

Issue No. 245 April 1999

The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.



# LOCAL TALENT WANTED!

## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD GALA TALENT SHOW PREPARATION EVENING

Monday 7th May 7-8.30pm in St. Lawrence's Church Hall

(TALENT SHOW NIGHT THURS 24TH JUNE)

Get your act together and bring it along on Monday 17th May. It does not have to be perfect 'cause there's time to practise before 24th June. Every one who took part last year had a great time taking part and watching. Every year the variety has increased, we've had gymnasts, soloists, pianists, clowns, sketches, instrumental groups, poetry, even a rock band (Old Spice). So don't be bashful – young or not so young – come along and let us know what you would like to perform, so we can build a programme up. If you really can't make it on the 17th May let us know what you'd like to do. Ring 774758 for more details.

### Did You Know?

That the first Eldwick Gala was held during the war and was run by the Home Guard. It has been an annual event each year ever since.

Initially it was a village social event, over the years the function has stayed the same but the event has slowly grown into a fundraising event attracting people from a wide area. For each of the past 8 years over £1,000 has been distributed to local organisations, as well as local groups having the opportunity to raise funds on the day.



There used to be a beer tent on the field, a parachutist once landed on it, did he really want to be first at the bar!

We have a special guest, Paul Jewell (Bradford City Manager) will be judging the 1999 Gala Parade!

Negotiations are under way to book a famous Motor Bike Trials Team to appear at this year's gala!

The Battle of Britain Spitfire will be performing an extended display.

The Bingley Harriers have held the Fell Race on Gala Day for many years, it generally takes the winner just over 17 minutes to run to the Trig point and back. The last few years have seen the popular introduction of the Junior Fell Race. Unfortunately this year the Harriers have decided to discontinue the Eldwick Fell Race due to the strain on human resources. The Gala visitors will surely miss the Fell Race this year. The Memorial Hall this year will be used for Craft Stalls and "Thru' the Cake Hole".

Don't Forget Decorated/delicious Cake competition in Thru' the Cake Hole on Gala Day – classes for under 7's, 7-14's and over 14's.

You could SELL! SELL! SELL! - book a stall on Gala Day for one £5/metre – contact The Secretary, 8 Moorcroft, Eldwick, Bingley BD16 3DR

There used to be a Senior & Junior Gala Committee! Now there is just one. If you would like to join them, or help on Gala Day, we meet at 23 Park Road on Monday 10th May and 7th June at 8pm. Why not come along?

## GALA DIARY

Mon 17th May 7-8.30pm

Talent Show preparation evening

Fri 18th June

Teddy Bears Picnic 5-6pm For under 7's

Fri 18th June

Disco for 7-12 year olds 7-8.30pm

Tue 22nd June

Pet Show 6pm onwards

Thur 24th June

Talent Show 7pm til 9pm

Sat 26th June

GALA DAY "A Life on the Ocean Wave"  
Evening – A Dance with a Live Band and DJ

### Thought for the Month

Once there was a man who was quite convinced that he was dead. His psychiatrist tried to persuade him otherwise but to no avail. Eventually, the psychiatrist thought of a way which might convince the man that he was not dead – he would show him that dead people do not bleed.

After being shown various medical textbooks, the man agreed that dead men do not bleed. Whereupon the psychiatrist picked up a penknife and calmly made a superficial cut on the man's hand, causing it to bleed. The man, horrified at the sight, exclaimed, "Goodness me! Dead men do bleed after all!"

Preconceived ideas and long-held perceptions can blind us to the realities of life and the truth about ourselves and other people.

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## Bob's Snippet

Congratulations for the Newsletter's 21st Birthday. They have done well to reach 21 without twisting or going bust.

## Dear Editor

It is the month of the daffodil. They adorn the countryside everywhere but not down Tewitt Lane, Eldwick.

There, plain white sticks protrude from the grass verges each marking a generous dollop of dog dung left there not by irresponsible dogs but by their anti-social owners. There are 164 piles channelled between walls 4 metres apart!

The dung riddled lane awaits the imminent arrival of the dog warden but in the meantime photographs of the culprits are being taken and will be forwarded to the Police who have assured me they will prosecute.

Amazingly, since I began writing this letter I have been informed that someone has snapped off and removed a great many of the white sticks. Apparently, some people will stoop to almost anything - what a pity they won't stoop a little further and pick up and remove their dog's excrement.

A comment aimed at me recently by one of the culprit owners, and I quote, was as follows:

"The people of Eldwick think you're crazy and it won't do your business any good!"

My answer to that is simple: If caring for the environment, and the health of children in particular, is crazy - then I am more than happy to be described thus, and judging by the support I am receiving there are clearly many more 'crazy' people (dog owners included) living in the Eldwick area and I bless them for it.

Yours determinedly  
Lewis B Jones

## Eldwick Methodist Church N.C.H. Action for Children

The Spring Bring & Buy and Afternoon Tea in March raised £279.

For the year ending March 1999 Eldwick have sent a total of £1,249.65p. We wish to thank anyone who has helped us over the last 12 months to raise this splendid amount.

