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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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The Leaning Woman of Eldwick

A joint venture between some 6th Form 'A' level Art students from Bingley Grammar School and a number of Year 4 pupils at Eldwick School resulted in this lifesize cement sculpture being created. The sculpture was designed by the Year 4 pupils with the help of Jayne Franz and executed with the assistance of the Bingley Grammar School Art students.

Artisan kindly supplied the materials at cost and many thanks to Brian Murgatroyd who provided an inflatable marquee in which the construction took place.

PLANNING

An application has been made for change of use from domestic to business at Flat 2, 29 Otley Road, Eldwick.

WARREN LANE / SHERIFF LANE DEVELOPMENT

We now understand that the appeal for the above will probably be heard early next year. Please continue to collect evidence.

Eldwick Riding Club

SPONSORED RIDE – WALK – CYCLE

SUNDAY 31ST AUGUST

11.00a.m., Heights Lane, Eldwick.

10m. to Esholt / 6m. over the moor.

Refreshments provided in Esholt.

Barbecue at completion.

Raffle for "Treacle Tubs" drawing based on the club and its members, and a £20 fruit hamper, donated by "Greengrass" of Eldwick.

Sponsor forms available from "Emmotts Butchers"

Rosettes to all entrants

Hope to see you there!

INFO – 551887

WANTED

A capable and willing PIANIST is required by New Eldwick Dramatic Society for this November's pantomime. You don't need to be a musical director or a classical genius (John Briggs please note). Ability to sight read to a reasonable standard is all you need, apart from a willingness to work hard once we get into November. Help at rehearsals, which start at the beginning of September, is available so you won't be on your own.

Please phone
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P.S.: If John Briggs wishes to apply we wouldn't turn him down.

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Space permitting we will endeavour to publish all letters received. However, we would remind you that we reserve the right not to print unsigned contributions.

Elstead Ladies' Choir

Ladies, don't just sing in the bath!

Come and join us each Friday evening from 7.15p.m. until 9.15p.m., in St. Lawrence's Church Hall, Eldwick.

The new Autumn Session starts on Friday, September 12th. New members are always welcome, so do come for an evening of singing and enjoyment. For further information, please contact the conductor, Mr Keith Newell (563324), or any member of the choir. Hope to see you there.

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Birches Club, Eldwick

There will be a regular monthly quiz to be held on Saturday evenings. Entry to the quiz costs £1 which also includes supper.

The first quiz was on Saturday August 16th starting at 9.15p.m. There will also be a jackpot accumulator which starts at £25. All welcome.

Dates of future quizzes to be announced – watch this space!

BIRCHES EVENTS

1. New-style quizzes based on different themes – first one in August and then every third Saturday of the month. The next one will be the 20th September – topic TV and Films. Teams of four pay £1 each to include quiz and supper. Accumulator question.
2. **Jazz Night** with Borage – September.
3. **Party Night** with Razzamatazz – 11th October.
4. **Bonfire Night** 8th November.
5. **Music Quiz** with Nick Foster 1st November.
6. **Call My Bluff with the Wine** 6th December.
7. **New Year's Eve Bash** with live group "Full Circle".
8. Birches **Valentine's Do** with Dave Lloyd ex lead singer of the Casuals.

Come to The Birches where it's all happening. To join £8 single, £12 couple membership for year.

WENDY CLARKE, Social Secretary

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SEPTEMBER SERVICES

SUNDAY 7th
8.00a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30a.m. Morning Worship
6.30p.m. Evening Praise

SUNDAY 14th
8.00a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30a.m. Holy Communion

SUNDAY 21st
8.00a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30a.m. All-age Morning Worship
6.30p.m. Choral Communion (BCP)

SUNDAY 28th
8.00a.m. Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30a.m. Holy Communion

MIDWEEK SERVICES & DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Holy Communion Tuesdays 10a.m.
Play and Praise Toddlers' Service Wed. 2-3p.m. weekly. (Term-time)
Livewires for Toddlers and their carers Monday 10-11.30a.m. weekly (Term-time)
Pause For Prayer Thursdays at 12 noon for half an hour of prayer
Housegroups in the weeks of the 1st, 3rd & 5th Monday in the month
Emmaus course – Christian basics and nurture – ring 568266 for details
Ladies' Fellowship Thursday 18th
St. Lawrence's Leisure Club games, friends and refreshments. Wednesdays 10th & 24th, 2p.m. Church Hall
Sunday Club (Live and Ticking) Christian Teaching and activities for children as part of our regular Sunday Worship 10.30a.m.

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What is Christianity all about? Who is Jesus and why do so many people follow Him and His teaching? Why do people believe He rose from the dead and what significance does that have on my life today? If you are asking similar questions to these or are simply interested in knowing more about the Christian faith then you will probably be interested in the Emmaus Christian Basics Course which we will be running from late September at St. Lawrence's.

Emmaus runs like a weekly night or day class, although on a less formal basis, where people can come and listen to and discuss the fundamentals of the Christian faith in a relaxed and non-pressured way. There is no compulsion to come to church; our aim is simply to impart information and allow questions to be raised and opinions aired.

The first part of the course, Emmaus 1, lasts 6 weeks and lays down the basic tenets of the Christian faith, i.e. what Christians believe. This section is a mini course in itself and, although it is hoped that people will carry on with the next two sections, there is a natural break for those who wish to finish there to do so.

The next two sections help us to discover more about growing in faith and living as a Christian in today's society. The whole course is 15 weeks long.

