

# Eldwick

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## ELDWICK MUMS & TODDLERS SPONSORED PRAM PUSH FOR THE T & A INCUBATOR APPEAL

Mums & Toddlers from both Eldwick & Gilstead groups will be pram pushing come HAIL, BLOW OR SNOW! around Eldwick on Thursday 2nd March 1989 to raise money for the incubators which Bradford hospitals desperately need.

We will start at the Methodist Church hall at 1.15. if your children didn't need to use an incubator, maybe your grandchildren might! So please if you would like to sponsor us as a group there are sponsor forms in the Eldwick Post Office and Franks Fisheries.

### PLEASE HELP US HELP BABIES

Eldwick M & T's meet every Thursday in the Methodist Church Hall at 1.15.

Gilstead M & T's meet on Tuesday in Gilstead Church Hall at 2.00.  
EVERYONE IS VERY WELCOME TO JOIN US.

## SHIPLEY POLICE COMMUNITY FORUM

The Police Forum was set up some time ago to look at and discuss local issues so that the police may work alongside local community groups.

The Village Society has a representative who attends these meetings regularly and is willing to air your views on local issues. The next meeting is in May. If you have an issue you wish to air please put it in writing in the Village Society post box marked "for the attention of the Police Forum representative".

## OBITUARY — GEORGE F. NIXON

We are saddened to hear of the death of George Nixon, a stalwart of many village organisations including Treasurer and Trustee of the Memorial Hall. A pre-war playing member of Eldwick Cricket Club and also an active Committee member after the war. An active member of the Gala Association and not least leader of the Eldwick Home Guard (a photograph of which hangs in Birches).

## FEATURING — ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL

Many readers will not be aware that their Village Hall is *owned* and *managed* by the residents of Eldwick and its immediate vicinity. Portions of the property are leased to Eldwick Tennis Club and the Eldwick Memorial Club (Birches) which is named after Alec Birch, Secretary of the Memorial Hall for over 30 years. There are seven trustees who serve for life and in whose names the property is held in trust on behalf of the residents. Management of day to day affairs is the responsibility of the Management Trustees who are the Committee elected each year in April, all residents over the age of 16 years are entitled to attend and vote at the A.G.M.

World War II provided the spur to build a Village Hall with the original idea generated by those who served in the local Dads Army the 'Home Guard'. Fund raising and the search for suitable land commenced before the war ended with the first Committee meetings held in 1944. Building materials were scarce but the Committee purchased the old mill standing

in Beck Bottom and carted stone and timber up the hill to the present site. Most of the labouring work was carried out by unpaid volunteers and some of these continue to live in and contribute to village life.

The Hall was officially opened in October 1956 and immediately became the focal point for social activities. Many new organisations have developed using the Hall as their base, contributing to the running and maintenance of the building. Some four years ago the Committee launched an ambitious programme of renovation which transformed and modernised facilities and this process continues.

Today the Memorial Hall continues to form the focal point for village activities and new uses are continually proposed. New ideas and more help are always needed and if anyone would like to join the Committee they would be very welcome.

To hire the Hall for meetings or private functions, ring Greta Bulcock on 569187.

Bill Brier — Chairman

## GALA QUEEN SELECTION DISCO

Friday 10th March

Eldwick Memorial Hall

Entry 50p Ages 7-13

7.15pm till 9.30pm

Pop & Crisps available

The 1989 Gala Queen will be selected at the disco by a panel of local judges, and her attendants whose names will be drawn out of a hat at 9.00pm.

Entry forms are available from schools and Eldwick and Gilstead Post Offices.

Entrants for the Gala Queen should be 13 years of age or over on GALA DAY, 24th June 1989, and her attendants both boys and girls between the ages of 7 and 10. Entry slips must be returned by Thursday 9th March.

Eldwick and Gilstead Gala Committee

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# VILLAGE NEWS

## FROM THE CHURCHES

### Lent — say Yes!

Most people connect Lent with saying No. That's part of the truth — No to the ways in which we harm ourselves and other people. But it's also a time for saying Yes — Yes to growing in faith, to caring for others, and to remaining patient. As that happens more in our lives, then we will be ready for Good Friday and the joy that follows.

### Evening Groups in Lent

These are taking place on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Please contact either of us for full details.