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## Eldwick Memorial Hall

## AGM

Wednesday 19th May 1999  
at 7.30pm  
All Welcome

## ELDWICK RIDING CLUB Diary of Events '99

### Sunday 25th April

Trophy Show & 1st Points Show  
(Including the Blue Chip Feed Balancer Championships – £250 of prizes to be won)

### Sunday 23rd May

Dressage  
First Timers & Preliminary 2 & 6

### Sunday 27th June

2nd Points Show  
(Including The Dermoline Dazzlers Award for the best conditioned horse/pony – prizes to 3rd)

### Sunday 11th July

Dressage

### Sunday 25th July

3rd Points Show  
(Including the Super Solvitax Ridden Veteran Qualifier – prizes to 3rd)

### Sunday 22nd August

Show Jumping & Fun Show

### Sunday 26th September

4th Points Show  
(Including Super Solvitax In-hand Veteran Qualifier – prizes to 3rd)

## CHRISTIAN AID LUNCH

St Lawrence's Hall, Eldwick

SATURDAY, MAY 8TH

1200 to 1400 hours

*Soup, bread and cheese, tea/coffee  
Bring & Buy Sale, Raffle*

**Admission £1.50 Children £1.00**

Proceeds are used to fund projects which will help people to help themselves throughout the under-developed countries of the world. Help goes to those in greatest need *regardless* of country, creed or colour 80.8p out of each £1.00 goes directly to those in need.

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK IS MAY 8-15

Please give as generously as you can to the house-to-house collection.

Brian Cryer (Local Organiser,  
Tel. 568926)

## FOOTBALL MATCH

Gilstead Middle School

v

Eldwick First School

Family Social Event, to be held on

**FRIDAY, 14TH MAY,**

at Gilstead Middle School,  
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Kick off 6.30pm.

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# For the People by the People

## a story to be continued, or not?

At the last Memorial Hall committee meeting, Calvin Weston, our long standing caretaker and booking secretary, gave notice that he is to resign in August of this year.

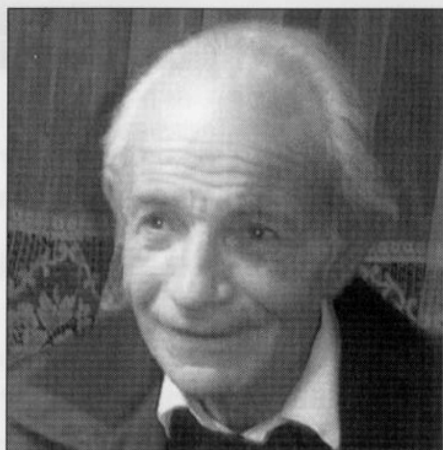
"It is time", he said, "with the imminent arrival of the bus pass, to hand over to someone else". The committee acknowledged the enormous contribution that Calvin has made to the day to day running of the Hall, and recorded their grateful thanks. In addition it was noted that when Calvin took on the voluntary post of booking secretary, to help us out at the time, he ensured that the vital income from both occasional and regular bookings would continue.

Thus we find ourselves with the considerable problem of replacing one invaluable person with two! Before August we need to advertise to appoint a caretaker and, from within this or the next committee find a volunteer to become the booking secretary. This is a minor crisis which, it must be stressed, could have major repercussions on the continuing provision of facilities at the Eldwick Memorial Hall - as your village hall.

Where do we find people to carry on in the tradition of "this flourishing village community in a highly desirable locality" - a phrase commonly used by local estate agents? Where will the successors to the present management committee come from? Who will be willing to give time and energy to their own community?

Eldwick Memorial Hall was planned, designed, built and paid for by the village people of the post war era. As the stone tablet on the facade tells you it came into being as the hub of community life from 1954 onwards. For years and years before that, the Eldwick community rallied round to get the project off the ground and the Hall stands as testament to their endeavours.

As a relative newcomer, or "off-cummed 'un", all the way from Wibsey, (I arrived to live and work in Eldwick in 1974) I became involved in the life of the community, as one did in those days. A new Youth Club was



Calvin Weston

formed and I went along to lend a hand in keeping exuberant youngsters like Richard Emmott and Stuart Clarke gainfully occupied.

I became the 'rep' for the Youth Club on the Memorial Hall management committee and meekly sat on the back row, listening in awe to the lively meetings chaired in the Frank Murray, Bill Brier, and Jim Bamber eras. In those days, as today, there was much to discuss about the village, its growth and the changes taking place which would be of significance to the Hall as a community facility.

Twenty five years on I find myself in 'the buck stops here' position, in front of the front row, in the Chair, trying to continue the excellent work of my predecessors. I realise that the demands on the Hall are not what they were, with so many other ways and venues near and far in which young and old can spend their leisure time. Sadly, gone are the days when popular recreational classes were held in the Hall as part of the Council's educational provision. Nevertheless there are, still, a number of village organisations who rely on the Memorial Hall, as they always have done, as the venue for their own weekly or monthly activities. I am delighted this is the case and am very grateful for their continued patronage, but we must appeal to those seeking occasional lettings too.

