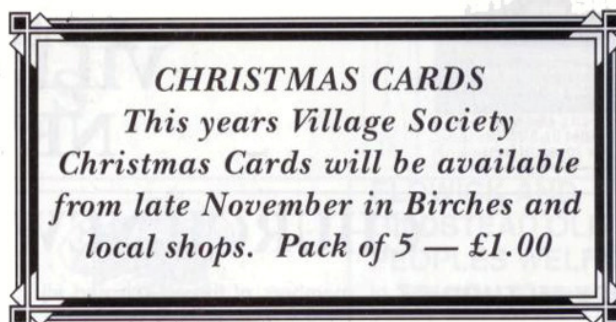




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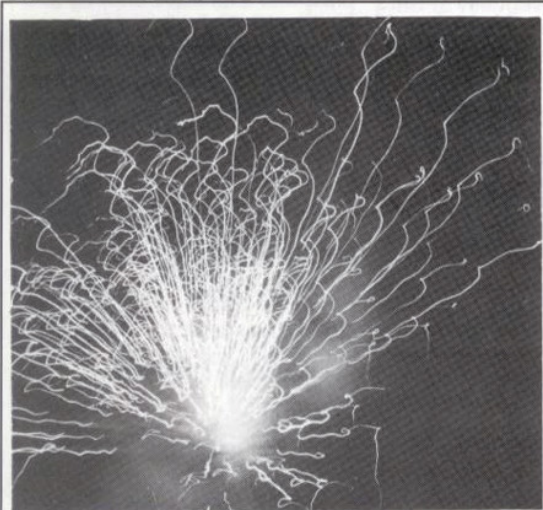


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"Is it all really worth it?" We muttered as the rain ran down our necks dampening both our enthusiasm and more importantly - the bonfire. We had to make £600 to break even to cover the cost of the fireworks insurance and the food on top of that. Pre-event programme sales had guaranteed £200. Facing strong competition from the Round Table as a highly commercial, and I hasten to add, very professional event, we stuck at it with grim determination.

Marlene and Neville Richardson started planning months ago — arranging teams to sell programmes, do posters, build the Bonfire, man the gates, steward the field, cook and sell food, make the Guy, and of course clear up afterwards. All work involving many hours of unpaid time and generosity of people who lent wagons and gave their support in other ways.

We are glad to report that it was agreed by all that it was worthwhile and was summed up by one small boy who said to Neville after he had let off the final set piece. "Thanks for the fireworks Mister!" and our thanks to all who supported the Eldwick Village Bonfire.



VILLAGE SOCIETY A.G.M.

Please note that the Annual General Meeting will take place in the Memorial Hall at 8.15 p.m. on Thursday December 7th. At the risk of being as equally boring this year as I was last year, let me emphasise that this is **YOUR** Village Society, and currently lacks villagers both new and old who wish to be involved in Village affairs.

It is true to say that whilst other "spin-off" and associated groups within the Village continue to grow and develop successfully, the Society itself lacks support.

Please — take this opportunity to attend **our** A.G.M. — contribute, criticise — but more importantly — get involved.

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FOUND!!

Gold Bracelet in Eldwick Rec.
on November 6th. Contact the
Editor, c/o Birches Club.

CHURCH NEWS

ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH

National Children's Home

The Cream Tea and Bring and Buy sale at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Muggleston on Saturday 4th November raised £215. Grateful thanks to all who came for their support.

ST LAWRENCE'S CHURCH

WHEN IS THE NEW VICAR COMING?

I have been asked this question by a number of people, including some who are not worshippers at St. Lawrence's and some who attend other churches. This is good, for it shows interest in the church and in Eldwick in particular. That long word "interregnum" means a period during which the normal functions of control and leadership are suspended. It is a lapse or pause in the continuous work and authority of an incumbent. It also gives us time to take stock of ourselves, to acknowledge that we are all

members of the church and all have a responsibility to serve it. We may be able to help in worship, in pastoral work or to undertake other practical duties in the running of the church. It is a time also for prayer that God will give us His grace and strength to fulfil the tasks that are presented to us.

