the allotment holders have heard not a word of reply! Indeed are there any legal documents to dispute these facts?

Needless to say the gardening goes on. Summer crops have been harvested and winter greens are maturing as usual. The land will be dug, fed and prepared for 1986 just as it has been for the last one hundred and twenty three years. A village tradition will be maintained and enjoyed as far as our gardeners are concerned !

A 'BRAYVE' LETTER

The advent of the Wimpey Homes Development prompts me to write to you to commend what must be considered a sensible development in the natural progression to full metro integration. Is not the isolated attitude of your newsletter perhaps misguided to some degree. Is not the cocooned community concept selfish, and as outdated as those old Eldwick photographs shown in one of your past issues which were so resemblant of the Glen Road and Saltaire Roads of today.

Who, I wonder is still concerned that Thornton is no longer separated from Bradford or outraged that Crossflatts, Bingley and Saltaire join Keighley to the historic seat of Frizinghall? Is this not progress in Cosmopolitan rationalisation? Could not the spark of imagination that put the Local Authority Housing Estate of Ferncliffe alongside open countryside, do a similar public service to the remainder of the Warren Lane land? Perhaps this would truly integrate the Bingley being.

How many current objectors would be living in Eldwick if the original villagers had not had the vision and foresight not to object to earlier Eldwick development? Indeed the virulent activities of the Vegetable Society, the church and village policeman may not have been available if those past rustics had promulgated those protectionist policies of communities so analagous to a national dispute now over but which beligued this country for so long.

Communities must close according to current Government thinking and I suggest that a sound development of this land to include a shopping parade, say a large new village Pub with Games Room and perhaps a job lot for stray dogs would all make economic sense.

I suggest we close our community with Gilstead, be part of Bingley and develop Sherrif Lane, Glen Road and Saltaire Road by turning them from the 'Old photograph image' into wide thoroughfares commensurate with this century. It may require traffic lights at Otley Road junctions but a bus facility on these roads would be of great help to the aged who live there. I would like to see a more enlightened outlook in our 'town' with perhaps a new name, Geldingstead.

DON QUAY
Eldwick

RESIDENT FEARS ARE GROUNDLESS

The famous house building firm of Wimpey have become the butt of local humour in Eldwick. Having decided to erect houses over the large caverns and tunnels created by mining Eldwicks stone they now deem it prudent to say that Gilstead is really in Eldwick.

Some Wimp in Wimpey has decided to call his new estate 'Gilstead Meadows', demonstrating a certain lack of marketing judgement.

Does Wimpey really hope to avoid the controversy of building on suspect land by redrawing Ordnance Survey?

The word locally is that Wimpey are supplying a pole with each dwelling, so that unfortunate buyers can salute the flag as they slowly sink out of – site !

Eldwick Grotto

Father Christmas will visit Eldwick on Saturday 7th December this year. He wants to meet as many of you as possible and his Grotto awaits you in the Methodist Church Hall, Eldwick – please parents note the change of venue from school for this year only. Opening times are from 10 a.m. – 1p.m. and 2 p.m. – 4 p.m. there will be a bring and buy stall, bran tub and coffee + warm mince pies will be served throughout the day. Please help to make this special day a success.

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FROM THE CHURCHES

INTO ADVENT AND BEYOND

Members of both congregations enjoyed and were challenged by our evening with the Covenant Players. Perhaps they will pay us a return visit. Their drama and mime can say as much (or more? . . . than many a sermon.

Some time towards the end of November we hope to have a meeting about Outreach and Pastoral Care in Eldwick. That's to follow up the meetings on Visiting that both congregations shared in earlier this year to see how they could be better equipped to visit people on behalf of the Church. No, the clergy aren't going to put their feet up. But the more people who share in the work the better. We hope to find out how people have fared in the visiting they have done so far; and perhaps we will 'firm up' our organisation and our deployment of your talents. With those new houses going up in Warren Lane, it would be good have a common strategy and a sense of shared responsibility.

What does unite mean? The first move is to get beyond being rivals: the second stage is to be polite but in effect to ignore each other; the third stage is to begin to find ways of working together. We trust that we and our congregations are getting to Stage Three.

