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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.



WHAT TO DO WITH THE LOO?

As you can see from the photograph the public conveniences are now derelict. They suffered severe vandalism over a year ago and now none of the sanitaryware exists and they are unusable.

It is unlikely that Bradford will repair them. It is their policy to either board them up or pull them down. Your views would be appreciated and will be passed on to Bradford Met.

How will Eldwick celebrate the Millenium?

Our last appeal brought one or two ideas. What would you like to see now that it is less than twelve months off? A firework display in the centre of the village? A bonfire? A street party? The Newsletter is very happy to act as a forum for your ideas. However, we have not got the resources to organise an event ourselves. Please let us know through the usual channels i.e. the post box in the P.O. Send or leave your letter in Birches or to Jean Reynolds 564901.

CAROL SINGING

Many thanks to Brian Rollason, the band, the Churches and of course Father Christmas, who again made the Christmas Eve carol singing such a great success.



Thought for the Month

As the Salvation Army band played hymns in the Precinct, a woman put a couple of pounds into the collecting box. "Thank you, madam," said the smiling Sally Army officer, "Which hymn would you like?"

Without hesitation, the woman responded, "'im with the trombone, please."

That reminds me of a church council meeting where one man went on at some length about a certain matter. Eventually the church warden interrupted and, glancing towards the chairman, asked him: "Are you intending to pass a motion through the chair?"

Another council member was heard to mutter, "That would be a miracle. His chair's made of solid oak!"

It's so easy to misunderstand and misinterpret what others say.

BONFIRE MAKES £350 DONATION TO MILLENNIUM SCANNER APPEAL

Due to the success of the last Eldwick Bonfire and Fireworks Display the organisers have been able to make a donation of £350 to the Bradford Millennium Scanner Appeal. Thanks again for your support.

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Rylands Avenue Gilstead

Dear Sir.

The Council's hi-tec gardeners have been busy again with their chain-saws and shredders. The photo shows how the rhododendrons have been cut down to ground level in the Prince of Wales Park. The island on Coppice Pond in the St Ives Estate received the same treatment not long ago. Sheriff Lane has been transformed too, from looking like a leafy country lane, to looking like any other suburban street.

To save maintenance costs, the Council have demolished the conical gazebo in Prince of Wales Park. Where will it all end? Can anyone or anything halt this destructiveness, and halt the march of the concrete jungle?

Yours Sincerely, Stephen Watson



Welcome to 1999 Ladies and a continued sparkling syllabus through until May! We had a most excellent closing meeting last year, as Monica Dobson, with her super accompanist gave us a most pleasant Musical Evening. Very much enjoyed by one and all, a few carols thrown in, and a nice Christmassy feeling enhanced with home-made mince-pies and the welcome 'cuppa'.

The business part was quickly concluded, finances healthy again and a good stall making a little extra for the coffers.

Dates now for our diaries

Feb 9th "Ghosts" Mr. Peter Rossington

March 9th Our Party Night April 13th The A.G.M.

Please come along the 2nd Tuesday each month at 7.30 in the Memorial Hall and enjoy the fellowship.

EILEEN ARNOLD

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

It's time to put down your seed catalogue and come to our meetings!

An interesting programme of events and activities has been

arranged for 1999 – please come and join us for our Meetings in the Memorial Hall at 7.30p.m. – see details below.

19 January Mr F. Robinson "Yorkshire in Bloom"
16 February Mrs J. Makin "Plants of Eastern Nepal"

16 March Mr Roger Brook "Good Garden Plants"

20 April Mr Maurice Baren "100 Years of Garden History" 24 April A.M. In Memorial Hall — The Spring Fair

18 May Mrs P. Taylor (Woodbank Nursery)
"Container Planting and Hanging Baskets"

15 June Mr Les Barnett Walk from Hall at 7 p.m.

10 July Visit to - "Barnsdale" - Rutland

28 August Annual Show of Flower, Fruit and Vegetables

21 September Mrs Elaine Davies "Plants of the World"

19 October Mr Joe Maiden "Grow with Joe"

16 November A.G.M. with Supper

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CHRISTMAS EVE CAROL SINGING IN THE MEMORIAL HALL

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to the retiring collection at the Christmas Eve Carol sing in the Memorial Hall. A cheque for £130 has been sent to the charity "Crisis" who work with the homeless at Christmas.

> David M. Johnson (Methodist Minister)

DEAR EDITOR

Warren Lane, Eldwick Replying to Christine and David Wolfenden's letter in your December issue.

I, of course, fully respect your democratic right to state your opinion, whether the point raised is valid or not. However, I felt the tone of the letter was rather objectionable, probably politically motivated??

> Yours Truly M. Love

> > Sheriff Lane, Eldwick

Dear Sirs

Once again Sheriff Lane, and other areas of Eldwick is being used as a dog's toilet. What does it take to make these irresponsible owners have some moral responsibility for keeping our village clean? Notices have been put up but nobody takes any notice of them – it just means that they walk their dogs when it is dark! One of these owners is allowing their dog to foul regularly outside our driveway. I shall be watching carefully and will have no qualms in reporting anyone I see allowing their dog to foul and not clearing it up.

To the responsible dog owners who do clean up after their dogs, can I say a big 'Thank You', please continue your good work. Perhaps they could also educate the other dog owners who they meet when walking their dogs.

Yours faithfully A. Woodford

N.E.D.S. March 1999

N.E.D.S. are once again hard at work rehearsing for their next annual production of a Three Act Play. This year we are staging a comedy called "Fish Out Of Water" on the 25th, 26th and 27th March. If you have experienced a package holiday with late flights, double bookings and riotous guests, we are sure you will enjoy this fun packed play with its interesting and entertaining characters.

