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The Eldwick Village Society Newsletter.

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## Gala Queen Selection Disco

**FRIDAY 9th MARCH 2001**

**ELDWICK MEMORIAL HALL**

**7.00 - 8.30pm Entry £1**

Entries for Gala Queen  
(age 12 or over) and attendants  
(7-10) are required before the night.

Entry forms are available from the  
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**Saturday 30th June**

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## Neighbourhood Forum



### What Future??

At the recent Neighbourhood Forum meeting a number of burning issues were on the agenda. There is a great deal of interest in the future of Eldwick School which is soon to be redundant. All the Authority can say about the future of the school is that whatever happens will be to the "main advantage" (to whom we are not sure!). There was some discussion about the telephone box at the top of Prince of Wales

Park, which has suffered a great deal of vandalism and, in the evenings has taken on the appearance of an "alfresco" youth club. There was a call to have it demolished, however BT say that it is still viable.

It was suggested to the Chairman of the Forum, that instead of waiting twelve months for the minutes of this meeting, that they may be e-mailed to us that we may be able to print them in the Newsletter.

## BIRCHES DONATES £200 TO THE STROKE ASSOCIATION

Following a successful bonfire, last year, the Birches Club Committee has agreed to donate £200 to Charity now that the finances have been finalised and the President, Mr. Chris Bailey has chosen The Stroke Association as the charity who will receive the money. The stroke association assist people who have suffered a stroke and also carry out medical research into the causes of strokes and how to minimise the effects of strokes. This is not strictly a local charity but any monies raised or donated from Yorkshire are used within Yorkshire so the money will be spent within our county.

Chris said he had chosen this particular charity as at least three members of the Birches Club have suffered from strokes in the recent past and therefore he felt it appropriate that the club donate to a charity which may help some of the members.

Our e-mail address is [Eldwicknews@aol.com](mailto:Eldwicknews@aol.com) We look forward to hearing from you.

## Birches

### WEEKLY LOTTO

Birches members can now play our weekly lotto for a big cash prize.

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## Bob's Snippet

I am tired of suffering constant prejudice and harassment. It is now many years since we moved here from Lancashire.

## "Gala Revue & Panto"

NEDS are planning to organise a Charity Concert for the Saturday evening of Gala Day. A meeting will be held in the Birches from 7.30p.m. with refreshments, on Wednesday 14th March 2001 for anyone who would like to show off their talents and be involved in this concert. There is no age limit; young and old are all welcome to take part.

We shall also be discussing our Pantomime planned for November. Again we need as many people as possible to be involved in putting on our usual excellent production.

These are village events so please do come along and join in. We look forward to seeing as many interested people as possible.

**We are trying to re-start the Rainbow Unit in Eldwick, the branch of the Guide Association for 5-7 year olds.**

**We have a leader and one Young leader but we need more adult help. Could YOU help?**

**They usually meet early in the evening so it would not use up the whole night. It's a plus for Sixth Formers wanting to go into child orientated careers - reads well on a C.V.**

**If you're interested please contact Pat Armstrong, 6 Hall Bank Drive, Bingley, or any Guider. Pop in at the H.Q. on Otley Road, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday evenings.**

**Help is also needed with Brownies.**

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## Neighbourhood Watch

Domestic burglary is still causing concern throughout the Keighley Police Division. Although the figures have been reduced by 50% over the last 2 years, several burglaries can still be prevented. Below are some general tips to help prevent YOU from becoming another statistic. The easiest thing to do which could prevent some 250 burglaries a year in our area is to keep your doors closed and locked at all times. Please take on board some of our suggestions and help to reduce the opportunity for the burglar.

### 12 CRIME PREVENTION TIPS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR PROPERTY

Always postcode your valuable property.  
Always lock your doors even when you are at home.  
Always ensure you have good quality door and window locks fitted.  
Always make sure that your house looks as though someone is at home.  
Always leave a light on at night-time when you are out. Consider a timeswitch.  
Always use external lighting during the hours of darkness.  
Always consider joining Neighbourhood Watch.  
Always inform your neighbours when you are away from home.  
Always cancel your milk and newspapers when you are away from home.  
Always consider having an intruder alarm installed.  
Always ensure your shed is secured by a good quality padlock.  
Always secure your garden equipment and tools in the garage.