Our next Joint Service will be at St. Lawrence's on Sunday 1st December – an evening Communion (6.30) to mark Advent Sunday. After Christmas St. Lawrence's will share with Eldwick Methodists in their Covenant Service.

All good wishes to you as Advent begins. To be ready for Christmas means to reckon seriously and gladly with the hope and light that Jesus brings. Advent is the time to make ourselves ready for His Coming. Spare him a thought in the midst of your present lists.

RICHARD WALLACE
RAY WOOD

A ST. LAWRENCE'S GET-TOGETHER

Of course **all** are welcome. As in previous years we will have a social function in the Memorial Hall at lunchtime on the second Sunday in December (8th). That's a Sunday when children will be in Church and will bring their gifts of toys. The preacher will be Penny Driver – our Adviser for Childrens Work in the Bradford Diocese. The service that day will start at 10.30.

DERRICK MALLINSON
TERRY RILEY

ELDWICK SCOUT & GUIDE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAYRE 1986

SATURDAY
23rd NOVEMBER

11a.m. – 2.30p.m.
ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL
Entrance 10p adults5p children
Cake Stall – Books – Toys
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EDITORIAL

Editorial apologies are due on two counts this month. Firstly, I hope that our caption to last month's wedding photograph did not offend too many people. Readers may recall that we featured a picture of Jane Halliday, with her father, and not with her new husband, Kevin Campbell as our caption stated. Secondly, apologies to Mr Charles Whiteoak for my omission of his article on the Elstead Ladies Choir in September. To both these valued correspondents, and to the others who have written to the Newsletter only to have their letters wrongly printed, or even missed altogether, please bear with us. After all, we have only produced eighty four issues – we may get the hang of it when we reach three figures.

Bob's Snippet!

We hope Eldwick dogs will respond to our bob a job appeal.

THE ELDWICK BOX GROUP FOR DR BARNARDO'S

Has just collected £91.70p for this worthwhile charity.

The money received from these boxes placed in the home are a vital source of income for Dr Barnardo's. Anyone interested in having one should contact Florence Bertwistle Tel. 563338. (The boxes are collected every 6 months).

F. BERTWISTLE

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE

In October Bradford Metro had an "Age Alive" week, for all Senior Citizens of the area. Eldwick were responsible for the "Arts & Crafts" exhibition in the Bingley Library that week. Also on the Thursday we were open to the Public, when we had an interesting slide show by Mr W. H. Baines, and served afternoon tea to members and visitors.

Our A.G.M. was on 17th Oct., when the Secretary reported a very happy year, with 89 members, a variety of Thursdays, Christmas Party, and 2 outings, one to the sea-side, and one to the Dales. The Treasurer reported a loss on the year, due mainly to having 2 outings instead of one, there was still a healthy bank balance even so. The Chairman thanked the Officers & Committee & Rota Ladies, for their years work, and said what a happy welfare we were, and especially wished to thank Mrs Valerie Firth for her caring transport for our less able members.

Officers were elected as follows:
President: Mr W. H. Baines
Vice-President: Mr D. Harkiss
Chairman: Mrs G. Fawcett
Vice-Chairman: Miss H. Wade
Secretary: Mrs D. Muggleston
Treasurer: Mrs K. Peers
Rep. to Memorial Hall & Village Society: Mr D. Harkiss
Committee:
Mr E. Holt, Mr J. Pollard,
Mr J. Walker, Mrs Ackroyd,
Mrs U. Gott and
Mrs D. Holloway

We would be pleased to welcome any new Senior Citizens to the Welfare, the annual subscription is 30p.

DOROTHY MUGGLESTON

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DEAR EDITOR:

PLAN DAFT

Too often planning decisions work against the common good rather than in its favour. You would think that with responsibility for more than doubling Eldwicks total housing thereby increasing the need for shoppers parking facilities – attracting car users to Eldwicks Recreation Field – Public Toilets – Eldwick First School, etc. Bradford City Council would be grateful that Eldwicks Memorial Hall Management Committee have made the Hall Car Park available for public use.