### Mothering Sunday

Is Sunday 5th March. All-age worship at both Churches that morning — 10.00am at St Lawrence's and 10.30 at Eldwick Methodist Church.

### Joint Evening Services at 6.00

19th February and 5th March at St Lawrence's  
28th February and 12th March at Eldwick Methodist Church

### Annual Meeting at St Lawrence's

8.00pm (prompt start please!) on Monday 27th February. The meeting is preceded by a Communion in Church at 7.15. This occasion is for all who attend St Lawrence's and for all who want to find out what goes on. There will be a seat just for you!

David Johnson Richard Wallace

### ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH

**"SPRING FAYRE"**  
Saturday 11th March  
at 3.30pm

Opener: Mrs Margaret Long  
Soloist: Mrs Jean Archer  
Chairman:  
Mrs Dorothy Muggleston

Bring & Buy Stalls  
and Buffet Tea  
All proceeds for the National  
Childrens Home.  
Everyone welcome.  
This year is the 120th Birthday  
of the N.C.H.

## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD Y.C.A.

The compliments of a most happy, healthy and prosperous New Year to our Chairman and her Committee, every single member and "would be member" for 1989!!

Our Xmas Party, though a little squashed, was as always superb and really enjoyed by everyone. Now we turn our thoughts to the data for our new diaries though the January meeting will be past.

February 14th "National Heart Research" given by Mr Jessop. March 14th "An Evening with the World Wildlife Fund". And so on to April 11th (nearly Spring indeed), our A.G.M, very important this, so please come along and bring new friends and ideas and be sure of a warm welcome.

May 9th "Fountains Abbey and Studley Royal" National Trust. All meetings are the second Tuesday in the month and start at 7.30pm.

Eileen Arnold.

Our next meeting is in the Memorial Hall, Eldwick on Tuesday 21st February commencing at 7.30pm when Mrs Dewhurst of Menston will talk to us on "Flora and Fauna of Europe". This is the last date on which we can accept members orders for seeds/fertilizers which must be collected from the Church Hall, Eldwick on Saturday 4th March between 11.00am and 1.00pm.

Newcomers to the district may be interested to have details of our programme for the remainder of 1989 which is:

Tuesday 21st March "Fuchsias for the Garden" by Mr A. Waddington

Tuesday 18th April "Parks and Gardens" by Mr D. Elcock

Tuesday 16th May "Temple Newsam" by Mr G. Kirby

Tuesday 19th September "Roses" by Mr D. Lister

Tuesday 17th October "Plants for Home and Garden" by Mr G. Hopper

Tuesday 21st November Annual General Meeting followed by Pie and Pea Supper.

All our meetings are held in the Memorial Hall, Eldwick commencing promptly at 7.30pm.

Why not come along to our next meeting on 21st February as our guest and if you feel that our Society has something to interest you then you may decide to become a member. The Annual Fee is a nominal £1.

A.G. Webb

## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Approximately sixty members were present at our first meeting of 1989 on January 17th, when we were shown slides on Horticulture in England and the wild flowers of Arizona.

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### ELDWICK GYM CLUB

On behalf of the Eldwick Gymnastic Club I would like to thank "The Gala Committee" for their generous donation of £50 which enabled us to give the children a Christmas Party. "Uncle Vincent" came and did half an hour of magic and half an hour Punch & Judy. I would like to thank the parents for their contribution of masses of food with enough left for the children to take some home and also to thank all the assistants for turning up with their voluntary assistance for the evening. A fitting end to our 10th year.

I. Williams  
Club Coach

P.S. Just a reminder of the Gym Club opening and closing times:

Boys Monday 6—7pm

Girls Thursdays

Class 1 — 5.45 — 6.45pm

Class 2 — 6.45 — 7.45pm

The Gym Club will close for 2 weeks at Easter — Monday 20th & 27th and Thursday 23rd & 30th.



### CRICKETS BACK

Eldwick and Gilstead Cricket Club who will be playing in the Bradford Central League for the first time this coming summer have commenced indoor cricket nets at Bingley Cricket Club. Senior members attend Sunday mornings 11.00am to 12.00am whilst under 17's and the under 14's attend Wednesday evenings 6.30pm to 7.30pm. The club always welcomes any potential new players and further information can be obtained from Maurice Steele on 564675.

