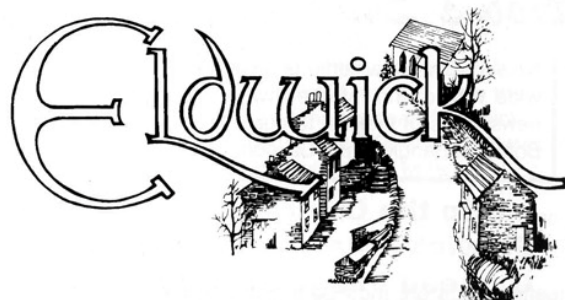


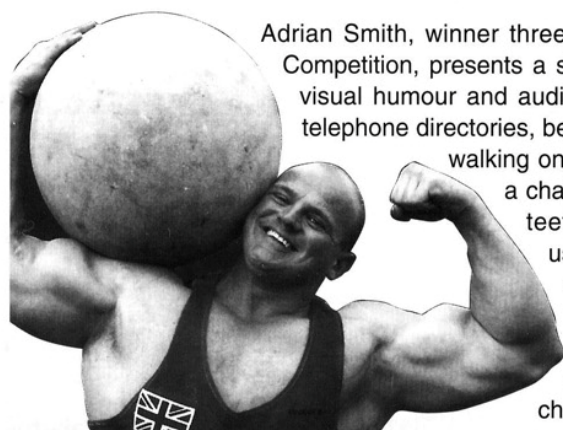
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MIGHTY SMITH SHOW AT ELDWICK GALA



Adrian Smith, winner three times of UK's Strongest Man Competition, presents a show geared for family fun with visual humour and audience participation. Tearing up telephone directories, bending six inch nails in his teeth, walking on a bed of broken glass, holding a chair with a seated lady on it in his teeth, presenting a tug of war using four strong men pulling on a rope tied around his neck. These, along with more serious feats of strength, combine with a £1,000 open challenge.



Pre Gala events

Friday 22nd June Teddy Bears Picnic in the Memorial Hall from 5-6pm for 3 to 7 year olds

Friday 22nd June Gala Disco in the Memorial Hall 7-8.30pm for all 7-12 year olds

Tuesday 26th June Gala Pet Show in and outside the Memorial Hall entries from 5.45pm

Look out for class lists in May

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE MEMORIAL HALL TRUST

**TO BE HELD AT THE MEMORIAL
HALL ON TUESDAY 22nd MAY 2001
AT 7.30p.m.**

**ALL WELCOME OF COURSE
A LARGE TURN OUT WOULD BE GREAT**

**THE COMMITTEE FEEL THAT WE MAY
HAVE REACHED A POINT WHERE,
UNLESS WE GET NEW BLOOD,
THE HALL COULD PACK UP**

Attention all Gardeners!

It's that time of year again and Eldwick Methodist Church is having its annual

Plant Sale

**Saturday 12th May,
Bingley Market Stalls, Chapel Lane
10.00 till 12.00**

Also on that same day the Church is organising a street collection in Bingley in aid of NCH (National Childrens Homes).

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Same theme different name!

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For various reasons we have had to change the name of the gala theme. Same ideas - computer game characters anything with an IT flavour.

Maundy Thursday (12th April)

St. Lawrence's and
Eldwick Methodist Churches
are meeting together for a
Passover Celebration
at the Methodist Church
at 7.00pm.

ELDWICK FIRST SCHOOL

A View from the Council

The former village school on Otley Road is now nearing the end of its marketing period and the final date for receipt of offers is Friday 20th April. The property is offered for sale by the Council's Asset Management Department in two lots - LOT 1 being the original school building built in 1877 and fronting Otley Road. The Planning Department would very much prefer to see this building retained as an important part of the village's heritage. LOT 2 comprises the remaining land and buildings to the rear. The Council is retaining ownership of the playing field and the management of this facility will pass to the Recreation Division. A right of way is being reserved out of the sale for access to the field from Lyndale Road.

As expected there has been considerable interest shown in the property from private individuals wishing to buy just LOT 1 as well as from the major house builders looking to redevelop the whole site.

Our Website!

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Bob's Snippet

Now that the Newsletter is on the world-wide web of the Internet, we welcome news items of interest to our readers in Bombay, Bangkok and Baildon.

To the Chairmen Eldwick Village Society Gilstead Village Society

Dear Sirs

FISHBURN BAKERY, ELDWICK
I refer to the impending possible closure of the bakery, unless a buyer can be found. This would be a serious loss to Eldwick and Gilstead.

May I suggest a community cooperative be established to purchase and run this property and business, organised by the respective village societies? The purchase price should be obtainable by means of a relatively small contribution from residents of the area.

I feel there would be a lot of support for this proposal from local residents. The principle that shopping should be done locally is something I would expect the village societies would support. There is clearly plenty demand for the bakery's products, and the venture should be profitable.

I ask that you pursue this proposal through the two societies. There may not be much time. I understand the owner may close the bakery before long unless a suitable buyer is found.

