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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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Eldwick

A Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

HELLO KIDDIES!

No, we haven't forgotten you – we are just a bit later this year, that's all. "Mother Goose" is this year's production and it will be performed in the Memorial Hall from Wednesday 26th January till Saturday 29th January 1994 (both dates inclusive). NOTE: Not February as previously advised, but January!! In addition to the Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening performances, there will be a Saturday afternoon Matinee so make sure, all you little panto fans, that your mums and dads and grandmas and grandads know when it's on so that they don't forget to buy the tickets.

Tickets will go on sale at the Post Office on Monday 3rd January and, as every panto for the last nine years has been a sell-out, don't leave it too late or you will be disappointed.

The fact that the panto is so popular is a tribute to the tremendous amount of hard work which so many people put into the production. There really are so many people to mention and it would be unfair to single out any individual effort for praise. It really is a team effort, involving designing and painting the scenery, making costumes, writing a script and weeks of rehearsals, but once you have seen a bunch of noisy, undisciplined little girls transformed into a superbly accomplished chorus line, you begin to realise that all the effort really is worthwhile.

When the Alhambra in Bradford closed down ten years ago to undergo millions of pounds worth of renovations, the new Eldwick Dramatic Society was pestered to put on a panto-mime for the village. Despite an initial reluctance to become involved in anything involving singing and dancing and children in the cast, we eventually gave in and decided to give it a go but only for the two years that the Alhambra would be closed. From that initial reluctant decision, the panto has now become an annual tradition and a part of the village life.

It is sad when, after the last performance on the Saturday night, there are one or two tears from the older members of the chorus who will be "too old" to be in it next year but on the other hand, it is very heartening when you hear of small children of Eldwick First School exclaiming excitedly that in two years time they will be old enough to be in the panto chorus!

And that is how it should be. If there are any "stars" in the show it is the kids in the chorus. Make sure you don't miss them.

Birches Christmas Events

The Christmas Hamper Draw will take place on Sunday 19th December. Tickets are 25p from Birches. There is Carol Singing on Christmas Eve and a New Years Eve disco in the Memorial Hall. Tickets will be available from Birches.

The Christmas closing times are as follows:–

Christmas Eve Friday 24th Dec. – 11.30pm

Boxing Day Monday 27th Dec. – 11.30pm

New Year's Eve Friday 31st Dec – 12.30am

Carol Singing

The traditional Christmas Eve Carol Singing will take place at the Memorial Hall at 6pm on Christmas Eve. Get there early to get a seat.

Bob's Snippet

They wouldn't let me into the bread-shop. I had the dog with me and he was smoking.

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Dear Ms Banks
Many thanks for your letter regarding the construction process in Eldwick and Bingley. Please find enclosed a press response. I hope this answers the points you raised in your letter. We are always ready to consider applications for sponsorship, especially from local community groups. If you could give us any further details of how we might be able to help out the Society more specifically, we would certainly look into the possibility.

Response for Eldwick Newsletter re: Eldwick construction.
Enquirer: Ms Diane L Banks,

A spokesman from Yorkshire Cable said:
"Yorkshire Cable is building a state of the art network which will bring multi-channel TV and competitively priced telephone services to 175,000 homes and businesses in the Bradford area.
"The project is just part of a £500m plus investment which will take cable to over 800,000 homes in South and West Yorkshire over the next decade. Cable tv offers over 35 channels of television to suit all tastes, and telephone cost benefits to both residential and business customers."
"Eldwick is one of the identified construction hubs of about 4,000 properties. The company built a cable trunk route from Bradford to Keighley and it made sense to build the areas in the vicinity of this route."
"The project in the Eldwick and Bingley area started in mid July and will substantially be completed by mid November. We have a number of contractors working for us and Fitzpatrick, who carried out the work in the area, have a very good reputation in the industry."
"We operate a letter drop prior to construction which asks about any particular difficulties on access, such as disabled or elderly people, but the work inevitably causes some disruption. We are concerned about every aspect of our workmanship and a construction hotline number (0274) 828440 is available for queries."
"Parts of Eldwick have been letter dropped twice and sometimes three times to make sure the information has been released."
"We inspect the pavements and rectify where necessary and the area is not accepted by the Council until all the outstanding works are completed, from which time a two year maintenance period starts. There is no cost to villagers who do not wish to take the cable service."