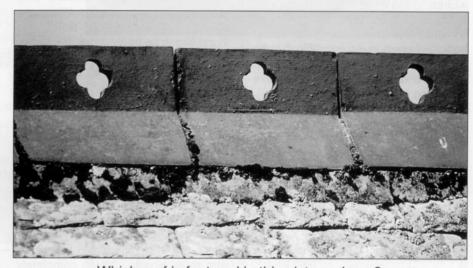
Look out for more details in the next edition of the Newsletter and our posters in the local shops. We are relying on you, our audience, to fill the hall and keep N.E.D.S. the success it has been over the past years.

METHODIST CHAPEL ROOF - STOLEN AGAIN



Thieves have struck again. The Methodist Chapel has become the target of slate thieves yet again. This time a quantity of slate has been removed from the front of the roof.

Where in Eldwick?



Which roof is featured in this picture above?

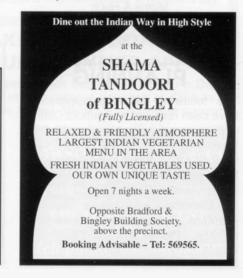
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Dear Morris & Hugh

Please can you help me, as I have a problem and don't know which way to turn. I have a penchant which my wife has been trying to get me to give up for quite a while and now she wants me to make a new year resolution to give it up for good. I don't know whether I'm strong enough. What should I do?

Pengarth

Dear Penchant of Pengarth

You poor tortured, demented soul. What on earth can your wife be thinking of? We all have leanings, some of us lean more than others it's true, but it wouldn't do for us all to be the same, would it? Morris can't be restrained when it comes to raspberry ripple and pineapple chunks and Hugh has to cross the road to avoid passing an Indian greengrocers. Tarquin, a friend of ours, turns to a quivering jelly if he sees a picture of someone wearing rubber.

Anyroad up, you haven't actually told us what this penchant (your actual french) of yours is, so it is difficult to be precise in our diagnosis and recommended treatment (we are beginning to sound like homeopaths). We feel that the best advice is to stop hiding it - get it out in the open, dear, and let the wind blow through it. We are sure that you will feel much better for it and capable of standing up for yourself against all-comers, even your wife! If you aren't quite ready to do this on your own and you need a friendly hand, do pop round one evening (not Thursday) and avail yourself of our experience.

> Yours in anticipation, Morris & Hugh

P.S. A very happy new year to both our readers.

PLANNING

The following planning applications have been received by Bradford Council 1. Kitchen extension Wynden 45 Otley Road

2. Modification of two of the three house types (houses in lieu of bungalows) at Hunterscombe, Saltaire Road.

All planning submissions made to Bradford Council are available in Birches. Please ask the Steward for details.

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 February 1999.

OR FAX TO 562643

JANUARY 1899 Eldwick News — 100 Years Ago

4,300 square yards of freehold building land situated near the Eldwick Board School was being offered for sale by James Bedford, solicitor, of Bingley.

Bingley Justices dealt with two Eldwick cases during the month. In the first John Craven, a local character, known as 'Stargazer', was charged under the Vagrancy Act with being a rogue and vagabond. He had been found begging outside the Travellers Rest Inn on Sunday 8th. In Court P.C. Balmforth stated the facts of the case and the defendant entered into a most verbose and lucid not guilty defence. The defendant was found guilty as charged and committed to prison for 14 days. The second case heard on the 25th was that of Luke Nolan, a labourer of Bradford. He was charged with being drunk and incapable. P.C. Balmforth found the defendant lying asleep in Sheriff Lane at 11.45p.m. the previous night. He woke Nolan and found him to be badly drunk. It took the police officer threequarters of an hour to get the defendant as far as Gilstead, where they met P.C. Robertson. P.C. Robertson was able to obtain a wheelbarrow and they were able to convey Nolan in that to the Bingley P.C. Robertson Police Station. corroborated the above and he stated that Nolan smelt strongly of whisky. He added that when they got Noland to the police station he was clearly unaware of his situation, he seemed to think the station sergeant was a landlord and demanded to be served with more whisky. Nolan completely denied the charge, saying that he had

not been properly drunk for 7 years. He was found guilty, fined 2s. 6d. plus costs, or 7 days imprisonment.

The following transfer of liquor licences were granted. The Acorn Inn, Eldwick from Titus Greenwood to John Lister. The Travellers Rest, Eldwick from John Lister to Joseph Bilbrough (who incidentally was described as a joiner).

Eldwick Mutual Improvement Society held a social evening on Monday the 2nd. Refreshments were served. Songs from Miss L.M. Nutter. Mr J.R. Bruce, Mr Felix Walbank and Master Maurice Briggs, together with several recitations from Mr Tominey Jr. the comprised entertainment. Afterwards there was dancing with a small orchestra led by Mr Fletcher of Bingley on the piano. There were two normal meetings during the month. On the 16th they were most grateful to Mr G.H. Skelton of Bradford Parks for coming to talk to them, despite the heavy snow fall which had taken place. Mr Popplewell was in the chair and gave a vote of thanks, which was seconded by Mr Tominey. The meeting on the 23rd had a talk by Mr F. Jowett of Gilstead entitled 'Plants and Their Names'. Mr G. Lawrence in the Chair, vote of thanks was given by Mr Joseph Wallbank, seconded by Mr J.R. Bruce.

The death occurred at here home Hillside Cottage, Eldwick, of Elizabeth Pratt, aged 54 years, on Wednesday the 4th.

The Newsletter team would like to take this opportunity to thank Derek Gibson for this interesting monthly contribution.



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