If you are interested, then please ring me, Peter Willox, on 568266 or come to the Vicarage, next to the Church, for a chat.

Eldwick & Gilstead Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

Hard to believe we're into August, so not as many members around at our last meeting, holidays and families and gardening keeping one or two away, but as ever business was concise and lively! Finances healthy, and several "thank you" letters – plus a nice one from Arden Lea; and we were informed of the new "Marie Curie" Home to be opened in Bradford.

Mr Neville was our speaker, and what a speaker, with his wonderful memory at 80 years plus. He took us back to his 17 years as an apprentice at Spigot Lodge, the beginning of "his life as a jockey". All the lads were dressed alike, started work at 6a.m., all had nicknames and were paid just £18 a year.

What a wealth of stories he had, told to us with humour and he enjoyed the telling we felt, as he remembered famous names and bloodstock, etc., etc. – an unusual evening and much enjoyed.

Next meeting is September 9, and we pop over to Holland – Members old and new will be warmly welcomed at 7.30p.m. the second Tuesday in each month in the Memorial Hall.

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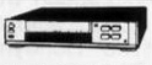

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Morris and Hugh

Copy for publication in next months Newsletter to reach the Editorial Committee c/o Birches, the Post Box inside the Post Office, or telephoned to Jean Reynolds on 564901 by **8th September, 1997.**

Dear Morris & Hugh,

Please will you help me as I don't know which way to turn?

I have noted correspondence in the Newsletter regarding a "snicket" which I am sure must be causing confusion to those not born within earshot of the bells of Bingley Parish Church. The word cannot be multicultural as during my childhood elsewhere in Yorkshire, such a feature was known as a "passage" (a "back passage" at the back of the house and a "front passage" at the front.) Perhaps "a short cut" would be more universally understood, except, on second thoughts, that too has cultural overtones.

Can you clarify the definition or invent a new word understandable by all and offending no one?

In anticipation,
I.C.A. Ginnel

Dear Ms Ginnel,

Thank you for your letter which poses us a very ticklish problem indeed, and we are delighted that you have dared come out and "air it".

Morris has encountered many problems with the local dialect since his capture from Merseyside twenty years ago, not least when his then next door neighbour enquired as to the condition of his gansy and Morris informed his neighbour very curtly to mind his own business as he could make friends with anyone he cared to.

Poor Morris was absolutely convinced that a "snicket" was a cricketing noun, being a very fine glance or edge behind the wicket through slip or legslip, and was dumbfounded to be told that in Yorkshire a snicket was a jigger, and not even to be confused with a well-known item of confectionery.

What is a jigger we hear you cry? Well, it is very similar to a snicket – or a ginnel or an alley giving rise to that infamous Liverpudlian alley cat, the Jigger Rabbit.

We tend to suspect that you are on the right track with a snicket being a short cut right of way from A to B, whereas a ginnel or passage or alley would usually refer to that corridor that runs along between the backs of terraced housing.

Neither of us feel any sense of shock or shame nor culturally vulnerable or disadvantaged at using the term "short cut"; we think that we would run into more trouble using someone's "back passage". How about Bi-way as an inoffensive understandable little word (as in highways and bi-ways)?

Thank you again for writing in. You have raised the whole tone of this month's Newsletter.

Morris & Hugh

AUGUST 1897
Eldwick News — 100 Years Ago

The anniversary of the old Wesleyan Chapel was held on Sunday the 1st of August. The services were held in the open air at Eldwick Crag and were well attended. The Preacher in the afternoon was Mr F. Pullan of Micklethwaite and in the evening Mr W.F. Bradley of Bingley. Collections for Wesleyan funds were taken and amounted to £5.13s.0d.

The funeral of John Emmanuel Dawson the 34 year old son of William Dawson, which took place at Bingley Cemetery, was reported. The deceased had been ill in London for some time, and was brought back to the family home, Eldwick Grange, just a few days before he died. An Eldwick man, he was a journalist who started his career on the *Bradford Daily Telegraph*. He moved to the *Birmingham Daily Argus* and latterly was the London Representative of the *Northern Daily Telegraph*. The funeral was attended by Mr Lancaster, the Editor of the *Birmingham Daily Argus*, Mr Soman who represented the Fleet Street Club, London, Mr Bateson of the *Bradford Daily Telegraph* and Mr W. Pawson the London agent of the *Bradford Observer*.

A large congregation attended on the 3rd the wedding of Miss Elizabeth Ann Bruce, daughter of Mr John Bruce, the Mill owner and Architect, of Bruce's Mill, Glen View Road, Eldwick, to Mr John Severs, the son of Mr George Severs the Headmaster of the Hill Street Wesleyan Schools. The wedding conducted by the Minister the Rev. T. Hepton, assisted by the Rev. R. Lang, was held at the Wesleyan Church, Mornington Road. The bride's dress was of cream corduroy, trimmed with chiffon and lace; she wore a veil and orange blossoms, with a dove brooch set with pearls and she carried a shower bouquet. The bridesmaids were Miss Alice Bruce, Miss D. Severs and Miss Cochrane (from London). Their dresses were of green lawn, trimmed with chiffon, lace and heliotrope silk, and they wore Gainsborough hats with white tapes. The best man was Dr G. Severs, the groom's brother, and the Organist was Mr P. Blakeley of Eldwick. The Reception was held at the Wesleyan schoolroom and 60 guests attended. The Honeymoon was in the Lake District.

The 2 year old Ada Royston died at Eldwick Beck on the 13th.

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