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD Y.C.A.

The attendance at our November meeting was excellent and we were warmly welcomed and our business soon got underway! Past minutes, county letter, finances and correspondence seemed quickly dealt with and various remindersof events to come.
The Carol Service at York Minster was wonderful last Friday Dec. 3rd and we all felt proud of Mrs Kath Hardy (our treasurer) as she accompanied the choir – what a start to the run-up to Christmas. By the time you read this ladies, the "Xmas Lunch" at Askham Bryan will have passed and "The House of Colour" as well.
"It's only water" was the title of the film shown by Mrs Ann Parker as part of her lecture on "Waterworks" last month. It was really humorous but very explanatory, and of course had Bingley connections which pleased us all. (Tony Cross, Leigh Bowman, Tony's nephews – now young men, to quote a few). Mrs Parker's knowledge of water was astonishing, and the statistics she told us rather frightening, and made us realise afresh how important water is and ask ourselves if we wanted to be metered or not – a very good evening.
Our next get together is Jan. 11th 1994 – Sergeant Smithies about "Badger Protection".
A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS AND FRIENDS.

Eileen Arnold

ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH

The New Year starts with an Ecumenical Covenant Service on Sunday 9th January at 10.30am at Gilstead Methodist Church. The congregations of St Wilfrids, St Lawrences, Gilstead Methodists and Eldwick Methodists will be joining together for this annual service, please feel free to come along.

National Childrens Home
The Cream Tea and Bring & Buy Stall in November raised £228 for the N.C.H. Thank you to all who came.

ELDWICK JUNIORS FC

This is our first article for quite a few months. After some inner turmoil in the close and early part of the season, we are happy to report that the club is still in existence, but with a reduced number of teams.
We have one team operating in the Craven League, the Under 14s, and an Under 10s team who are playing friendly matches only this season. This latter team will played league football next season as Under 11s. New players and parents always welcome. Under 10s training Tuesday evenings 6-7.30pm at Eldwick Rec. Under 14s training night varies – contact the manager Mr N. Carter, telephone 569444 for further information.
Bonfire Night has been and gone. The club organised a bonfire plus firework display at The Glen Public House, Gilstead for which the weather was kind once again and the evening proved a great success. Thanks to mine hosts Colin & Dee for the use of their facilities, and a big thank you to all those who helped in one way or another prior to and on the night.
Finally, a Merry Christmas and best wishes for 1994. UP THE BLUES!

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD OLD PEOPLES WELFARE

At our AGM in October, the Treasurer reported a very healthy Bank balance, due in the main to our very generous Benefactress, the late Mrs Freda Crawshaw. The Secretary reported another happy year, with various weekly meetings of films, speakers, music etc., and two outings and other various events.
The Officers & Committee were re-elected en-bloc, and are as follows:-
Mr Stan Gustard – Chairman.
Mr Bill Wardle – Vice-Chairman
Mrs Dorothy Muggleston – Secretary
Mrs Kath Peers – Treasurer
Committee: Mesdames Gustard, Holloway & Dean, and Messrs Walker, Chadwick & Avery.
Representative to Memorial Hall & Village Society – Mrs Molly Wood

After our Christmas Party on Tuesday 7th December we are then closed until 13th Jan. 1994. We wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year.

Dorothy Muggleston

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Maureen Beaumont has written poems entitled "Through the Eyes of a Lollipop Lady". They are available from Richard Emmott – Butchers

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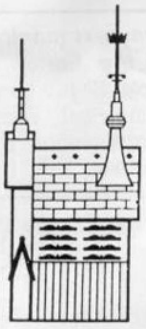

Why not visit your local Church St. Lawrence's this Christmas?