Yours sincerely
STEVE MANN

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Vouchers still accepted

ELDWICK TENNIS CLUB

Dust Off Your Rackets!

The Tennis Courts have been repainted and the tennis season is almost upon us.

Enrolment forms are available from the Tennis Club (rear of the Memorial Hall) Tuesday & Thursday nights.

New Members of all standards are more than welcome to join.

Juniors are needed, a team will be playing matches on Saturday mornings.

Last Seasons Results:

Men's First Team finished runners up of the Bradford Parks 1st Division.

Men's Second team winning 3rd Division.

Sadly Men's Third Team relegated to Division Four.

Monday Night Team Matches.

First Team were runners up of the 1st Division.

Second Team, sadly relegated to 2nd Division.

Third Team staying in the 3rd Division.

Coaching is available, group or individual.

Membership Fees are NOW DUE!

Paul Fawcett

cafe

- Saturday 28 April -

ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Spring Fair

Memorial Hall

10am - 12 noon

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ELDWICK & GILSTEAD HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Tuesday 24th April "Hanging Baskets and Bedding Plants" 7.30pm

Saturday 28th April Spring Fair - PLEASE SUPPORT US - come along and have your morning coffee, buy a book or a tomato plant. 10am - 12 noon

Tuesday 15th May "Bromeliads and Sarracenias" 7.30pm

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YOUR CHANCE TO STATE YOUR VIEWS – ELDWICK SURVEY

Q. What if Eldwick lost the whole Primary school site on Otley Road to developers? Could we establish enough positive response, perhaps through this SURVEY, to try and persuade the Council to allot land on PHASE II of The Warren Lane housing development (under section 106 sanction). This land has already been allocated at the area opposite the Centre Point/mini supermarket.

Could this provide better community use eg:-

- Off road parking for New school site 0800-0900 and 1500-1600
- A small area for off road parking for shop use.
- A sports all weather site and play area for existing and new children of Eldwick
- A dog walking site with toilet bins/facilities
- Or any other useful suggestion ... Please feel free to suggest!

YOUR INPUT IS REQUIRED NOW! REMEMBER, IF WE LOSE THIS LAND (Or indeed any land) – IT WILL BE LOST FOR EVER!

Q. Are there any commercial/business minded villagers willing to donate time, services if a committee is required to take Eldwick towards a Village Design Statement? If you can help please note on the survey. Or phone Graham Franz/560880

Thank you ALL for your kind and polite replies– Graham Franz

Dear Editor

I was very disappointed to see the article in the last issue of the newsletter giving the venue for the Gala Committee meetings as The Glen Pub. Given that the Birches Club gives so much support to village events such as the Gala and the Bonfire it seems a shame that the Committee cannot support The Birches by holding their meetings at The Birches.

Frank Boardman – Birches Club

Eldwick Girl To Help Poor Children

17 year old Beth Owen, a Bingley Grammar School sixth form pupil, is spending August this year doing voluntary community work in Kenya under the auspices of the charity *Soapbox Expeditions* which aids established projects in developing countries.

A 20-strong team from this country is going to spend three weeks in Soweto in the vast deprived area of Kibera. Beth will be involved in helping renovate the school building where slum children with few resources are offered basic education programmes) and run a children's afternoon club.

Her immediate task is to raise a minimum of £1,325 to cover the cost of building materials, medical supplies and basic equipment, as well as her own travel and food costs. In addition, she will be paying for travel to and from an orientation weekend in central Wales in July and to and from Heathrow Airport on August 4th and for her own immunisation programme. Anyone able to help or who would like to know more, contact Beth (7770797).

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BIRCHES LOTTO WINNER



Saturday 31st March brought an end to the "roll-overs" on the Birches Club lotto numbers draw and gave us our first winner. Nick Kitchen successfully picked the six correct numbers out of a possible 10 to win the jackpot of £230. This is the first winner in this new draw in which the odds of winning increase week on week as the numbers total decreases until it reaches 6 from 10 until won. Congratulations to Nick and we hope that more people will have a go and take part in this fun draw which takes place every Saturday at Birches Club

Dear Editor

We read with interest my family and I, your Eldwick Newsletter.

Kindly sent to us by our cousin Mr. Brian Royston and his wife Norma. Now the only remaining Roystons resident in Eldwick.

The January Issue 266 2001 "Eldwick In The Snow", inspired me to write to you.

"Eldwick In The Snow".

"The Travellers Rest" as it was once known, is foremost in the picture on the front cover.

I was brought up from the age of fifteen months by the late Mr. and Mrs. Ellerton, who were residents in "The Travellers Rest" at that time; Travellers Rest was owned by a Mr. James Armistead who also owned the what was Weavers Cottages, at one time.

My father was the late Herbert Royston, eldest son, of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel and Martha C. Royston, who owned "Spring Farm" together with forty two acres of land. Most of my childhood was spent on their farm.

