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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.



# HORTICULTURAL SHOW

## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The 82nd Annual show of "Vegetables, Fruit, Flowers, etc." took place on Saturday 28 August on a beautiful sunny day. Plenty of people turned up to look at the varied display – but we always have room for more!

Mr George Drake (a previous Show Secretary of many years) "stood in" for our current President and introduced Mr Calvin Weston to formally open the show and later present prizes/trophies. Mr Weston is well known in the local community for his job as caretaker of Eldwick First School and the Memorial Hall and he thought it was a 'memorable' way to mark his last day in the caretaker role.

Overall show entries were down – particularly in the baking section this year. Vegetable entries were up on last year, and trophies were 'well scattered' through exhibitors – see details. The downhill trend of entries is a cause of concern to officials of the society. Hopefully, as a member of the local community reading this article, you are also concerned – it would be sad if this event didn't make it to its centenary year!

On a more positive note: VERY MANY THANKS to all those who provided entries in the show and to those who helped to run the event on the day – with particular mention to David Bell, the Show Secretary.

Our meeting on Tuesday 19 October is entitled "Grow with Joe". No doubt this will be a very entertaining evening, with the well-known horticultural personality, Joe Maiden.

On 16 November we hold our AGM followed by a Pie and Pea Supper.

**PUT A NOTE IN YOUR DIARY NOW! YOU ARE VERY WELCOME TO JOIN AT THESE EVENTS.**

### Trophy Winners 1999

#### Eldwick & Gilstead Horticultural Society

The John Wild Trophy – most points in the members veg classes

B. King

The Robert Smith Trophy – outstanding exhibit in the members veg classes

B. King

The George Todd Trophy – Class 10 – round onions

G. Drake

The Jack Bentley Trophy – Class 20 – tray of veg

B. King

The H. M. Dawson Trophy – fruit classes

D. Bell

The Brinsley L. Jagger Trophy – class 21 – 6 tomatoes

G. Drake

The Thomas Henry Shaw Trophy – best exhibit, classes 28-29 – roses

J. Lindley

The Eric Cockroft Trophy – class 31 – single rose

J. Lindley

The Charles Whiteoak Trophy – class 33 – sweet peas

J. Edwards

The Frank S. Whitaker Trophy – dahlias

J. Chadwick

The Leslie Lund Trophy – members flowers

J. Chadwick

The Arthur Harrison Trophy – most points members' classes

J. Chadwick

The Ernest Edwards Trophy – runner up members classes

B. King

The H. Whitehead Trophy – most points open classes

J. Chadwick

The Sydney Outhwaite Trophy – baking

Mrs A. Shoebridge/Mrs M. Tetley

The Yorkshire Bank Trophy – flower arranging

Mrs V. Armstrong/Mrs L. Wilson

The N.W. Raby Trophy – class 82-84 – children's

S.M.S. & S. Cattlin

The Franz Trophy – patio plant, age 10-16

J. Franz

The W. A. Birch memorial prize – S. Othwaite

Mrs A. Shoebridge/Mrs M. Tetley

The W. A. Birch memorial prize – N.W. Raby

S.M.S. & S. Cattlin

President's Prize – most points members and open combined

J. Chadwick

### *Do you enjoy singing?*

If so, why not think about joining . . .  
Eldwick & Gilstead Male Choir  
Details of membership may be obtained  
by contacting the Secretary,  
Mr H. Douglas Wood, Cragg Cottage,  
Moor Edge, Harden, Bingley  
Telephone 01535 272445

## ELDWICK BONFIRE AND FIREWORK DISPLAY

**Saturday 6th November  
on Eldwick Rec.**

Programmes will be on sale before the event and on the gate on the evening.

**Adults £2.00, Children 50p**

The fire will be lit at 7pm and the display will commence at approximately 7.30pm.

There will be the usual roundabouts, etc.

Burnt Bangers will be on sale and the Memorial Hall will be open for coffee, tea, pie & peas, etc.

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## Bob's Snippet

The writer of "Eldwick News" - 100 Years Ago" insists that the material comes from his researches not his reminiscences.

## GOOD LUCK ALLAN

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Allan Pearson all the best in his new lease of life in sunny Spain.

I have known Allan for a good number of years now and would like to thank him for taking me to Sheffield United when Bradford City played them, the team I support. I would also like to thank Allan for being a great mate of mine.

Allan has always been enthusiastic, kind and comical and has a great sense of humour. Allan was an important member of Eldwick Dramatic Society, and always played his part well and got everyone giggling. He is also a good pool player and liked a game of cards with some of his other friends on a Tuesday night. As for his personality, Allan is a kind and generous person to know. He would be forever in someone's company and that shows he is a well liked person.

I will miss Allan once he has gone and so will those others that knew him. I just hope that he will come back to visit us in the near future and keep in contact.

I wish him every success in the oncoming life ahead of him.

NICHOLAS KITCHEN

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## DO YOU KNOW ABOUT YOUR LOCAL MALE VOICE CHOIR??

The Eldwick & Gilstead Male Voice Choir was formed in 1931 as the Eldwick & Gilstead Glee Union and later became "Male Voice Choir" and after a 68 year history we are delighted to say we are still in existence.