Church of St. Lawrence

HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

JANUARY SERVICES

Sunday 2nd, Second after Christmas
8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evening Praise

Sunday 9th, First in Epiphany
8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Ecumenical Covenant Service for Bingley at Gilstead Methodist Church

Sunday 16th, Second in Epiphany
8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Morning Worship
6.30pm Evensong

Tuesday 18th: Beginning of the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity
7.30pm Ecumenical Service at Holy Trinity Church, Bingley

Sunday 23rd, Third in Epiphany
8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Family Communion ASB

Sunday 30th, Ninth before Easter
8.00am Holy Communion 1662
10.30am Holy Communion 1662

MIDWEEK SERVICES Holy Communion ASB every Tuesday 10.00am

PRAM SERVICE FOR TODDLERS AND MUMS in Church every Wednesday of the school term at 2.00pm

SUNDAY CLUB FOR CHILDREN 10.30am in the Church Hall

CRECHE for young children every Sunday

BAPTISMS
November 21st. **Callum Alexander Brumfitt**
Emma Louise Worsley

DIARY FOR JANUARY

Monday 7.45pm – Mother's Union, venue: Church House, Bingley, for details of programme and dates please ring 564868 or 568929.

Tuesdays 8.00pm Music Group in Church or "on tour" – new members welcome.

Wednesdays 7.45pm Midweek Fellowship, for details of programme and venues please ring 568266 or 567729.

Thursdays Folk Fellowship 7.30pm in Church, For further details ring 568266 or 567729.

Church News

Thursday, January 20th, 7.45pm – St. Lawrence's Ladies' Fellowship: Inspector Jean Simpson: "Community Policing"

Saturday Parish monthly walk – please ring 562193 for details

CALENDARS AND DIARIES – is there anything special about them?

Calendars and diaries come in all sorts of formats and styles and a good proportion of them arrive as gifts, some from hard pressed late present buyers, some from well organised givers who have planned well ahead and chosen the kind of pictorial calendar they know we're fond of, perhaps, of one of our favourite districts or haunts. But before we start to use the new diary, it's likely that we've made a number of preliminary notes for the coming year in the tail-end of our old diary.

The moment comes when we open up the new diary or hang up the new calendar to start using it. Really, it's quite a special moment – the page is blank and clean before us and, ideally, we would like everything we put from that first page onwards to be "just right", to turn out well and to make good reading when we eventually look back over another year just completed.

There's something special about the blank page, it represents not only the passage of time, but new opportunities, perhaps a chance to do things differently and perhaps better than before. With the close of one year and the beginning of another year, it's probably a good time to make out a mental balance sheet for the year just ended and to reflect on what we might hope to achieve in the year we're just entering upon.

As we turn over the first page of the new calendar or diary to begin to use it, perhaps it wouldn't be a bad idea to make a fresh start and mentally, as it were, "turn over a new leaf" in the way we approach people and life and situations in this pristine new year, full of possibilities. With a little bit of help we can make this the best year yet. Have a really good 1994!

Brian Woodman,
Team Vicar

DUNNOCK FARM

With reference to last months issue – Bradford Met. had considered redesignating Dunnock land. The owners of this land would like it to be known that no planning permission for housing development had been sought.

Eldwick and Gilstead Horticultural Society

The Annual General meeting of the Horticultural Society was held on Tuesday November 16th, with about 60 members present.

The following officers were elected:
President – Mr. S.W. Poole
Senior Vice President – Mrs. D. Boyd
Junior Vice President – Mr. J. Dracup
Secretary – Mrs. S.M. Holmes
Assistant Secretary and Booking Officer – Mr. J. Edwards
Treasurer –
Assistant Treasurer – Miss R. Murgatroyd
Show Secretary – Mr. G. Drake
Assistant Show Secretary – Mr. S.W. Poole
Fertilizer Secretary – Mr. J.C. Churchman

After the formal business of the AGM our members saw some very interesting slides shown by Mrs. D.E Boyd. We then all enjoyed a pie and pea supper – a pleasant evening was had by all.

Our bookings secretary Mr. John Edwards has arranged a stimulating and varied programme for 1994, details of which will be available at our January meeting.

It was decided to investigate the possibility of our annual trip being to the Dorothy Clive Gardens and Hodnet Hall, both in Shropshire. The date of the trip was fixed for Saturday 4th June, 1994.