I was pleased to be able to visit on the occasion of St. Lawrence Church Centenary. My grandparents were founders of the Church and gave the land.

How sad, Eldwick School is to close. I was taught to write by the late Mr. W.A. Birch.

I conversed with Mrs. Birch at the Centenary event where we sat together I knew Mrs. Birch as once Miss Abbott.

I have lived in the village named "Foulridge" in Lancashire which is just on the border of Yorkshire for the past twenty four years. I enjoy the village, I take part in trying to keep things running in our Village Hall.

It was an honour for me to be invited to place the poppy wreath on the Cenotaph, which I did last year 2000.

I hope to be able to visit Eldwick Gala. How delighted to read it still takes place, much hard work goes into organising events, and good team work.

Eldwick will always be home to me.

Yours truly

Maureen Green (nee Royston)

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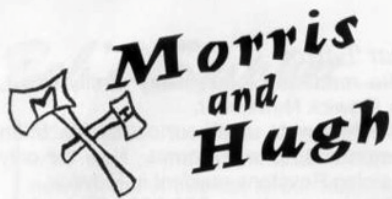
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Dear Morris & Hugh

As a recent addition to the village I have a query for you. In an attempt to put us off moving here a so-called friend said that the original name of this village was Hellwick as a result of diverse activities by drunks often reported in the "100 years ago" column. To try and improve the "tone" of the place the village name was changed to its current form Eldwick. Is this true?

My own view is that it would be better to revert to the original name to put off all these developers and their potential clients. Once they are here, however, we may as well accept them if only for the increased circulation which will develop, yielding an increase in your costs and losses.

This is in line with the modern internet company principle of selling as much as you can with no thought for the profit motive. Never has so much been offered for so little in this day (as ever) of "tek all and pay now".

On the subject of drunkenness I wonder if we are all doing our adequate bit to make the Eldwick Newsletter as readable in 100 years time. Perhaps if we did there would not be as many developers looking for ground.

On a more serious note, with respect to the village name, I recall that "Hell" means "bright" in Teuton tongues and as "Wick" means "village" it is true to say that we live in a Bright Village and we are very happy with it – particularly when the sun shines!

Yours in awe,
JOHN PULLIN

Dear John

Firstly, welcome to Eldwick. We trust that your stay will be a long and happy one!

Secondly, we wonder who put you on to us? We've been trying to dodge the authorities for years, and now you've tracked us down in days! Usually we deal with serious personal problems, not affairs of State nor those dealt with by Time Team; however your query is interesting. We have consulted our good friend, Allan Mirfield – Man. Utd. fan, but decent cove and a local history expert. He reveals that the original name was Helguic, literally a dwelling place in a hollow. If you look at the subsidence on Warren Lane, Stonehill and Moorcroft you will appreciate how far-seeing the ancient Celts and Norsemen were.

In our experience, the drunkenness in Eldwick is no worse now than it was 100 years ago. The difference is that now there are a lot more things to report on – The Aire Valley by-pass, dog-dirt in the Prince of Wales Park, sleeping policemen on Otley Road (we've never seen them) and Schumacher impersonators swerving round the chicanes outside the Memorial Hall. Sadly, we think that your ideas, though well-meaning, are just a little bit late. The developers are in big style already, and presumably the next target is the old Eldwick First School.

What we now want to see is all these new entrants to the Village using the Village amenities – we've got them all, why travel further afield? Why not join Birches? or many of the various Societies in the Village?

Eldwick is a Bright Village – it's up to all of us who reside here to ensure that it remains so!

Thanks for your letter!
MORRIS & HUGH

Copy for publication in next months Newsletter to reach the Editorial Committee c/o Birches, the Post Box inside the Post Office or email us at eldwicknews@aol.com. Deadline for copy is 7th May 2001.

APRIL 1901 Eldwick News – 100 Years Ago

Deaths

On Saturday the 6th the death occurred of the infant Richard George Bartholomew, aged 20 months, at his home Hillside Cottage, Eldwick. Also on Sunday the 7th at Fern Cottage, Eldwick Ralph Grange aged 3 years also died.

At their meeting on Monday the 8th Bingley Urban District council approved plans for a stable to be built by Mr. Thomas Crabtree at his home at High Eldwick.

ELDWICK METHODIST CHURCH

The Spring Bring & Buy and Afternoon Tea on 17th March raised £271.00 for the National Childrens Home. For the year ending March 31st we have raised for N.C.H. £1662.87.

Thank you to all our many friends who have helped in any way, our best year ever.

PLANNING

01/00976/OUT – Construction of detached dwelling. Land at 11 Glen Road

01/01014?FUL. First floor extension to east wing of dwelling. Laythe end Otley Road

01/00974/FUL. Improvement to existing garage and forming two garden stores. Rose Cottage, 24 Prospect Road.

01/00816/OUT. Construction of detached dwelling. 6 Glen Road

01/00929/FUL. Rear conservatory. 2 Timble Drive.

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