### 12 CRIME PREVENTION TIPS TO LOOK AFTER YOUR PROPERTY

Never leave your keys in the door or window locks.  
Never leave your doors unlocked.  
Never leave windows open when you are out.  
Never leave your garage door open whilst unattended.  
Never leave your shed unlocked whilst unattended.  
Never leave valuables where they can be easily stolen/removed.  
Never leave handbags/wallet on show in the house.  
Never allow unknown people into your house.  
Never buy from door to door salesmen - support your local businesses.  
Never leave your car unlocked outside your house.  
Never leave a note in a bottle for the milkman.  
Never leave notes stuck to windows or doors saying when you will be home.  
Neighbourhood Watch is yet another opportunity to reduce all crime within your area.

**For further information please contact your Neighbourhood Watch Officer, PC Steve Littlewood (Tel 01535 617041).**

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## BIRCHES MEMBERSHIP

Will all members please note that subscriptions are due on 1st March for the Year 2001.

For Members convenience payment can be made in the following ways:

1. By Standing Order. Forms may be obtained from the Club Steward.
2. Payment by cash or cheque. Again simply leave your card with your remittance in an envelope with your name on, with the Steward.
3. The Membership Secretary will be in attendance on Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th, Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March in the Club between 6.30p.m. and 8p.m. for Members convenience.

Subscriptions for both Ordinary and Associate Members remain at £12pa for Couples and £8pa for single Membership. Please note that any members who have joined in the 6 months prior to the end of February will be automatically rejoined as Club members and will not have to make a further payment until March 2002.

**MIKE BURDIN**

*Membership Secretary*

## UPDATE ON BRADFORD'S UNITARY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (UDP)

The Policy and Planning Department (Jacob's Well) will be reporting to the Executive Committee/Councillors on 27 March on the new policy and sites which form Bradford's second UDP.

Following this, the (Draft) Plan should be available by mid-May for the start of a 6-week Public Consultation period. The Shipley Area Plan will be available in local libraries and in the Planning Office at Shipley Town Hall. The Council also hopes to make these documents available on the Council Web Site.

The 'new' Plan will propose sites for various forms of development for the next 15 years and re-examine all of the district's Green Belt. The vast majority of sites from the 'old' Plan which have not yet been developed, will be included and can be looked at again. Objections can be based on material changes and any new legislation or Planning Guidance.

Following the consultation period, if objections are raised by the community or landowners, and these cannot be resolved, an Inquiry will follow.

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## Whose little darlings did this then?

The photograph shows the recently vandalised bus shelter.

## PLANNING

The following planning applications have been made to Bradford Council. They may be inspected at The Planning Office, Shipley Town Hall.

1. 01/00178/FUL first floor extension to form granny flat. 15 Westway
2. 01/00269/FUL Two storey extension to side of dwelling. 7 Park Drive.
3. 01/00358/REM Reserved matters application for two detached dwellings with double garages. Heatherbank,

Saltaire Road.

4. 01/00365/FUL Extension to rear of property to enlarge dining room. 2 Grange Road.
5. 01/00387/OUT Construction of detached dwelling and garage. Land in front of Hill Top 17 Glen Road.

All planning applications submitted to Bradford Council are available in Birches and may be inspected during opening hours.

## ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

The January meeting was addressed by Graham Foster who talked about the "walls in the landscape of the Pennine uplands".

He informed the meeting how the rocks of the uplands – sandstone and limestone were formed millions of years ago and 'carried' by a delta moving south in the carboniferous period. In places, eg on the Craven Fault (approximately 2,000 feet), further land movement has 'lifted off' the sandstone cap, to leave the limestone exposed. We heard about ice to a depth of 5,000 feet and sea levels 330 feet below today's and how clay, mud and stones were deposited by glaciers.