Mr. Allan Webb has resigned as Treasurer after 11 years in the post. He has been an extremely effective and meticulous treasurer, keeping the Society's finances in strict order and in the black! We would like to extend our sincere thanks for all his work over the years. It was decided that Mr. Webb should be made a Life Honorary Member of the Society in appreciation of his many years of service.

The first meeting of 1994 will be on January 18th, and will take the form of a members slide evening. Please come along with your slides and make it an interesting evening.

Hon. Secretary.

TO ALL BIRDWATCHERS — AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM N.E.D.S.

Christmas is coming and the goose is getting fat – but Eldwick's pantomime goose has escaped the attentions of Bernard Matthews and has taken refuge in the Memorial Hall. Reliable "sauces" tell us that she will emerge on 26th January, to star in the village panto – "Mother Goose" and will remain at large until 29th January before migrating to Fairyland. Don't miss your chance to see this rare bird in its winter plumage, together with a gaggle of other popular characters in the N.E.D.S. pantomime, which as usual, will be stuffed with all the traditional ingredients.

Tickets will be available from Eldwick Post Office from 3rd January, so if you know your onions, you will heed this sage advice and make sure of yours in good time.

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The Birches – Is it a Pub, a Club or What?

These are the questions that I and my wife Gerry asked ourselves after moving to Eldwick some four years ago.

We were residents of the village for over a year before we found out that it is an extremely handy, friendly and sociable club open to any resident of the village in the immediate local area.

At the current rate of £10 annual subscription for family membership it represents extremely good value as an excellent means not only to enjoy good company (not to mention the ale) in pleasant surroundings, but also a superb way to establish contacts with local residents and to build friendships.

A healthy round of social activities exist including a weekly quiz night, raffles, outings, occasional discos, race nights etc.

If like us you feel at all unsure about just what goes on and what sort of person uses the Club the remedy is simple – next time don't walk on by – step inside.

SCOUT & GUIDE CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre held on November 27th raised £164 for Scout and Guide Funds. Thanks to all those who supported the event.

The Scout & Guide Hut is in need of storage cupboards and shelving or timber to build shelves. If you know of any that is available for their use we would be pleased to arrange collection. Please ring 566758 with details.

Dear Morris & Hugh

I have a problem and I don't know which way to turn.

One of the loves of my life is seafood. I particularly enjoy eating lobster, but practically anything from the ocean bottom tickles my palate: scallops, mussels, clams, prawns, oysters, whelks, I even enjoy the occasional winkle.

I have recently encountered a problem with crabs, however. On a lunchtime shopping spree, I could not resist the temptation of splashing out on a dressed crab, which I took back to the office to eat. It was divine! Unfortunately, my work colleagues did not agree, and I received numerous complaints about the fishy smell. I scrubbed and scrubbed, but could not get the smell off my fingers. Please, please help me – I think that I am in danger of being ostracized.

Yours sincerely

Marooned of Menston (address supplied)

Dear Marooned,

Thank you for your letter concerning your fishy problem.

We must admit that we were more than a little concerned, so we contacted our good friends, Hamish and Cameron, at Bona Fisheries (our more mature readers will remember their father Mac, who had a chain of shops in the sixties.

To our surprise, Cameron revealed that this was a fairly common problem. He remembered that Hamish had had a similar unfortunate experience last September with a Red Snapper which stayed with him for weeks. He took a tip from an old sea dog, Bill, who advised the following course of actions:-

1) After consuming the delicacy, wash your hands thoroughly in a concentrated solution of Nitric Acid – your hands turn brown, but the staining only lasts for a fortnight.

or 2) Eat the delicacy wearing a pair of heavy duty gardening gloves. You may get some funny looks from other diners, but your fingers remain odour-free.

Our advice is try a knife and fork, readily available at all good hardware stores, and freely available in most works canteens. We would be interested to hear how you got on.

Yours sincerely

Morris & Hugh

P.S. Don't forget that Morris & Hugh are here to help you with all your problems, whatever the size.

Bona Noel to all our readers.

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