We are a friendly choir of 18 singing members and would most warmly welcome new members in all parts.

The choir gives several concerts each year for Churches and Charitable Organisations mainly in and around the Bradford Metropolitan District. Recent well acclaimed performances have been given in Gilstead, Bingley, Ingrow, Cullingworth, Hebden Bridge and Saltaire. Forthcoming engagements are booked in Bingley, Baildon, Skipton, Bolton (Bradford), Long Lee, Fagley and Illingworth Moor.

Rehearsals are held each Monday evening in St Wilfrid's Church Hall, Gilstead from 8pm to 9.30pm.

If any local organisation would like us to present a concert with entertainment we would be very pleased to hear from you.

All enquiries for concerts and/or membership of the choir please contact either Keith Thompson on Bradford 564915 or Douglas Wood on 01535 272445. Alternatively, come and meet us on a Monday evening at St Wilfrid's. Whichever way we look forward to meeting you.

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## ANNOUNCING A COURSE IN ADVANCED DRIVING

To be held at the Ian Clough Hall, Baildon on four Thursdays in autumn

Dates: 7, 14, 21, 28 October 1999

Time: all sessions are from  
7.30pm to 9.30pm

**Syllabus:** Week 1, 7 October: Introduction to the course. Attitudes. System of vehicle control.

Week 2, 14 October: Acceleration, gears, breaking, steering. Signals. Observations.

Week 3, 21 October: Positioning. Cornering. Overtaking.

Week 4, 28 October: Skidding. Motorway driving. Speed and safety.

Those taking part in the course may if they wish sign up for an assessment of their driving by one of the group's qualified advanced driving tutors.

The assessment drives will take place on Saturday morning 30 October. Further details will be given during the course.

**General information:** The course is free of charge and consists of four illustrated 2 hour lectures given jointly by the Group's Training Officer and an officer of the West Yorkshire Police. There will be a short break midway through each session. Anyone with a full driving licence will benefit from the course.

**For details:** Mr K. Bamford 01274 564925, 170, Warren Lane, Eldwick, Bingley, BD16 3BY.

## PLANNING

The following planning applications have been made to Bradford Council. They may be inspected at the Planning Office at Shipley Town Hall. Copies of all submissions may be seen at Birches.

1. Re-siting of existing wall  
7, Timble Drive.
2. To build new dwelling in garden to provide annexe to existing house.  
1, Warren Lane.
3. Conservatory to east elevation.  
31, Glen Road.
4. Rear roof extension to provide additional room.  
The Bungalow, Woodlands Rd.

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## ROLL UP! ROLL UP! CIRCUS! CIRCUS!

Sadie Spangle's circus is coming to Eldwick Memorial Hall from Wednesday 1st December to Saturday 4th December, when the main attraction will be "GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS". Yes, with no expense spared, the New Eldwick Dramatic Society are to bring you a PANTOMIME with sword swallows, tightrope walkers, knife throwers, trapeze artists, acrobats, clowns, and of course the amazing THREE BEARS. But beware! The owner of the rival circus is determined to steal the three bears for without them Sadie Spangle's circus will fail! Can Joey the clown and Ronnie the ringmaster help Sadie Spangle to keep the three bears in her circus? Come to Eldwick Memorial Hall at the beginning of December and cheer them on. Tickets will be on sale in the Autumn, so...

**HURRY! HURRY! HURRY!**

## ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH

### News from Eldwick Methodist Church:-

A big thank you to Rev. David Johnson for all his work over the last 11 years.

A very warm welcome again to Rev. George Kime who will be giving us pastoral care over the next 12 months.

Welcome to Ian Worsfold who will be living in South Way and will be working with the young people of the whole Circuit.

And finally we offer an invitation to everybody to come along and celebrate our Church Anniversary at a concert on Saturday 18th September and a special service on Sunday 19th September led by Peter Jackson.

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## Dear Sir,

Like your correspondent, Mr J.W.B. Greenwood, I am also very disappointed in Yorkshire Cable to whose service I first subscribed when it became available in Eldwick in July 1994.

After more than five years the channel choice is minimal for the so-called Variety package which offers very little quality output over and above the five BBC/ITV channels to which we all already subscribe through our annual TV licence fee. One can pay more for sport (£13 per month) which I do, and more again for films. The Sky sports channels are very good but the amount of time taken by adverts is excessive.

Yorkshire Cable does not yet offer any Internet or digital services but it has the effrontery to charge one more if you are unwilling to pay by direct debit.

The forecast technical revolution which everyone, perhaps foolishly, expected from cable by way of access to TV channels around the world, foreign languages and other information and instructive sources has not happened and does not appear to be imminent. All we have is the likes of "Classic Gold" and the continual "dumbing" down of standards which is happening in both the public and private channels.

No, Mr Greenwood, no "delectations" yet but dare we move - back to be BT or to any of the digital providers as they could turn out to be even greater confidence tricksters than Yorkshire Cable?