When 'man' began to settle in small communities, trees were chopped and burned and crops grown. Stone was removed from the land and used for walls in much the same way as it is today. Fields were small and curvy, eg around Malham, where some walls are 3-4,000 years old. Walling really 'took off' in an organised way following the Enclosures Act. An example given was that of Gilstead Moor, which in 1858 was reclaimed and put back into agricultural production.

In the 1960s Mr Foster had found an arrowhead and a scraping flint on the Bryant/Redrow site in Warren Lane. He told

the meeting of his current work, build new walls and repairing existing ones, eg 500 yards of a wall 5' high and 8' wide near Fountains Abbey, where piles of large ox bones had been inside the wall since the 1130s. We were informed that a yard of wall weighs 1 1/4 tons, but Mr. Foster had brought along some small scale models to demonstrate various points. He explained that 'through stones' hold the wall together and they may 'hang out', but not on the owner's side. Capping stones protect walls from wet and frost. Walls designed to keep cows back, would be 4'6" high and sheep should not be able to jump a wall 5'6" high. At the end of the meeting Mr. Foster answered various questions. Unfortunately he had no solutions for stopping the theft of paving and walling stone!

February 20  
March 20  
April 24

Gardening for Wildlife  
Plants for Small Gardens  
Hanging Basket and  
Bedding Plants

Join us if you can – 7.30 in the Memorial Hall. *D. Isaac*



## Eldwick & Gilstead Yorkshire Countrywomen's Association

What a Grand Party Evening we had on January 9th. As ever we were warmly welcomed by our Chairman Mrs. Maureen Beckwith, to a happy atmosphere, lovely meal laid out before us, and our super committee to serve us! plus wine, raffle, games, fun and of course our special Yorkshire C.W. 'Grace' - (Mrs. Betty Bradley's original).

We finished with our Tiller Girls doing Line Dancing etc. dressed appropriately – La! La! Next meetings:-

February 13th – Superstition

March 13th – Area Coordinates Bingley

Nearly Spring Ladies? Keep on coming along to the Memorial Hall each 2nd Tuesday and enjoy.

*Eileen Arnold*

## Eldwick Primary School will be closing on the Otley Road site on Monday 2nd April.

We want to make our last day at the old school a memorable one and we appreciate that the school holds memories for lots of people in the village. We have decided to have a Victorian Day when all the children and staff will be dressing up and a whole range of special activities will take place. To enable people from the village to have a last look round we are 'converting' our school hall into a Victorian tea-room for the morning and we would like to take this opportunity to invite all interested parties to come for a cup of tea and share this last day with us. The tea-shop will be open from 9.30a.m. until 11.45a.m. on the 2nd.

To enable us to comply with our security procedures we would ask that if you are wanting to visit on that morning you telephone Jean Crompton in the school office at the Otley Road site (01274 564870). She will note down your name and we will then be able to formulate a list of visitors for that morning. This will also help us with catering arrangements! When you arrive at school on the 2nd if you will call at the school office first we will be able to log your arrival.

We hope lots of people will join us to make this day meaningful for all the village. If any of you have memories of the school, either when you were there, or had children there, we would love to hear from you. If you could jot them down and drop them in to school we would incorporate them into the memories book we are going to compile.

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# Morris and Hugh

Dear Morris and Hugh,

I realise that Hugh is now in absentia or is it decline? but I really need your help urgently.

I was a very shy boy at school, and as a consequence, was constantly bullied and picked on. My school years were hell, but I got through them, went to college, and found gainful employment in the Financial Services sector.

Everything was going wonderfully well until last April when our company was bought by an American conglomerate, and a new Personnel Director was appointed. This "lady" is reducing me to a quivering wreck, and all those old fears that I had at school are coming back to haunt me. Have you any topical tips or sage advice in trying to deal with this ogre? In your many years as advisors, you must have some choice ripostes in your bag - please respond as soon as possible as I cannot go on much longer.

Yours sincerely

**DISTRESSED OF DENTON ROAD**

Dear Distressed,

Hugh and I naturally abhor any form of bullying, but when it happens in the workplace it is even more disturbing.