Besides the indoor nets the club are taking part in the 8-a-side Speedball cricket being held at Park Avenue and playing under our sponsors name Simpson Bendig & Co.

### NEDS

Those of you who attended our Pantomime "Santa in Space" and bought a programme (and I know many of you did!) might have noticed that there were two announcements contained within it. If you did, you weren't paying much attention to the performance!

The first concerned what NEDS would do with some of the profit it was anticipated would be made, if we all had correct budgets. Fortunately we had, and the result was that a donation of £125 was recently made to Bradford's War on Cancer, my chosen charity. This was magnificent and I must thank everyone who attended for making it possible.

The second announcement was in respect of the next play, and the likely dates of performances.

I am pleased to say the Hall has been booked for the nights of April 27th, 28th and 29th and we are putting on J. B. Priestley's "When we are married" which I think will be known by many, but always worth seeing again if only as a reminder of morality! Those who don't know it will find the storyline, the words and the characters very entertaining and by no means dated.

I hope you will spare us some time and come to watch and listen to "real" entertainment. An audience is always useful to have!

Watch this space in the next issue, for details of ticket sale nights and prices.

John Dekker

## BIRCHES — YOUR CLUB SOME MYTHS EXPLODED

Some 10 years ago a group of Eldwick residents decided, following a Village Society survey which identified various needs:

- a) Chemist
- b) Fish and Chip Shop
- c) Doctors Surgery
- d) A Village Social Centre

that the one area to be developed on a non commercial basis would be the establishment of a Social Centre to benefit the village as a whole.

In 1989, the result of that initiative now exists, in the shape of the Eldwick Memorial Club — known to all as Birches, named after Mr Alec Birch, Headmaster of Eldwick School and Secretary of the Memorial Hall for 31 years! His widow Muriel Birch was to give great support and be Birches first president. The project was funded by generous donations, and hard work from many parties within the community.

The aim was and still is to provide a pleasant environment in which village people may meet for a sociable drink. Profits raised will help to support the Memorial Hall and other village institutions.

What's in it for you? Walk down the village and enjoy a pleasant drink (well kept beer — we've won prizes) — make friends if you want and forget the breathalizer! Join in the village! See Birches membership article for further details.

### BIRCHES CLUB SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW DUE

Subscriptions should be paid by 31st March and the Membership Secretary will be in the Club on the dates below at the times shown.

Subscriptions are £7.00 for an individual and £10.00 for a married couple as last year and life membership at £60.00 and £80.00 respectively is very good value.

It will be helpful if you bring your membership cards with you.

Saturday 18th February, Thursday 23rd February, Monday 27th February, Thursday 2nd March, Tuesday 7th March, Thursday 9th March, Monday 13th March, Tuesday 21st March.  
Time 8.30 — 10.00.

### EDITORIAL POLICY

Dear Eldwickian,

Regarding your article entitled Eldwick Today. It is our policy to print only letters which are signed (although names may be withheld). However the sentiments expressed in your letter have been noted. Should you wish to contact the Newsletter with a view to future publication, please forward your name and address.

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## OWN UP AND WIN A MAP!

If you can identify yourself on this photograph you are entitled to an old map of Eldwick. We have had printed a map taken from the original held with the deeds of Eldwick Hall (dated 1743). Should you wish to claim your prize please write to: Nigel Risby, Glen Caple, Sheriff Lane (or post it in the Society post box), naming yourself and your position on the photograph. Don't forget your name and address! Entries by 10th March.

### KIDS KOMPETITION KORNER

The Newsletter are giving away Easter Eggs as prizes for our latest competition. All you have to do is send us a picture of "Life in Eldwick" and your entry will automatically go forward to our Grand Easter Draw.

So, if you're aged 12 or under and fancy yourself as a budding Hockney, put pen, pencil or paintbrush to paper and show us just how you view life in your Village.

Entries to Tony Clegg, 1 Beech Grove, Eldwick or in the Village Society Post Box in the Post Office or through the letterbox at Birches by **no later than 31st March.**

### VANDALS!

We are pleased to report that since the item in last month's newsletter, there has been considerable improvement in the vandal situation. With only one known incident this month — the smashing of a glass front in the Garage Forecourt\*, let us hope that next month we have a vandal-free period and that this will continue.

*\*P.S. Bob & Sheelagh Holt were shattered.*

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