We also look out to the community at this time and want to show that we are willing to share in service to others. Our church is still there for all during this time. All are welcome to join our acts of worship and to come to the peace and stillness of private prayer at anytime during the day. We welcome you. Derrick Mallinson

FESTIVAL OF TALENTS - CHURCH BUILDING APPEAL

In March of this year each church in the diocese was given £100 and asked to use it to make as much profit as possible for the appeal and the Church Urban Fund. So far almost 400 has been raised by members at St. Lawrence's. They have charged for flower arrangements at weddings, for

ironing, for cakes and other baking, for plants and for numerous other small jobs done by junior members of the church. Thank you to all who have taken part in this effort. Also we gave nearly £70 to the Light in the City Fund from the sale of candles. Frank Starr

Saturday 25th November

Day of Prayer throughout the Diocese

Ladies Fellowship

December 7th - Christmas Party - all welcome

Sunday 10th December

Our annual toy service at 10.30a.m. Followed by the Christmas Lunch at 12 noon in the Memorial Hall.

GILSTEAD MOTHERS & TODDLERS

We would be most grateful if you could mention the Gilstead Mothers and Toddlers Group in your newsletter. The Group meets every Tuesday afternoon from 2.00 p.m. - 3.30 p.m. All babies and pre-school children are welcome. We meet at St. Wilfred's Church Hall, Gilstead, which is an excellent venue for the Group.

We would also be grateful if people donated any unwanted toys. Local support is needed to keep the Group running.

WELL DONE WARREN!

Dear Sirs,

As you will probably remember, our son Warren won your "Life in Eldwick" drawing competition with a drawing of Eldwick School. We framed it and Warren presented it to Mrs. Hall and it is now on display in school.

We thought you might like to hear about his latest achievement. In August he entered a national "Young Environmentalist of the Year" competition. He entered the 8-12 years section and did a super project on birds with peculiar beaks, entitled "Where did you get that beak?" He spent many hours on it and the art work was very good.

He has just received a letter to say that he is a prize winner! We are waiting to hear the details, but his prize includes:- An otter shield trophy, a pair of bird watching binoculars, a trip to London for the whole family, to a special dinner and Prize giving presentation. The prizes are going to be given to the winners by Terry Nutkins, BBC TV presenter of "The Really Wild Show". He also won first prize with a fantastic drawing at the Bingley Show.

So, yet another of your Eldwick prize winners goes on to greater things! Hope you are pleased to hear the news!

Yours sincerely,
Jayne Franz

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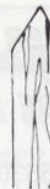
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SATURDAY 30TH JUNE



The small Gala Committee (12 members) are happy to continue planning and organising the Gala, but would appreciate offers of help for the few weeks before the Gala. This will help spread the load of such items as pre gala programme sales (perhaps you could sell programmes on your road), manning the gate, selling Grand Summer Raffle tickets, man or lady power on the day, before and after the Gala itself.

If you would be able to help in any of the above ways, please contact one of the following NOW so that full use of all offers of help may be used next June.

Chairman, Jane Thrower (562394)

Secretary, Ann Foster (566758)

Treasurer, Mark Truelove (560269)

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD Y.C.A.

The talk on Herbalism given to us very persuasively at our last meeting by Mr. D.A. Purves, made us all realise that Herbal Medicine is indeed a caring profession and perhaps quite often, the many drugs we know of today, can be replaced or at least patients helped more individually in lots of instances. Ladies, as you'll realise our programme is wide, "British Wool", "Herbalism" and "Culinaire Gourmet" will be passed by the time you read this, so the only day this year for your diary is December 12th. at 7.30 p.m. - "Christmas Customs" by Mrs. Helen Clayton - should be good, please come along! As usual the County letter and correspondence was read and our finances are quite healthy. Greeting Cards, diaries and Carol Services and Bonfire night over, made us realise how near Christmas is looming, but haven't we had a super summer? So to 1990 - Our Christmas Party January 9th - save the date

Eileen Arnold

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Mr. Sephton Baxter of the Gardeners' Royal Benevolent Society entertained us on 17th October with beautiful slides and interesting commentary illustrating many of the Public and Private Gardens of Yorkshire.