J. G. COLLINS

## ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH NEWS

Two pairs of Eldwick sisters, Kate and Ruth Mothersdale (aged 9 and 7), and Jenni and Hannah Rishworth (aged 9 and 7), have taken the initiative, and raised money for children overseas. Kate and Ruth raised £7.27, holding a table top sale at their home. Jenni and Hannah raised £8.04 by baking and selling 'eclipse' buns at church. A big thank you to all the girls, and well done!

JILL WAGSTAFF, JMA Secretary

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## THE MEMORIAL HALL

As from the 30th August, 1999 our well known and long serving Caretaker and Booking Secretary of the Memorial Hall, Mr Calvin Weston is retiring for a well earned rest after playing a major role in many village activities. He has been an asset to the village and he will be greatly missed after all his hard work on behalf of the local community. We all wish Calvin a long and happy retirement, with time to do all the things he has wanted to do for himself but has never had time to do. Good luck, Calvin.

The Memorial Hall will now have a new part-time Caretaker Mr Mark Dobson who lives in Bingley. He will be responsible for the care and maintenance of the Hall with some presence there each day. He will do his best to assist the needs of people using the Hall, but he does have a limited time.

The new Booking Secretary is Sylvia Slater who lives on Grange Road, and all bookings for the Hall need to be made through her from the end of August. Telephone number 01274 563081.

The Hall is a wonderful asset to the village and is well used by local people, groups and societies. It is an excellent venue for private parties and special functions. The charges are modest and a list of these can be found in the Birches Club and in the Memorial Hall itself.

We have two drama groups in the village who produce two plays or pantomimes each, per year which are well attended by the local community and friends.

There are also regular clubs such as the Gym and Bridge Clubs. Unfortunately the Keep Fit Class has had to close due to lack of support. Are you all very fit out there? We have Dog Obedience Training, Cavies, Craft Fairs and meetings of a wide variety of Societies.

Anyone wishing to book the Hall for a function will find warm and pleasant surroundings and excellent kitchen facilities. Arrangements can be made with the Birches Club to use their facilities when requested.

We look forward to being able to serve your Society, Club, Group or Party to the best of our abilities in the future and hope that you find the Memorial Hall a splendid venue for your requirements.

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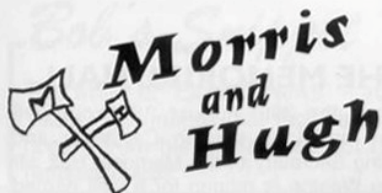
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Morris & Hugh are currently on holiday, however they sent this news item:

One often sees stickers in the rear window of cars saying: "If you can read this, you're too close - back off!"

Imagine our surprise when we saw the following sticker on the back of a motor-cyclist's jacket: "If you can read this, the wife's fallen off!"

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## ELSTEAD LADIES CHOIR

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## SEPTEMBER 1899 Eldwick News - 100 Years Ago

At a meeting of the Bingley Urban District Council on Monday the 11th a lively debate took place regarding the Eldwick Board School cloakroom. The sub-committee had reported back recommending that the HM School Inspector's recommendation, that the cloakroom should be lengthened to provide more lavatory provision, be carried out. The work would cost £21, and the plans had been submitted to the Government Education Department for approval, as required by law. The Council was then informed by the Department that this action was not approved, because it did not meet "the requirements of the code" and that a new additional building was required. Councillors heard that a new building would cost £80. The Councillors could not understand why the requirement of a new building had not been voiced by the Inspector in the first place. Although considerable discussion took place, it seemed there was no alternative but to submit the new plan for approval, and this was done. The Gas Committee recommended that two additional lamps be erected in Eldwick and that the Eldwick lamplighter's wage be increased from 7s. 6d. to 8s. 0d. per week. The Highways and Sewerage Committee recommended that the footway on to the moor at Cragside, High Eldwick be repaired by the Council.

Mr William Ferrand organised, and paid for, trips by rail to Morecambe for the pupils attending Eldwick Board School. On Saturday 9th it was a half day trip for the Evening School attenders. Tuesday 12th a full day for the day school pupils supported by

some of the parents. Each pupil received 2s. 0d. pocket money from Mr Ferrand and they were treated to an excellent entertainment on the West End Pier.

On Wednesday, 27th the Bingley Magistrates had before them a Shipley labourer, who it was said, had the misfortune "to be admiring other people's fowls in Eldwick on the morning of the previous day". P-c Balmforth who happened to be on patrol in Eldwick, knowing the man, and his record, became suspicious about him, and promptly arrested him. In Court the man did not give a very satisfactory account of his actions or what he was doing in Eldwick. He just claimed to be admiring the look of the fowl. The Magistrates decided that the evidence was not strong enough to convict him of the charge brought against him and dismissed the case. They did however comment to him that the moral of his appearance in Court was not to admire other people's fowls especially in a neighbourhood where hen roosts had been robbed. They also noted their feeling that the Constable had only been doing his duty.

The monthly report by the School Attendance Officer regarding Eldwick Board School for the month ending July 28th was published:-

The Mixed and Infants Classes.  
Total under 5 years = 9 pupils.  
Total over 5 years = 75 pupils.  
There was one licensed half timer.

The Attendance Officer stated that the actual average attendance had been 76.5 out of a possible 84.5.

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