You would be wrong – not satisfied with this provision of a free public facility at no cost to the Council – they now say The Village Hall is not providing **sufficient** spaces for present needs and have used this as the reason for refusing the Hall permission for a small Committee Room.

The need for a Committee Room is obvious when one understands that presentCommittee Meetings take place in the Main Hall – totally unsuitable because of its size. Other organisations in the Village and budding groups also need a small room at little or no rent. The average Committee Meeting in the Village is of between 4 and 12 persons and most committees do not have typing, duplicating or storage facilities. They badly need a base from which to operate.

Despite putting forward a redesigned car park layout so that no car parking spaces would be lost the Hall has been refused permission.

Bradford Council say that the extension would generate a need for additional parking and that the existing parking area is not sufficient.

What research have they done? – None. Do they know how many times a week the present car park is full – if any? No. Have they asked the Memorial Club how many spaces are used by their members and when. – No. Have they asked the Management Committee how many functions using car spaces are held – No. Bradford Council Planners refuse permission for a badly needed community facility using guesswork, making assumptions and ignoring consultation. So much for the professional planners.

A copy of the last application was forwarded to our local councillors Mrs W. Clavering and Mrs P. Gadsby-Peet, as well as to Marcus Fox. What happened ladies and gentleman – did you put the case, nobody contacted The Memorial Hall Committee. Perhaps the Village Society can HELP.

Club President, Mrs Birch, watches as the cake is cut, amid the 1st Birthday celebrations.

BIRCHES NEWS

First and foremost, thank you to all those people who made Birches first Anniversary such a great success. Particular thanks go to those who worked so hard to provide the food, the birthday cake and of course – the drink. Thanks also to Sheila for providing the beautiful bouquet of flowers, which were presented to Mrs Birch by the Club.

Forthcoming events

If you enjoy a "little flutter" then join us on Tuesday 3rd December at 8 p.m. for the "Birches December Chase". Programmes for this event will be available on the night at no extra charge. Be you rich or poor you can rest assured that "the price is right"! So come on down!

New Years Eve

There will be a disco and buffet held in the Memorial Hall; tickets will be on sale nearer the time. Details to follow. We are sorry to say that numbers for the disco this year will have to be restricted. So please ensure you have your tickets to avoid disappointment.

Happy Birchday!

Thursday October 24th saw the first anniversary of the opening of Birches, and to celebrate the occasion the club held its own birthday party.

With drinks at 50 pence, a sumptuous buffet, and a marvellous atmosphere, all those who came along could not fail to enjoy the evening. A short speech by the Secretary Tony Clegg, and the cutting of the cake by the President, Mrs Birch, completed the formalities.

To all those members who came along and joined the fun, the committee would like to thank you for your valued support. And to those who couldn't make it this time – there's always next year! Many thanks to all those who have helped establish Birches Club over its first succesful year.

MEMORIAL HALL

Thank you – to all those wonderful people who helped to make this years Autumn Effort the best ever. By the time all monies are in we expect to have raised over £550 after expenses. This will enable us to replace crockery and cutlery and go part way towards completing the stage and dressing rooms re-decoration. It was heartwarming to see Eldwicks Organisations pulling together to raise money for the upkeep of their Village Hall, our thanks too go to those individuals without whom the event could not be organised – let's hope this once yearly effort by the whole village will continue. We still need someone to help as Secretary of the Management Committee – any offers to the Chairman 569838 would be gratefully received.

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With the season now 2 months old our teams for the current season are settling down. The under 12 team have won 3 of their fixtures and should have a good season as should the Under 16's who have won 2 and drawn 1. Although the Under 14's have had no success to date this should soon be forthcoming. The main thing however is the fact that with 18 lads in each squad 40 youngsters are playing organised football every Sunday.

For youngsters in the village who wish to join us training is held on Tuesday evenings between 6 and 7 at the Nab Wood Sports Centre. Due to the cost of pitch hire and floodlights a charge is made of 30p.

The Club would like to pass on its thanks to the Gala Committee for the donation which has enabled us to purchase 2 match balls.