On Tuesday 21st November we are to have our Annual General Meeting in the Memorial Hall commencing promptly at the usual time of 7.30p.m. We have not arranged a Speaker but immediately formal proceedings of the A.G.M. are completed we are to have our Annual Pie and Pea Supper.

There will be a charge of 50p each to cover the cost of providing this meal.

There will be no meeting in December but the next Newsletter will give brief details of our 1990 Programme. The first meeting in the New Year will be in the Memorial Hall on 16th January starting at 7.30p.m. when Membership Cards for 1990, lists and order forms for Seeds/Fertilizers and information for our Annual Trip will be available.

A.G. Webb

ELDWICK AND GILSTEAD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE

In September 85 members and friends went on a 1/2 day outing to Dent, with a meal booked at the Devonshire Hotel, Grassington, the weather was perfect and the views wonderful.

Very sadly we have to report the death of our Vice-Chairman Mrs. Nora Duxbury. We have lost a much loved and talented friend, and express our deepest sympathy to her family.

In October we had our A.G.M., funds are in good order, but we have made a loss on the year, (coaches and meals get more costly each year). We have a happy Welfare with some 95 members. The following Officers were elected:-

President - Mr. D. Harkiss

Vice-President - Mr. E. Holt

Chairman - Miss H. Wade

Vice-Chairman - Mr. S. Gustard

Secretary - Mrs. D. Muggleston

Treasurer - Mrs. K. Peers

Committee as follows:-

Mesdames:- E. Smith, J. Binns and D. Holloway

Messrs:- W. Chadwick, J. Pollard and J. Walker

Rep. to Village Society and Memorial Hall:- Mr. D. Harkiss

We are very pleased to welcome any new Senior Citizens to the district. We meet each Thursday in the Memorial Hall for 2.30p.m. start, and the yearly subscription is the princely sum of 50p. So come and join us.

Finally - all arrangements are in hand for our Christmas Party on Tuesday 5th December, after which we shall be closed until 11th January, 1990.

Dorothy Muggleston.

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EVENING ALL

JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

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NOVEMBER 29 ~ DECEMBER 2.

A NEDS PRODUCTION.

Whilst proceeding in a westerly direction, we noticed crowds of people gathering outside Eldwick Post Office, Eldwick Food & Wine Shop, and Gilstead Newsagents. Upon inquiring, we found that the New Eldwick Dramatic Society were selling tickets for their production of "JACK & THE BEANSTALK" at £2.00 for adults and £1.35 for children and O.A.Ps. We are reliably informed that this pantomime will take place at 7.15 p.m. in the Memorial Hall from Wednesday 29th November to Saturday 2nd December. Having taken the names and addresses of these mirth-seekers, we feel it only fair to warn the general public that: PANTOMIMES ARE GOOD FOR YOUR HEALTH. Anybody not without a ticket may find themselves severely cautioned, particularly as WE are the stars of the show, and not that overblown windbag "Dame Mary", who had the audacity to write to this illustrious journal last month. So this is your last chance to purchase tickets for a veritable feast of entertainment, the like of which you have never seen before. (Well that's what the producer told us to say!)

PC. Harum & Scarum
The Police Station
(behind Dame Mary's Dairy)
Pantomimeland.

PUZZLE SOLVED

Dear Mr. Editor,

The puzzle of William Midgley's cottage is a puzzle no longer. Formerly called "Wood View" and now called "Low Wood Cottage" it stands proudly at the foot of Saltaire Road, overlooking the beck and Spring Wood to the East and the old quarry to the south. I am indebted to Mrs. Elaine Davies, whose beautiful home it is, for the information.

The front of the house has been rebuilt, the site of the original porch, with William photographed therein, has now disappeared within the alterations.

Situated where it is it is possible to speculate that William possibly used the route Shipley Glen Road, Bracken Hall Drive, Prod Lane and Coach Road for his material carrying marathon. Anyway, good luck to "Low Wood Cottage" for the next 100 years.

Yours faithfully,
Derek H. Gibson



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