It is principally for these village people, and their guests, that the management committee continually strives to provide a suitable facility by making improvements and keeping the building in good shape. Some of these improvements almost go unnoticed but are absolutely necessary, like the additional kitchen appliances, the fire alarm system, the emergency lighting, and the new floor coverings. Soon there is to be a toilet for the disabled, as well as the replacement of internal doors and the fitting of new external fire doors.

These are immediate short term improvements, but in the longer term the development committee is still seeking to provide a vastly superior facility to serve the needs of the present and the future. You have no idea just how much work has gone on, and still is going on, to build our case with various funding agencies to provide the necessary cash for our project. This is all a far cry from the good works of 1944 to 1954, (yes that's how long the Memorial Hall took to come to fruition), and we are delighted to still have in the village a few individuals willing to strive, as their predecessors did, for an excellent village hall.

Soon it will be time for the AGM and with it my annual opportunity to look back on another year. Committee meetings are not always well attended and the faithful few, as with the Gala committee, undertake full responsibility for moving things along. To be fair, I know some absent members are double or even triple booked on occasions, because that's the sort of dedicated people they are.

So I look to the hundreds of Eldwick homes to which this popular newsletter is delivered, in an attempt to try to encourage adults and children alike to join in with local activities, to start new ones if not catered for, or at least to take more than a passing interest in what others before have done for you.

Eldwick Memorial Hall deserves an assured future in which you could play an important role. Be at the AGM and be thinking where our next caretaker and booking secretary are to come from!



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Dear Morris and Hugh,

I haven't got a problem, rather a concern.

As general know-alls, guardians of Eldwick morals and bastions of free thinking, I am enquiring about your views on the Millennium - should we have one? Will there be any problems? Is the world going to end or will Eldwick be saved?

Please ensure that your answer is in the April issue as we are running out of time.

Yours faithfully  
Concerned of Clarendon

Dear Concerned,

Many thanks for your letter, the only one that we have received on this topic, and in view of your urgent request, we are responding now eight months early.

In our considered opinion we predict that the Millennium will happen, and we welcome it. We positively welcome the advent of the Beck Bottom Dome, and will shelter under it whilst waiting for the bus to Bingley.

Problems - what problems? On New Years Eve your faithful correspondents will be sitting outside the banks in Park Row, Leeds waiting for the vaults to spill their contents into our hot little hands. No one is working allegedly, so we won't be spotted - and then it's off to Rio from where we can't be extradited for at least ten years.

The world won't end - how can it until Sheffield United have made the Premiership?

On a racing note we've already backed the Derby winner for June 2000 - we intend to be around but perhaps in disguise. Our Morris & Hugh on-line tipping service awaits your calls.

Yours in expectation,  
Morris & Hugh

The answers to last month's Morris & Hugh quizette are:-

1. Rub it gently with a knob of best butter
2. 9 inches (without stretching it)
3. A liberal sprinkling of John Innes No.3

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## APRIL 1899 Eldwick News — 100 Years Ago

Mr Joseph Walbank of Eldwick was elected to the Divisional Liberal Association's Election Committee. They nominated Alderman J. Hastings Duncan as their Parliamentary candidate, and he was destined to be the next MP.

At their meeting on Monday the 17th the District Council's Planning Committee approved residential additions to Mr Charles Wilkinson's farm at Eldwick Springs.

Bingley Police Court fined Elijah Shannon, a labourer of Old Wood, Eldwick 20s. 0d. and costs for keeping a dog without a licence.

### Newsletter event

A small celebration was held in Birches to mark the newsletter moving into it's 20th. year. The advertisers and contributors were invited to join the stalwart band of deliverers for a glass of wine and a finger buffet. The deliverers are vital to the success of the newsletter as they turn out unpaid every month in all weathers to deliver 1200 newsletters to every household in the village. The editor expresses his most grateful thanks to them. The advertisers are also a very important to the newsletter.

It is with great regret that we lose Bill Ross as an advertiser. Bill has been advertising with us for 17 years and has now retired, we wish you well Bill.

### PLANNING

Application no.99/00770/REM  
Proposal Residential development and associated works  
Land at Warren Lane Eldwick  
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At the same hearing Robert Hartley of Eldwick was granted a certificate of exemption from vaccination.

A meeting on Friday 21st in the Bingley Baptist School formed the Bingley and District Free Church Council. The Rev. J. Martin, the long serving Congregational minister, was elected the first President of the Council. The representative of the Eldwick Wesleyan Chapel, Mr J. Bruce, was elected to the Executive Committee.

On Tuesday the 25th Arthur Gudgeon of Eldwick was married to Sarah Jane Standing of Bingley at Holy Trinity Church, the ceremony was conducted by Rev. Fred W. Bardsley, the Vicar.

### Art & Craft Fair

Eldwick Memorial Hall  
Sunday, 30th May  
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Various Arts & Crafts including Hungarian Crafts, 3D Decoupage with Disney Pictures, Aromatherapy, Cross-stitch, Local Watercolour Artist, Salt Dough, Picture Framers, so bring the photos, Van Goughs, etc., Silk Flowers, (Manorlands) Sue Ryder Stall. also a Raffle in aid of Manorlands, Oxenhope with Super Prizes donated by local business  
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