The result of the October Draw is as follows:

Mrs O. Hardaker £15
M. Heaton £10
B. Doughty £5

ROSSFORD BRIDGE CLUB ELDWICK

Thanks to the combined efforts of Mrs Ford, Mrs Bennett & Mrs Haddy the Bridge Club stall at the Village Hall Autumn Effort was beautifully decorated – and we were all gratified to be awarded the Prize for best decorated stall.

There were many willing helpers and Mrs Haddy's grandchildren worked well to attract visitors to subscribe to the well stocked raffle – which enabled us to give a substantial sum to the funds. The Club continues to flourish and by general consent our Monday morning meetings are friendly and really worth while.

ELDWICK RIDING CLUB

We held a very successful presentation evening and disco in October in the Memorial Hall. A record number of members and friends came along to watch Mrs Marcus Fox present the awards. The prize winners were too many to name individually, but we must mention that Gail Simon was the overall winner of the points trophy. Gail has been an enthusiastic and dedicated member of the club since it began and it was good to see her efforts rewarded. She is also leader of the junior committee and has been a great help to the club. After a pie and peas supper the evening concluded with a disco run by Simon, an event enjoyed by all.

Our final event of the year was a one day dressage and cross country competition. Over 30 competitors took part, including a number of non-members who hope to join the club next year. The winner of the junior section was Sarah Drake and of the senior section Liz Anelay. We look forward to new members coming along next year and helping to make out 7th season as successful as all the previous ones.

THE ELDWICK GYM CLUB

The Red, White and Blue Stall at the 'Autumn Effort' was a great success and we made £65 for the Memorial Hall. Many thanks to all the parents and children who contributed.

During half-term we held a coffee evening and stalls and made £18 toward our new mat. Thanks to 'Annie Allsorts' from Otley and also to all the local people who turned out with their goods. I would also like to thank the caretaker for staying on late and helping to clear up.

ELDWICK YOUTH CLUB

We are now in full swing again and it is pleasant to report that we now have approximately 30% girl membership. We have been given permission by the Memorial Hall Committee to hold Junior Discos for ages 7–13 years. These will be held on November 8th, December 6th, January 17th, February 14th. So come on lads and lasses and join us at our Discos on above dates 7.15 to 9.30 cost 50p.

TENNIS CLUB

BROTHERS Giles and Guy Richardson, of The Newsdesk, Otley Road, Eldwick, are the first winners of Eldwick Tennis Club's Ormondroyd Trophy.

Giles, 14, and Guy, 15, organised a 24-hour tennis marathon in the summer that realised £80 for the Bradford Disaster Fund. The brothers, who attend Bingley Grammar School, are members of the tennis club.

The trophy is named in memory of twins Richard and Robert Ormondroyd, tennis club members who died in the Bradford City fire. The award was presented at Eldwick Tennis Club's annual dinner-dance and prize presentation at the Lakean, Shipley.

MORE LETTERS..

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE ELDWICK & GILSTEAD WELFARE ASSOCIATION

I wish to thank most sincerely all members who in any way helped me when on the outing on August 29th, I fell and broke my wrist, I appreciated your help very much and hope I did not spoil your outing. Thank you also for the present of fruit which I enjoyed. I look forward to our Thursday afternoons get together. May they long continue. Again many thanks.

M. ELLISON

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

On Tuesday 15th October our members enjoyed the Annual Pie and Pea Supper for which our grateful thanks for the organisations go to the female members of the Committee. This was preceeded by films, two showing the contrast between the Northumbrian and Scottish Borders and the softer countryside around the south coast resort of Hastings. A humorous third film, 'I saw three ships' conveyed the clear message that experience and responsibility are vital for all who go 'messing around in boats'

Will members please note that the Annual General Meeting this year will be held in Eldwick First School in Otley Road commencing at the earlier time of 7.00 p.m. The formal proceedings will be followed by a film show.

There will be no meeting in December.

November 1985 A.G. WEBB

and more from our anonymous poet...

Chances are like butterflies
a movement towards
and they flit away.
They are smoke rings
wafted by accidental breeze.
They are coloured bubbles
which burst in the warmth,
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J.W.

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