Given the constraints of time, I have not been able to contact Hugh in Southern Spain, but I am sure that he will agree totally with my response.

We do have some fairly meaty responses to be given to your aggressor, but these, whilst making you feel a whole lot better, are not guaranteed to preserve your job. These might just put her in her place!

Try .....

1. Nice Perfume. Must you marinate in it?
2. Ahhh ... see the cock-up fairy has visited us again
3. I don't work here. I'm a consultant.
4. You are validating my inherent mistrust of strangers.
5. The fact that no one understands you doesn't mean you're an artist.
6. I'm not being rude. You're just insignificant.
7. I started out with nothing and still have most of it left.
8. Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed.
9. You sound reasonable. Time to up the medication.
10. I'm trying to imagine you with a personality.
11. How do I set a laser printer to stun?

Hope we've helped, try them!

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## FEBRUARY 1901 Eldwick News – 100 Years Ago

On Tuesday the 5th. Mr. J.R. Bruce of Eldwick was one of the musical entertainers at the Bingley Baptist School Concert held towards funds for "Lighting and Beautifying the School".

Saturday the 9th saw polling taking place to elect a new Bingley School Board. East Ward voted at Eldwick Board School and Mornington Road Board School. There were 13 candidates for 9 seats. The candidates stated their allegiance as 6 Liberal, 4 Churchman, and 3 Independents.

Elected were:-

The Rev. F.W. Bardsley the Vicar of Holy Trinity who topped the poll with	2120 votes
Jas. Hartley (Churchman)	1619 votes
John Pollard (Liberal)	1563 votes
Wm. C. Ferrand (Liberal)	1405 votes
John Barron (Liberal)	1340 votes
Rev. J. Martin (Liberal)	1028 votes
A.F. Wood (Independent)	1019 votes
A.M. Drake (Churchman)	961 votes
Jas. Bedford (Independent)	907 votes

There were 3843 registered voters and 1649 voted. Mr. Stephen Walbank of Eldwick was amongst the 4 unsuccessful candidates.

The first meeting of the Board took place on Tuesday 19th., and the well known Eldwick personality William C. Ferrand of Daisy Bank, Gilstead was elected Chairman.

On Saturday 16th. in the National School, Bingley a sale of work was held with the object of raising funds towards reducing the debt on the new organ in St. Lawrence's Church, Eldwick. It was opened by Mrs. A.T. Parkinson of Bradford, the wife of the Principal of the firm of Armistead and Parkinson the designers of St. Lawrence's. The fancy goods stall was presided over by Mrs. Raistrick, Mrs. Royston, and Mrs.

Pickard. The refreshment stall was run by Mrs. R. Garnett, Mrs and Miss Popplewell, Miss Wildman and Miss Fleming. During the afternoon and evening songs were contributed by Miss Trench, Mr. D. Shackleton, the Rev. M. Power and Mr. Tominey. Miss Walsh provided the piano accompaniment. The sum of £13 was raised.

### ELDWICK NEWSLETTER WEBSITE

We're definitely staggering through 2001 now. Yes we are to have website thanks to John Shoebridge. More details later.

### ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH

**Saturday 17th March  
2.30p.m. to 4.30p.m.**

**"Spring Bring and Buy Sale  
and Afternoon Tea"**

**All proceeds for N.C.H.  
(National Childrens Home)**

*Everybody welcome.  
Come and have a cup of tea  
and a natter.*

### The Disappearing Village

It's a disappearing village who's identity is lost. The fields that did surround it have been sold at what a cost.

Now the place is thrice the size for houses there are plenty.

Too many cars roar down the road which once was quiet and empty.

The village shops are not the same, the Greengrocer and Butcher long gone. Now the News-shop and Bakers are up for sale and the School will not be long. The School though bursting at the seams is quaint and full of life. It will be sad to see it close, an era of our life.

Despite these many changes which for many are sad to see.

The happy memories of the Eldwick I knew will never fade from me.

M. Beaumont

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